CONDITIONS OF PLAY

MEN'S, WOMEN'S (OPEN, VETERAN & U30) AND PARA-MIXED GENDER MASTERS

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Controlling Body:	Bowls South Africa™
Event:	2027 Bowls SA Men's & Women's Open, Veteran, U30 and Para (Mixed Gender) Masters
Dates:	5-7 February 2027
Venues:	The Wanderers Club, Killarney CC, Johannesburg Bowls

All games shall be played in accordance with:

THE LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS CRYSTAL MARK 4th EDITION; THE DOMESTIC REGULATIONS OF BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA; and the following CONDITIONS OF PLAY.

1. CONTROLLING BODY

The tournament shall be under the control of Bowls SA through its nominated Executive Member and in association with the Tournament Committee and Jury of Appeal.

2. JURY OF APPEAL

The Executive will appoint the Jury of Appeal consisting of:

- A member of the Bowls SA Executive, failing that a person nominated by the Executive at their sole discretion.
- A member of the Host District's Executive Committee, who is not a Member of the Tournament Committee.
- A member of the National Standing Committee: Technical Officials (NSCTO) or, in the absence of such a member, the Convenor of the staging District's Technical Officials Standing Committee or their nominee (may not be a member of the Events Committee).
- A person with a legal background, as nominated by the Bowls SA Executive Committee. (Need not be present at the Event).

The decisions of the Jury of Appeal shall be final.

3. BOWLS – DISTINCTIVE MARKINGS, LEGALITY, REGISTRATION AND STICKERS

Bowls in a set of four must have distinctive and similar markings on each side.

Competitor's bowls shall be subject to inspection. All bowls used during the event must carry a registered stamp of either the current year or of a future year (law 53.3).

Bowls must be registered before commencement of the tournament. Players may register more than one set of bowls.

Competitors will be allocated coloured stickers for use during the tournament.

If a new set of bowls are used during the event due to theft or any other reasonable occurrence, which have not been registered prior to the event, the bowls must be registered prior to their commencement of use in any game.

4. COACHES

Players may nominate a coach at the commencement of the tournament. The coach needs to be suitably attired and wear some form of Identification (e.g. Sticker). The coach may communicate with the player off the green. Since this is a major event, which includes the top tier of bowlers in the country, coaching consultations should be kept to a minimum.

This does not affect the function of the Visually Impaired Director who is an integral function to the VI player and participates as per The Laws of the Sport of Bowls and By-Laws.

5. FORMAT OF PLAY

Each competition will be played in two sections on a league basis to establish the winner and runner-up of each section.

The PARA Masters will be played as a mixed gender and mixed Classification (B1-B8) Format.

6. SCORING AND SECTION WINNERS

In the Open, Veteran, Junior and Para events the winner of each match shall be the player first to score 21 shots. No shots in excess of 21 will be recorded.

One point will be recorded for each match won, and 0 points for a loss.

The section winners and runners-up shall be decided on the following sequential criteria:

- Highest number of game points scored.
- Shot Aggregate (Total shots for minus total shots against).
- Shot percentage (Total shots for divided by total shots against).
- If game points, shot aggregate and shot percentage are equal, the winner of the game between the two players during section play.
- If there are 3 or more players with equal number of points, shot aggregate, shot percentage then the winner will be the player who has won 2 games involving the 3 players in contention. If each of the 3 players has won 1 and lost 1 game among the 3 players in contention there will be a 1 end tie break between the players involved. Lots drawn from a hat to determine order of play. Each player to play four bowls.

The section winners will play-off to determine the gold and silver medal winners. The section runners-up will each receive a bronze medal.

The winners and runners-up of the event will automatically qualify for the following year's event.

7. THE DRAW, ALLOCATION OF RINKS AND COLOURED DISCS

Bowls SA will prepare the Draw, arrange method of play, allocate rinks, and will publish the draw with copies to the Committee, who shall provide coloured discs indicated by Bowls SA.

8. DRESS AND FOOTWEAR

Dress - All competitors must appear on the green dressed in compliance with The Laws of the Sport of Bowls. Competitors are expected to wear their highest honours.

Footwear – Footwear must be in accordance with The Laws of the sport of Bowls, the Domestic Regulations of Bowls SA and any footwear subsequently approved by Bowls SA by means of a Circular.

9. WITHDRAWAL DURING THE TOURNAMENT

Should a player 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 player/s for that and the remaining un-played games shall be allocated one point 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.

10. DIRECTION OF PLAY

Direction of play shall remain the same throughout the event.

11. PRACTICE AND WARMUP

Practice facilities to be arranged on Thursday afternoon by the Tournament Committee.

No green space will be available for practice once the tournament has commenced.

Any player may warm up prior to play commencing each day, time allowing and with the approval of the Controlling Body. During warm up bowls may be delivered to enable the player to warm/loosen up, however they must be in the opposite direction of expected play, should not be deliberate play and no target such as a jack may be used.

12. TOSSING FOR OPENING OF PLAY

Opponents should toss with a coin. Refer Law 5.2 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls - Crystal Mark 4th Edition.

13. TRIAL ENDS

One trial end in each direction may be played at the commencement of each game.

14. RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS

As there are FOUR sessions played per day, **play must be speeded up.** To this end, players may only go to the head after the player's own third bowl has been delivered, unless permission has been requested and given by the marker.

Para shall be required to play 2 sessions on the Friday, 3 Sessions on the Saturday, with the section playoff for Gold and Silver being played on the Sunday.

15. DEAD ENDS AND JACK

Should the end or jack be declared dead then the end must be replayed. Refer law 20.2 in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls - Crystal Mark 4th Edition.

16. INCLEMENT WEATHER

Refer Chapter 7 “Bowls SA Inclement Weather Conditions Policy”, in Bowls SA ***Policies and Regulations*** Document Updated 1 Nov 2026

17. SMOKING

Refer Chapter 10 “Bowls SA Smoke Free Policy”, in Bowls SA ***Policies and Regulations*** Document Updated 1 Nov 2026.

18. ALCOHOL

Refer Chapter 11 “Bowls SA Smoke Free Policy”, in Bowls SA ***Policies and Regulations*** Document Updated 1 Nov 2026.

19. ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Refer Chapter 12 “Bowls SA Personal Electronic Devices Policy”, in Bowls SA ***Policies and Regulations*** Document Updated 1 Nov 2026.

20. DRUG TESTING

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

Refer Chapter 6 “Bowls SA Drug Free Sport Policy and Procedure”, in Bowls SA ***Policies and Regulations*** Document Updated 1 Nov 2026.

21. 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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