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INTRODUCTION

- All league matches are to be conducted under the laws, as given in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Fourth Edition (Domestic Regulations for Bowls South Africa) and subject to the following Conditions of Play.
- It is accepted that unusual situations not covered within the laws of the Sport of Bowls can arise. In such situations, players, umpires and captains should use their common sense and a spirit of fair play to decide on the appropriate course of action.
- Sportsmanship should prevail at all times.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1) RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL

Each Club entering in the league must advise the JBA of the name and contact details of their appointed Responsible Official.

2) RESULTS SHEET

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the appointed officials from both sides to ensure that all the results sheets of the Club's league sides are captured on the Live Scoresheet as soon as possible after the fixture has been completed
- B. The hardcopy of the Results Sheet must be sent to the JBA office, either in its original form or by fax to: (086) 652 5124 or by email: comps@jbabowls.co.za before 09h00 on the Monday following the league match for auditing purposes.
- C. Failing this, a penalty of two points will be deducted from the overall points scored by each defaulting side of that Club.

3) UMPIRES

- A. Each Home Club is responsible for appointing an umpire, failing this they will need to appoint a playing umpire for each Division, for matches that are played at their Club.
- B. If the home club is unable to appoint an umpire, the Home Club can appoint a member of a visiting club as the umpire. The umpire must be appointed before play starts and his/her name must be entered on the score cards.
- C. If NO certified umpire is available, the home captain shall assume the responsibility but may delegate any measuring to another member of the home club
- D. Each playing umpire will only be responsible for playing decisions in his or her respective division. Weather decisions are regulated as per Clause 16 - 18.

4) CAPTAIN

- A. The Club is responsible for appointing a Captain for each league side, who will be in charge of their side in their particular Division.
- B. The Captains shall mutually decide on any matter that these Regulations, Conditions or the Laws of the Sport of Bowls do not cover and failing a decision, the appointed Umpires of that division shall take the decision. This decision shall be final.

5) LIGHTNING DETECTORS

The Home Venue Club will be responsible for making a portable electronic lightning distance measuring device available, irrespective of the venue being in earshot of similar devices being used for other sporting activities.

NB: **CELL PHONE APPS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE**

6) ELIGIBILITY

- A. All competitors shall be registered bona fide members of Clubs affiliated to the JBA.
- B. A Side entered in this league shall consist of bona fide members of the same Club unless the Controlling body has given prior permission for an alternative arrangement.
- C. If a side introduces an ineligible player(s), the match will be forfeited and ALL points for the match will be awarded to the opponents.
- D. If both sides include ineligible players, NO points will be awarded for the match.
- E. A player moving from one Club to another Club within the District during the league season may play for the new Club, provided such player has resigned from the previous Club and has been registered with the JBA and Bowls South Africa at the new Club.
- F. A player having membership of more than one Club may not, under any circumstances, play for another Club of which they are a member after having played one game for the Club for which they first elected to play.
- G. No player who is a registered member of another District and plays his/her competitions in that District will be allowed to play in the JBA league. This includes District and Club competitions.

7) MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS

Movement of players from one side to another within the same Club from one division to another or within the same division will be permitted.

A. SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS FOURS

- i. If a side reports for play with insufficient players, or a player is compelled to withdraw for any valid reason during the course of a match, ONE substitute will be permitted per side. If no substitute is available, or if more than one team in a side is affected, a team may play with 3 players.
- ii. In this instance, the number of bowls played by each defaulting team should be made up by the Lead and the Second, both playing three bowls and one fourth (25%) of the total shots scored (including decimal places) for each defaulting team should be deducted from their score after the game has finished (Law 39.2.2). The deduction of shots will apply for the period of absence of the player. Please see Reporting Times - Clause C . This deduction will only apply to the ends affected and this deduction must be taken into consideration when deciding the set, game and bonus points.
- iii. A substitute player may commence play at any stage of the game.

B. SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS TRIPS

- i. If a side reports for play with insufficient players, or a player is compelled to withdraw for any valid reason during the course of a match, ONE substitute will be permitted per side. If no substitute is available, or if more than one team in a side is affected, a team MAY NOT play with less than 3 (Three) players unless approved by the opposition Captain.
- ii. In this instance the team with TWO players will play 4-bowls each whereas the team with THREE players will have the Lead and Second, both playing two bowls each and the Skip playing 4 (four) bowls. The defaulting team will forfeit 25% of the total shots scored (including decimal places) after the game. The deduction of shots will apply for the period of absence of the player. Please see Reporting Times - Clause C . This deduction will only apply to the ends/sets

affected and this deduction must be taken into consideration when deciding the set, game and bonus points.

- iii. A substitute may be introduced at any stage of the game.

8) DIVISION COMPOSITION

A. FOURS

- i. All Men's Fours Side will consist of TWO TEAMS (8 players) playing a single round robin on a HOME AND AWAY basis.
- ii. All Ladies Fours Side will consist of TWO TEAMS (8 players) playing a single round robin on a HOME AND AWAY basis

NB: All Fours League Sections will consist of 12 teams.

