



BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA

MODUS OPERANDI

FOR THE

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NB: THIS MODUS OPERANDI MUST BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR STAGING TOURNAMENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE PROCEDURE

1. TITLE

- 1.1 The title for these tournaments, hereinafter referred to as the Junior National Championships and shall be prefixed with the sponsor's name, where applicable.

2. EVENT COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The Host District in conjunction with the Bowls South Africa National Standing Committee: Youth, must nominate an Event Committee, of not more than eight members. (Two from the District and a maximum of five from the NSC.YOUTH), who shall be responsible for organising Junior National Championships. All other aspects shall be as set out in Section 5 of the Standard Procedures.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 Bowls SA shall call for entries at least four months before the event.
- 3.2 Each District affiliated to Bowls SA shall be entitled to an unrestricted number of team entries for each of the three age groups. Bowls SA, however, reserves the right to curtail the overall number of entries per event, if so required.
- 3.3 Bowls SA reserves the right to cancel any of the age group events should the lack of entries so dictate.

3.4 Each team to consist of four players in any combination of male and female players. No more than one Reserve per team will be allowed. It is expected that a Manager, and where considered necessary an Assistant Manager, will accompany the teams.

4. **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY/LOAN PLAYERS**

4.1 All affiliated players, with the following restriction per age group:

4.1.1 Under 15 age group – All players, both male and female, must be 14 years and under on 1 January of the year of the event.

4.1.2 Under 18 age group – All players, both male and female, must be 17 years and under on 1 January of the year of the event. There is no restriction on Under 15 players participating in the Under 18 event.

4.1.3 Under 25 age group - All players, both male and female, must be 24 years and under on 1 January of the year of the event. No under 18 player may participate in the Under 25 event.

4.2 The Team Manager must ensure that standard indemnity form, for all players under the age of 18, is signed for each player and submitted on registration

4.3 Loan Players: Where a District experiences vacancies in their teams, they may loan players from other Districts, with the consent of the loan player's home District.

4.3.1 This can only be done if a District cannot field a full team or teams.

4.3.2 The team shall be entered in the name of the District whose members are in the majority

5. **DRAW**

5.1 Bowls SA will prepare the Draw, arrange method of play and will publish the draw with copies to the Committee, who shall allocate rinks.

6. **FORMAT OF PLAY**

6.1 The Tournament shall be run in sections. Bowls SA will decide on the composition of each section as soon as the entries have closed.

6.2 Play will proceed on a league basis with all teams in the same section playing each other. The playoffs for the finals will be decided by Bowls SA and is dependent on the number of sections and the playing time available. There will be a playoff for the bronze medal positions but both teams will receive bronze medals.

6.3 Any amendments will be at the sole discretion of Bowls South Africa, who reserve the right to change the format based on the number of entries received. These changes to be contained in the specific Conditions of Play for that year's event.

6.4 Duration of Game and Bell Rule

The duration of a Game and any reference to the Bell Rule will be addressed in the Conditions of Play for that year's event.

6.5 Each Manager shall be required to complete a Team Declaration Form before the commencement of the Tournament, listing the full names of the players, reserves, if any, together with their Bowls SA membership numbers, The completion of the form must be done upon registration of the Teams. [Only one reserve per team will be allowed].

6.6 Reserves

If a team player must withdraw during a game for legitimate reasons, he/she may be replaced by a registered reserve if available. The reserve may skip the team.

6.7 Substitutes

As it is unlikely that a substitute will be available and in the interest of the tournament and players, a reserve from another team may be used as a substitute, with the consent of the Tournament Committee and the Manager of the reserve's team. This player may return to their team for future games. The substitute **may not** skip the team.

6.8 Withdrawal during the Event

6.8.1 Should a team 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. The opposing teams 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.

6.8.2 If, without consent from the Controlling Body, then suitable disciplinary action may be taken by Bowls SA.

6.9 Scoring and deciding of Section Winners

6.9.2 three points for each game won and one point for a tie.

6.9.3 The winners and runners-up in each section will be decided by the following sequential criteria:

Total points,

Highest net score

Highest shot percentage (i.e. shots for divided by shots against)

The side that won the game between the two sides in sectional play.

6.10 The play-offs, including the final, shall be a straight game (number of ends as per the Condition of Play). If tied, an extra end/s will be played until a result is achieved.

6.11 Both losing semi-finalists, or runners-up if their only two sections, will receive Bronze medals.

7. ACCOMMODATION

7.1 Accommodation and all expenses such as meals (not provided for by Bowls South Africa), are for each District's own account or as determined by the Executive.

7.2 The Bowls SA Office will make the bookings for the Executive and Officials they require to be present at these Championships.

8. TRANSPORT

The Districts shall be responsible for their own transport but where possible the Tournament Committee should assist them to obtain such transport.

9. FUNCTION/S

A function, preferably at the venue of play, may be arranged for the players, managers, the Executive and officials at a nominal cost should sponsorship be obtained.

10. CLUBS AND GREENS

10.1 The entries shall determine the number of greens to be utilised and the sections will change greens each day. This might entail the use of two or more Clubs in close proximity.

10.2 Rinks must be set out in the morning and afternoon direction on alternate days.

11. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

As the participants are generally new to the game it is essential that whilst Technical Officials should apply the Laws, they should but be particularly sensitive in the manner in which they carry out their duties.

12. GENERAL

12.1 Managers' Meetings

Before the commencement of the Tournament the Chairman of the Tournament Committee shall convene a meeting of Managers at which they will be handed a file consisting of:

12.1.1 The programme of events

12.1.2 Team Declaration Form

12.1.3 Meal Tickets for all their players and themselves

12.1.4 A further meeting shall be called at a time convenient to the Tournament Committee, if deemed necessary.

12.1.5 All Team Managers should within 10 working days of the conclusion of the Championships, submit a report to the Convener of the NSC YOUTH Committee detailing the strong points, weak points, opportunities and threats (SWOT analysis), as well as recommendations for changes or improvements to this Event.

12.2 **Scorecards, Scoreboards & Flipboards**

12.2.1 A scorecard for each game must be kept and signed by both Skips at the conclusion of each game. The Skip of the team losing the toss shall keep the scorecard.

12.2.2 The score-board must be kept by the skip winning the toss. He/she shall also ensure that the scoreboard and/or flipboard agree with the card at all times.

12.2.3 The skips may delegate these duties to a team member, but by signing the card, are ultimately responsible for the final score being correct.

12.2.4 Flipboards may be used for each session of play but definitely for the finals. The name of the Districts must be displayed on the flipboards.

12.3 **Discs**

12.3.1 Each District should supply or be supplied with coloured discs for easy identification by the spectators.

12.3.2 The Tournament Committee shall reserve the right to supply two contrasting colours to be used in the finals to avoid confusion particularly amongst the spectators.

13. **DRESS**

Players within a team are to be uniformly dressed according to Bowls SA requirements.

14. **DRUG TESTING**

The Committee must be aware of the implications of the testing requirements of the South African Institute for Drug Free Sport.

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