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2026 AFRICAN STATES TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS OF PLAY



LUSAKA CLUB – BOWLING SECTION

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER – SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2026

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES:

BOTSWANA



KENYA



NAMIBIA



SOUTH AFRICA



ZAMBIA



ZIMBABWE



1. REFERENCE AUTHORITY

Crystal Mark Fourth Edition as approved authority by World Bowls governing laws, regulation and policies in the Sport of Bowls.

2. SERIES

Round Robin Basis for all the four format games

3. TEAM COMPOSITION

- (i) Five players per team
- (ii) Each player to compete in a maximum of **TWO** disciplines
- (iii) **Singles** and **Fours** shall be played simultaneously and so shall be **Pairs** and **Triples**
- (iv) During the playing of the competition, changes in the player's positions within each discipline shall be permitted for each match session.
- (v) Players to remain in the disciplines as indicated in the Declaration Form
- (vi) The Declaration Form should be submitted to the Tournament Committee 30 minutes before the start of each game session.

4. FORMAT OF PLAY

- (i) Singles – Four Bowls per player – up to 21 shots and any excess shall not count with time limit of TWO HRS 45 MINUTES
- (ii) Pairs – Four Bowls per player – up to 18 ends with time limit of TWO HRS 30 MINUTES
- (iii) Triples - Three Bowls per player – up to 18 ends with time limit of TWO HRS 30 MINUTES
- (iv) Fours - Two Bowls per player – up to 18 ends with time limit of TWO HRS 45 MINUTES

5. SCORING

- (i) In each discipline – 3 game points for a win will be awarded
- (ii) No game point shall be awarded for a loss
- (iii) One (1) game point shall be awarded for a draw
- (iv) The winners of each discipline will be team with the highest number of points
- (v) In case of a tie – placement shall be the net total of short difference
- (vi) In case of another tie in (v) above, the total shots scored by each tied team will be divided by the total shots scored against and the team with the highest result shall be the winner.
- (vii) In case of continued tie between the tied teams, the result of the game between the tied teams shall decide the winner

6. TIME LIMITS

- (i) To be applied to all games
- (ii) Time-Keeper shall ring both the starting and ending bell / signal

7. TRIAL ENDS

- (i) Two woods in each direction
- (ii) May be done 15 minutes before official starting time.

8. RESPOTTING THE JACK

- (i) If the jack in motion passes completely outside the boundary of play comes to rest in any hollow in the face of the bank or and rebounds to a distance of less than 20 metres from the mat line, the end should not be declared dead.
- (ii) The jack should be placed at the nearest point of the jack to the mat line at a central 2 metre spot point.
- (iii) If the 2- metre spot point is covered by another bowl, the jack must be placed as close as possible to the covered spot between and in the line with the corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink without touching the settled bow. (ref law 56.5.4).

9. RESTRICTING MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS DURING PLAY

After the delivery of the first bowl, the players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstance

- (i) **Pairs** – Leads, after delivery of their 3rd bowl and Skips after delivery of their second and 3rd bowls.
- (iii) **Triples** – Leads after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl – Seconds after delivery of their second bowl and Skips after delivery of each of their bowls.
- (iv) **Singles** – The player may visit the head after delivery of their second bowls
- (v) **Fours** – Leads, after second player has delivered their second bowl.
 - Seconds, after second bowl
 - Third, after second bowl
 - Skips, after delivery of each of their bowls
- (vi) In the Fours, the Third may elect to stand with the Skip at the Head while the rest of the team members will only follow the procedure above.
- (vii) Exceptional cases may allow the Singles player with authority of Markers to visit the Head.

10. DELAYING PLAY

- (i) The Controlling Body is empowered to invoke any regulatory action in ensuring fair play by all participating Countries especially regarding tactical delays by leading teams to regulate normal play.
- (ii) The decision of match officials in such cases shall be final and binding upon parties involved.

11. ARRANGEMENT FOR PRACTICE

- (i) See Law 4 of the Laws of the Sport

12. SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS

- (i) Coach / Manager for as long as they are an eligible and affiliated players or and
- (ii) Any eligible affiliated player from the National Authority
- (iii) Where the accredited player in SINGLES player is unable to continue playing after the first round due to illness or any reason acceptable by the Jury of Appeal, the disabled player shall be substituted by an alternative player from the side in the same SERIES
- (iv) The replacement Singles player to be replaced in the team affected, by a substitute player as in (ii) above
- (v) The Singles player may resume in his/her original position if and when deemed fit.
- (vi) If a Singles player is unable to finish any game already started, their opponent shall be rewarded maximum match points for that game.
- (vii) The substitute player shall not be allowed to play as A SKIP
- (viii) The player / team receiving points for the WALKOVER game shall be awarded the average NET SHOTS MARGIN of all matches completed in that round of the competition in THAT SECTION.

13. ALTERATIONS TO THE FORMAT AND LENGTH OF GAMES

- (i) Controlling Body reserves the right to alter the FORMAT and LENGTH of the games
- (ii) The Controlling Body shall give reasonable notice for any changes as in (i) above.

14. WARMING UP

- (i) Any team / player may warm up in the opposite direction of the expected play.

15. LEAVING THE RINK OF PLAY

- (i) Law 33.1 will apply
- (ii) Any activity beyond (i) above will require permission from the UMPIRE

16. FOOT WEAR / ATTIRE

- (i) As per laws of the game

17. BOWLS / WOODS

- (i) To carry current or future dates
- (ii) Players must use stickers provided by their national authorities

18. MARKING TOUCHERS

- (i) Spray Chalk preferred

19. COACHES / MANAGERS

- (i) To be registered with Tournament Convener prior to the commencement of the games

20. CODE OF CONDUCT

- (i) All competitors / Coaches / Managers to complete and sign World Bowls Code of Conduct (WBCC) and return signed forms to the Tournament Convener prior to commencement of the Tournament.

21. GENERAL CONDUCT

- (i) Smoking, alcohol consumption and use of mobile phones not allowed by players while play is in progress.

22. JURY OF APPEAL

- (i) To consist of – (a) World Bowls Regional Representative
(b) President of Zambia Bowling Association
© Two Executive Members of two of the Participating Countries to be elected before start of tournament.
- (ii) To determine all appeal cases

23. OVERALL TEAM / SIDE WINNERS

- (i) The overall team / side winners in both Men & Ladies Categories will be declared as the Country accumulating the most points in the FOUR DISCIPLINES COMBINED. In determining the WINNERS, points shall be awarded on the following basis:
- (ii) **The winner in each discipline** shall score points equivalent to the number of teams competing. Subsequent placing in each event shall be reduced by ONE point per PLACING.
- (iii) Where the total points are equal, the break conditions as POINT 5 shall apply.

MEN: GOLD – 8 points: SILVER – 7 points: BRONZE – 6 points: FOURTH – 5 points: FIFTH – 4 points: SIXTH – 3 points: SEVENTH – 2 points and EIGHTH – 1 point;

WOMEN: GOLD – 8 points: SILVER – 7 points: BRONZE – 6 points: FOURTH – 5 points: FIFTH – 4 points: SIXTH – 3 points: SEVENTH – 2 points and EIGHTH – 1 point;

OVERALL:

The overall tournament position for each gender shall be the combination of points accumulated in the various disciplines.

Should there be equality of points after all disciplines, the country with the highest net total of shots will rank higher. If equality still prevails, the total shots scored will be divided by the total shots scored against and the country with the highest result shall be ranked higher in that order.

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