

DOMESTIC REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR SOUTH AFRICA

- Law 2.4: Synthetic surfaces may be used if approved by the Controlling Body
- Law 2.5: All greens previously constructed prior to these laws may be approved for use by the Controlling Body
- Law 5.1: Rink widths may not deviate from those laid down in the laws. It is recommended that rinks be 5 meters wide whenever practically possible.
- Law 5.5: Boundary pegs are acceptable without the centre line on the peg being defined.
- Law 5.9: Boundary threads may NOT be used when a mirror complying with law 10 is available (mirror and square both with leveling bubbles or a portable, retractable line.)
- Law 8.1.5: Distinguishing marks should be visible on all bowls.
- Law 8.1.8: Controlling bodies may allow the use of temporary adhesive stickers e.g. club stickers, as opposed to supplying its own stickers. However, should the controlling body supply stickers, these will be used instead of those previously used. Note that all adhesive stickers are to be used temporarily and may therefore not form a permanent feature of a bowl and that the bowls of all the players in a team should have similar stickers.
- Law 8.2.3: Re-testing and re-stamping of bowls will not be enforced until further notice. However, alteration to bowls can only be done by a Licensed Tester.
- Law 8.4.4.3: A deposit of R5000 (in cash) is to be paid when a challenge is lodged against a set of bowls. All costs incurred to have the bowls tested will be for the challenger's account should the bowls pass the test. However, should the challenged bowls fail the test, the owner/player of the challenged set will be responsible for the costs involved of the testing the bowls as well as the costs of re-stamping the bowls (where applicable).
- Law 8.3.3: Alteration to the bias of bowls/tampering may result in the suspension of the player for a period not exceeding one year.
- Law 9.5: All bowls used by players in the SA Masters Tournament, should have a legal stamp mark not older than 10 years. Any further enforcement of this law will be subject to the availability of testing facilities in South Africa.
- Law 12.4: No player/team should on any day of a competition play on the same rink.
- Law 13: Practice: Teams/player not playing for whatever reason, but due to play in the next round, may practice on any rink allocated by the Controlling Body.
- Warm up. Any team/player may warm up before any game, time allowing and with approval of the Controlling Body. Warm up should be in the opposite direction of expected play. Warm up should not be deliberate play and no target such as a jack may be used, but bowls may be delivered to enable the player to warm/loosen up.
- Law 30.4: The Controlling Body may use the conditions regarding the re-spotting of the jack in sets format, in formats of play other than sets play.
- Law 37.1.8: A scoreboard may be used in lieu of one of the scorecards. In the event of any discrepancy between the scoreboard and the score card the two skips will agree to the correct score. If there

is no consensus, the scoreboard will overrule the score card. It is the responsibility of the team winning the toss to ensure that the scoreboard is updated after each end.

Law 38.6: Players with disabilities may make use of an artificial device for delivering the jack or bowl with the prior approval of the Controlling Body.

Law 51.9 as read with Law 46:

SUBSTITUTES AND RESERVES

Bowls South Africa decided that Circular 08/2005 will still apply and that the use of reserves and/or substitutes in all formats of the game (except singles) will be allowed. Bowls South Africa furthermore accepted the following interpretations when reference is made to bona fide members, reserves and substitutes.

1. Bona fide members

Bona fide members shall include:-

Life members and honorary life members with full privileges;

All members liable to pay subscriptions;

Junior members whether they pay any form of subscription or not.

2. Reserve

Means a player who is a bona fide member of the same club in a tournament of clubs, or the same district in a tournament of districts, and who is registered together with the team, or side, prior to the commencement of the tournament.

3. Substitute

Means a player whose name has been drawn in the approved manner, to replace a player who fails to appear at the start or restart of a game; or who is compelled to withdraw for any valid reason acceptable to both skips; or failing agreement by them, by the Controlling Body during the course of a game. The substitute introduced may in all likelihood not be from the same club, as the club requesting a substitute. The "approved manner" is described in the section that deals with the use of substitutes in tournaments below.

4. Use of reserves and substitutes

The use of reserves and substitutes will be as follows:

4.1 Use of reserves in both the trips and the fours a reserve may be registered and used. A substitute may only be used if a reserve is already playing or was not registered.

In pairs the general rule that will apply is that one of the original players must always be present on the green. If, during a game, the pair's team should be playing with a reserve or a substitute and the original player cannot continue for reasons acceptable to the Controlling Body, the game will be conceded to the opposition. In any mixed competition two reserves, one of each gender, will be allowed and the same conditions as described above will apply.

4.2 Use of substitutes:

Substitutes, if required, shall be allowed as follows:-

1. In the event that there are no reserves or the registered reserves are already playing, the names of not more than four bowlers, who have not played for any team participating in the Tournament, shall be recorded and placed in a hat/container.

2. The Manager, or failing him the Captain of the opposing team concerned, shall be allowed to draw out one name from the hat/container and the Controlling Body should accept this name. This player will be allowed to play for the team for as many matches as he/she may be required but may not skip. In any instance of absence a reserve, if registered, should be used before a substitute is considered.