B. TRIPS AND OPEN TRIPS

- i. All Trips Sides will consist of TWO TEAMS (6 players) playing a single round robin on a HOME AND AWAY basis.

NB: All Trips League Sections will consist of 10 teams.

THE MATCHES

9) REPORTING TIMES

- A. Greens shall be laid out for 6 rinks. Written exemption from this regulation, to permit the stringing of a green for 7 rinks must be obtained from the JBA prior to the commencement of the League Season.
- B. **Players are to arrive at the venues timeously to commence play at 13:30.** Circumstances being considered, a 10 minute grace period may be allowed.
- C. The date and time of any league fixture shall not be altered. Clubs are to ensure that all participants honour their obligations by arriving at the correct venue of play at the stated time, irrespective of weather conditions. Subject to Clauses 16 - 18.
- D. Practice will not be permitted prior to the match.

- E. Warming up will be permitted and will be restricted to non-deliberate play in the direction across the intended line of play and without the use of a target such as a jack, mat or other item. Bowls may be delivered to each other to enable players to loosen/warm up.

10) TRIAL ENDS

Trial Ends are permitted. One trial end in each direction before the start of play.

11) START OF PLAY

- A. At the start of the game, the winner of the toss shall decide whether to take the mat and deliver the jack or let the other side play first.
- B. At the start of the second and third set, the winner of the previous set, must take the mat and deliver the jack. If the set is drawn the winner of the last scoring end in that set must take the mat and deliver the jack.
- C. At the start of any other end, the winner of the previous end, must take the mat and deliver the jack.

12) COMFORT BREAK

- A. An optional fifteen minute comfort break can be taken after completion of the second set [14th end in the FOURS league and 12th end in the TRIPS League]. However, this decision must be taken by the Team Captains and communicated to the teams prior to the commencement of play. If a consensus is not reached between the two Captains, the break is compulsory. The decisions for each Division remain autonomous.
- B. There will be a standard green fee of **R20.00** per player payable to the hosting club each week.
- C. **Sweet or savoury snacks will be provided at an extra charge at the discretion of the hosting club. The hosting club will contact the opposition beforehand to liaise with regards to the provision of snacks.**

13) RESPOTTING THE JACK

- A. If the Jack passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play or comes to rest in a hollow of the bank or re-bounds to less than 20 metres from the mat line (front of the mat), the end should not be declared dead but the jack must be re-spotted on the mark 2 metres from the front ditch and on the centre line as prescribed in Clause 4.6.3.
- B. If the appropriate spot is partly or fully covered by a bowl the jack must be placed in front (towards the matt) of the spot, in line with that spot and the same spot on the other end of the rink, as close as possible to the spot without touching a bowl.

14) GREENS

- A. The Club's highest graded greens must be used for all league matches. 'D' grade/ungraded greens WILL NOT be used.
- B. League matches are not to be played on rinks 1 and 7. This is applicable if the green is strung for 7 rinks.
- C. Each Rink is to be marked with single re-spot positions which are 2 metres from the front ditch and on the centre line for re-spotting of the jack as per Law 56.5.3.

15) SCORING

- A. The Skips may delegate the duties of keeping the scorecard supplied by the Controlling Body of the event to another member of the team. However, they must make sure that the duties are transferred to players whose positions, in order of play, are the same in each team as per Law 40.1.9.
- B. The scoreboard must be similarly completed by a player in the opposing team. It is imperative that scorecards with the names of all players are kept END by END in case any disputes arise.

1) FOURS LEAGUE

All Saturday League matches will be played and decided on a Sets basis (3 x 7 ends).

The total number of points for Men and Ladies Club League matches will be 12.

- i. (ONE) point is awarded to the team that wins a set.
- ii. (TWO) points are awarded to the winning team per game.
- iii. (TWO) bonus points are awarded to the overall winning side.
- iv. In a drawn set, game or match, relative points will be shared.

2) TRIPS LEAGUE

All Saturday League matches will be played and decided on an End and Sets basis (18 ends, 3 sets of 6 ends).

The total number of points for Men and Ladies Club League matches will be 50.

- i. (ONE) point is awarded to the team that wins an end.
- ii. (ONE) point is awarded to the winning team per set.
- iii. (TWO) bonus points are awarded to the winning team per game.
- iv. (FOUR) bonus points are awarded to the overall winning side.
- v. In a drawn set, game or match, relative points will be shared.

- C. At the start of the game, the winner of the toss shall decide whether to take the mat and deliver the jack or let the other side play first.
- D. At the start of each end thereafter, the winner of the previous end, or set, must take the mat and deliver the jack.
- E. Should play be abandoned for any reason scoring will be as follows :
- i. ENDS (Only applicable to Trips Games): (ONE) point to the winner of each completed end. Points for uncompleted ends will be shared.

