BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA MIXED PAIRS
CONDITIONS OF PLAY

All games shall be played in accordance with:

THE LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS CRYSTAL MARK 4th ADDITION, DOMESTIC REGULATIONS OF BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA AND THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS

CONTROLLING BODY
The tournament shall be under the control of Bowls South Africa through its nominated Executive Member and in association with the Event Committee and the Jury of Appeal.

JURY OF APPEAL
A Jury of Appeal appointed by Bowls South Africa will be constituted as follows:

- A member of Bowls South Africa Executive or a nominee
- A Member of the Host District's Executive Committee who shall not be a member of the Event Committee; and the
- Convener of the staging District's Technical Officials Standing Committee or an acceptable nominee

BOWLS - DISTINCTIVE MARKINGS, LEGALITY AND STICKERS
Bowls in a set of three must have distinctive and similar markings on each side and shall not have been tampered with.
District stickers may be used.

FORMAT

- The mixed pairs championship will be run in two (2) sections to establish the section winners
- The composition of each section will be decided upon by Bowls South Africa
- The Mixed Pairs Championships (3 rounds per day) is to be played with three bowls of a set of four on a league system in sections of 10 teams, over 18 ends

POINTS ALLOCATION AND SECTION WINNERS
3 Points for winning the game and 1 Point if the game is peeled.
The section winner shall be the team with the most points, and if a tie the following sequential criteria will be used until a winner is determined.
Net shots, shot percentage (i.e. shots for divided by shots against), the winner of the game between the two teams during section play, and if still a tie, a one end tie-breaker will be played.

PLAYOFFS
The winners in each section will play in the final for Gold and Silver Medals over 18 ends.
In the event of a tie, extra end/s shall be played until a result is achieved.
There will be no playoff between the runners-up in each section as both will receive a Bronze medal.

TEAMS
Both players in a team shall be bona fide members of the same club and qualify for the tournament by winning their District Mixed Pairs. Dual membership is allowed if provision for this is made in the district's constitution.

BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA MEMBERSHIP CARDS
All participants must be in possession of a current Bowls South Africa Digital Membership Card. Any player participating in the event, who is found not to have a current card, will be disqualified together with that player's team.

DRESS
Participants are required to wear their District Colours for the duration of this Championship. (Colours to be loaned by the District if the player is not an officially selected District Player)

FOOTWARE
Players and Umpires shall wear heelless footwear which has either a smooth or ribbed sole (Maximum depth of 2mm of the ribbed section of the sole making contact with the green, or the thickness of a matchstick) while playing on the green or acting as an Umpire. Shoes with protrusions are not acceptable. The width of the rear part of the sole must be at least 50% of the widest part of the sole.

UNAVAILABILITY OR WITHDRAWAL PRIOR TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP
In the event that a player from the qualifying team is unavailable, for reasons acceptable to Bowls South Africa, the reserve, if nominated for the district event, will qualify to play, provided that at least one member of the original team is still available to play.
If no reserve was nominated for the district event then a bona fide first call member of the same gender from that club, who did not participate in the district event, may be used as a substitute for the national playoffs.
In the event of the winning team being unable to play for reasons acceptable to Bowls South Africa the runners-up may be registered. .
The Event Secretary must be immediately informed of any changes or withdrawals

WITHDRAWING FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP DURING THE EVENT
Should a side withdraw at any time after commencement, with or without the consent of the Controlling Body, all their completed results up to the point of withdrawal shall stand. That game and the remainder of the games shall be forfeited and the opposing team/s for that and the remaining un-played games shall be allocated three points and the net total of shots equal to the average net total of shots scored by the winners of all the other games played in the same round/s of the same section.
If without consent of the Controlling Body then suitable disciplinary action may be taken by Bowls South Africa

SUBSTITUTES
One substitute, of the same gender as the player withdrawing, will be allowed in the event of illness or any other valid reason acceptable to the Controlling Body in accordance with Bowls SA domestic regulations, where they refer to Law 32.9 as read with Law 32.3.

GREENS AND DIRECTION OF PLAY
Two (2) greens will be used and the sections will change greens each day.
Play should be in the morning direction for rounds 1 and 2 and afternoon direction for round 3 each day.

PRACTICE AND WARM UP
Teams/player not playing for whatever reason, but due to play in the next round, may practise on any rink allocated to them by the Controlling Body.

Any team/player may warm up before any game, time allowing and with the approval of the Controlling Body. Warm up shall be in the opposite direction of expected play, shall not be deliberate play and no target such as a jack may be used. Bowls may be delivered to enable the player to warm/loosen up.

TOSSING FOR OPENING PLAY
Skips should toss a coin. Refer Law 5.2 of 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls' Crystal Mark 4th Edition

TRIAL ENDS
One trial end in each direction may be played at the commencement of all games.

RESTRICTING THE MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS DURING PLAY

- Leads may not walk up to the head
- Skips, after the delivery of their second bowl

There will be no restriction of movement during the final

DEAD JACK (BURNT ENDS)

Dead Jacks are to be replayed.

INTERRUPTION OF PLAY

In the event of adverse weather conditions or any other reason cause a temporary disruption in play during a playing session, the Event Official shall decide when play should be stopped and resume. Lightning strike danger is to be assessed electronically.

In the event of adverse weather conditions or any other valid reason cause play to be terminated prematurely, only the Event Committee in conjunction with Bowls SA Executive duty member, shall have the right to curtail the number of rounds to be played and/or ends required to win a match in order to determine the winner.

Umpires shall not be responsible to call off the players during lightning/thunderstorm activity, unless an appeal has been made by the player/s.

SMOKING/ALCOHOL/CELL PHONES.

Smoking (including artificial devises or e-cigarettes such as Twisp), Cell Phones and Handheld TV devices will not be permitted within 2 metres of the green while play is in progress. No player is permitted to consume Alcohol within the confines and surrounds of the green whilst play is in progress. These rulings apply to all Events under the control of Bowls South Africa.

The penalty for transgressing is as follows:
Upon the first offence the Technical Official will warn the player via the Skip (or the player in singles) and record the players name and Club.
Upon any subsequent offence by the same player, the Technical Official shall report the player to the Controlling Body, who shall take suitable action, which may include suspending the player from playing in the next round. The attitude of the player and the circumstances will contribute to any decision taken by the Controlling Body.
The player has the right of appeal to the Jury of Appeal.
In a team event, a registered reserve, may be used, or a draw for a substitute will be allowed.
If the offence is committed in the last round, the penalty will be carried forward to the relevant tournament for the following year.
Should a player commit a third offence he/she will be banned from taking part in the Event and be suspended from playing in any other Bowls SA Tournaments for one year.

RADIO'S

The use of "two-way" radio's during play is prohibited.

DRUG TESTING

Manager, Coaches and Players, through their Districts, are to be aware of their responsibilities in regard to the anti-doping programme and rules of the South African Institute for Drug Free Sport.

GENERAL

If anything should arise that is not specifically covered in these Conditions of Play then the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark 4th Edition will apply.

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