- Law 46: Absentee players in a team or side in fours play. Due to the acceptance of the above changes, the use of a reserve or substitute will NOT be construed as the introduction of an ineligible player as described in laws 46.1.1 and 46.2.1.
- Law 50.1: Lightning-Umpires shall not be responsible to call off the players during lightning/thunderstorm activity, unless an appeal has been made by a player(s).

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. DRESS: In all representative matches (all matches other than social games and club competitions) players shall wear either white or cream clothing as specified hereunder. Controlling Bodies may authorize variations in these clothing specifications from time to time. Furthermore, the Controlling Body shall also have the right, even retrospectively, to declare any variation in dress unacceptable after which such variation in dress shall not be worn.

Men

1. Headwear, if worn, may have approved insignia or hatbands. Caps are to be worn with the peak facing forward.
2. Shirts shall have conventional collars and be adequately buttoned.
3. Full length trousers or Tailored Shorts, (knee length) which must have a front zip and pockets may be worn or Shorts approved by Bowls SA. (Under no circumstances shall Cargo, Combat, Denim trousers or Rugby shorts be permitted). Ankle socks, predominately white, must be worn with shorts. Long socks (golf hose) are excluded from this dispensation.
All players participating in a team event are required to be uniformly dressed.
(Circular 11/2010)
4. Players, Umpires and Markers shall wear conventional shoes or sports shoes which have a continuous smooth sole or a sole with a channel rise in the middle of the sole, as long as the sole is clearly in one piece and the heel area does not sit at a different height to the front of the shoe. To assist in traction the sole can have indented grooves up to 2 mm (thickness of matchstick), but no protuberances. The width of the rear part of the shoe shall be at least 50% of the widest part of the sole. Conventional sandals are acceptable providing they have a back strap. The National Authority reserves the right to allow or disallow the use of specific colours and brands of footwear.
(Circular 40/2010)

Ladies

1. Headwear, if worn, may have approved insignia and/or hat-bands.
2. A bowling dress with collar, a skirt or tailored slacks of any length together with a blouse with a collar, is permissible provided they are not manufactured from Lycra or any other body clinging material.
3. Players, Umpires and Markers shall wear conventional shoes or sports shoes which have a continuous smooth sole or a sole with a channel rise in the middle of the sole, as long as the sole is clearly in one piece and the heel area does not sit at a different height to the front of the shoe. To assist in traction the sole can have indented grooves up to 2 mm (thickness of matchstick), but no protuberances. The width of the rear part of the shoe shall be at least 50% of the widest part of the sole. Conventional sandals are acceptable providing they have a back strap. The National Authority reserves the right to allow or disallow the use of specific colours and brands of footwear.
(Circular 40/2010)



2. CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

1. Players shall at all times comply with the laws of the Sport of Bowls as read within the Conditions of Play imposed in terms of Law 17.2 together with Appendix A.1 of the said Laws.
2. Players shall not, under any circumstances, use obscene language; use any obscene signs; assault or threaten to assault; threaten or victimise any other player, official or spectator, whether during or after play on the greens, or in or around the venue where the competition is held, or conduct themselves in any manner which in the sole and absolute opinion of the organising Controlling Body is contrary to the spirit of the game of bowls;
3. The Controlling Body has the power to restrict the use of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products on the green. It is proposed that no tobacco products be used on the green.
4. Any player who is deemed to be in breach of the provision of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above, shall be guilty of an offence;
5. The Controlling Body shall have the power to;
 - a) through the presiding Umpire, take any action which the said umpire may consider necessary at the time which may include, but not be limited to, the forthwith suspension of the player from the game; and/or
 - b) require the player concerned to attend a disciplinary hearing at a time and place determined by the Controlling Body. No party shall be entitled to legal representation.
6. Upon the completion of the disciplinary hearing referred to in 5b) above the Controlling Body may, at its sole and absolute discretion, impose any penalty and/or sanctions which it deems appropriate in the circumstance on such player. The penalty and/or sanctions may include a period of suspension of the player from playing bowls and/or the payment of a fine.
7. The decision of the Controlling Body made in terms of paragraph 6 above shall not be subject to appeal to any body or authority, including recourse to any court or official tribunal of the Republic of South Africa, other than that provided for in the Constitutions of the District and of Bowls South Africa.

3. 15 ENDS CONSTITUTE A GAME

Provision should be made for weather delayed, interrupted or incomplete games, to either be replayed, or that 15 ends would constitute a played game. In the last mentioned case, games will not be restricted to 15 ends if more ends were played and completed than the set minimum, as the ends played over 15 ends will constitute ends completed and the score at the greater number of ends completed, will count.

4. DEFAULT OR WITHDRAWAL DURING SECTIONAL PLAY

Should a team or singles player withdraw at any time in sectional play for any reason acceptable by the Controlling Body, after commencement of the tournament, all relevant results of the team/player will be expunged from that section.

5. ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

The Tournament committee shall have the right to curtail the number of rounds to be played and/or shots required to win a match in order to determine the winners, in the event of adverse weather conditions or any other reason.