- ii. SETS: 1 (ONE) point to the winner of each completed set. Points for incomplete sets must be shared.
 - iii. GAME: Once 2 sets (14 ends in FOURS or 12 ends in TRIPS) have been completed, the team with the greatest number of shots based on all completed ends is the winner. If less than 2 sets have been completed, the points are shared equally.
 - iv. OVERALL: The bonus points are awarded to the side with the greatest number of shots based on all completed ends - irrespective of how many ends have been completed.
- F. The Score Cards and Score Boards must reflect the total number of shots for each individual set.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

16) GREEN CLOSURE DUE TO RAIN

- A. If it would appear that the weather will prohibit play from starting:
 - i. The Captains of the hosting Club must phone the Captains of the visiting Clubs or the District Secretary, if the greens are closed before 12h00 on the day of play. If communication was not made with all sides, play may not proceed even if conditions improve.
- B. If greens are closed after 12h00, all Captains of the visiting Clubs must be advised accordingly on/or before arrival.
- C. If the greens are closed during play, then an official stoppage will be called and this will apply to ALL sides present.
- D. If the greens have not been closed, play may not be abandoned before 15h00.
- E. If both captains of opposing sides mutually decide that they don't want to continue play due to rain, they can call an official stoppage. This will apply to all teams in the relevant sides only.
- F. If the Captains can't come to an agreement in this regard, the umpire in that division will make the decision, and this decision will be final.

17) LIGHTNING & DARKNESS

- A. The umpire of the most senior Division (Men or Women) will make all decisions regarding lightning by means of the lightning metres. This decision will apply to all the divisions present. When men and women each have a team in the same Division at the same venue, the men's umpire will be responsible in this regard.
- B. Play must cease whilst lightning activity is at or closer than 16 km. Play may resume when no lightning activity has occurred within 16 km for a period of 20 minutes.
- C. The umpire of the most senior Division will also be in charge of calling an official stoppage due to darkness. This decision will apply to all divisions present.

18) OFFICIAL STOPPAGE OR ABANDONMENT

- A. If an official stoppage is called as per Clauses 1) AND 2) above:
 - i. ALL PLAY (including incomplete ends) must cease immediately. Incomplete ends are dead and must be replayed.
 - ii. Measuring if started must be completed.
- B. If a team or side elects to leave the venue prior to the announcement of an official abandonment, they will forfeit the match and all points will be awarded to the opposition.
- C. Abandonment may not be called unless at least 60 minutes of play for the afternoon has been or will probably be lost.
- D. If an official stoppage has NOT been called and a player refuses to play, all points will be forfeited to the opposing team.

RESULTING OF GAMES

19) RESULTS AND SCORECARDS

- A. It is the Captain's responsibility to check that the correct scores and details have been recorded on the Results Sheet before both Captains sign them. Two copies of the Results Sheets are to be taken by each Captain.

- B. All results Sheets and Score Cards are to reflect the names and the BSA number of all the players.
- C. Home and away Captains are responsible for ensuring that the Results Sheets are timeously handed to their Club's responsible Official for forwarding to the Association's Office. Refer to Clause 2)

20) LEAGUE DIVISION WINNERS

- A. The side with the most points in each Division shall be declared the winner.
- B. In the event of one or more sides having attained the same number of points, the winner will be determined by the highest net total of shots in all matches played (Law C.22).
- C. If equality still exists, the total number of shots scored by the side in all matches played, shall be divided by the total number of shots scored against the side in all matches played, and the highest resulting figure will determine the winner.

21) PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

- A. The winners and the runners-up in each division will be promoted to the next higher division and the bottom two sides in each division will be relegated to the next lower division.
 - i. If a Side being promoted belongs to a club which already has two Sides playing in the higher division, the Side will forfeit the promotion spot to the next highest placed side in their division.
 - ii. If a Side being relegated to a lower division belongs to a club which already has two sides in the lower division, the lowest placed of the two sides will be relegated to the division below it so that not more than two sides from the same club play in the division.
- B. In this regard the decision of the Controlling Body will be final.

22) DISPUTES

- A. Any dispute against the outcome of any league match must be received by the Controlling Body before 10h00 on the Monday following the league match.
- B. After due investigation, the decision of the Controlling Body shall be final.

23) SMOKING, ALCOHOL AND CELLULAR PHONES

- A. Smoking will NOT be permitted on the greens while play is in progress. Players may smoke 2m away from the playing surface.
- B. Alcohol will NOT be permitted on or near the greens while play is in progress.
- C. Cell Phones will NOT be permitted on the greens while play is in progress. In the event of an emergency, cell phones can be used 2m from the green.

24) DRESS

- A. In addition to the regulations framed under the Sport of Bowls, the shirts worn by players must have conventional collars and be adequately buttoned.
- B. It must be borne in mind that once Clubs have had their colours approved, the wearing of these colours is only permissible if every member of the side wears them, i.e. a complete league side. Otherwise the standard white or cream clothing must apply.
- C. Total uniformity within a side is required to ensure that clothing is seen to be smart and to retain a good image in the Sport of Bowls. Players found guilty of transgressions of this Dress Code may result in points being deducted from the match by the Controlling Body.

25) DECALS

- A. Unless ALL members of the team have the same decals on ALL bowls, decals must be removed from ALL bowls.
- B. Decals may not be placed on top of old ones.

26) GENERAL

If any matter should arise that is not specifically covered in the above Regulations and Conditions of Play, the Laws of the Sport of Bowls will apply.