



Pretoria Municipal Bowling Club

PRETORIA MUNICIPAL BOWLING CLUB

BY-LAWS IN TERMS OF THE CONSTITUTION

APPLICABLE FOR THE 2020/21 SEASON

1. OPENING AND CLOSURE OF GREENS AND REGULATION OF PLAY

- 1.1 The Green Keeper, or in his absence a Management Committee Member or Members present, may close a green, or greens or any rink should it be required.
- 1.2 Social play (tabs-in, bounce games) will only be allowed after 10:00 each day, except for days where official competitions start earlier or in the case of rule 2.1. No play will be allowed on any green where a "Greens Closed" board is displayed. The staff working on the greens and or the Greenkeeper may remove the "Greens Closed" board. If any member is in doubt of any of the afore mentioned rules, the staff working on the greens or the Greenkeeper should be approached for an answer.
- 1.3 Morning play will be from east to west and afternoon play from north to south, unless otherwise specified by the Green Keeper, the Management Committee or any Tournament Committee.
- 1.4 Persons wearing shoes or boots that could potentially damage the greens, will be refused access to the greens. All shoes or boots should conform to the minimum specifications required to protect the greens. Foot wear should not have heels and or soles which are grooved more than 1 mm.
- 1.5 The use of alcohol during any format of play on the greens is strictly forbidden.
- 1.6 No member will be permitted to play on the greens during official playing sessions unless properly dressed according to the specified Club, BGN or BSA dress code. Any bowler who infringes this by-law will be requested by the Duty Steward to leave the green, with the proviso that the Duty Steward may allow a player who is not properly dressed, to play, after consideration of special reasons or circumstances, which may arise from time to time.
- 1.7 Dogs are not allowed on the Club premises except on a leash.
- 1.8 Non playing visitors, including children, are not allowed at any time to play on the greens or banks. The co-operation of members is required to prevent infringement of this by-law.
- 1.9 Members are requested to refrain from littering on the greens or banks, and to ensure that cigarette ends, matches and other discarded items are disposed of in the receptacles provided on the banks.

2. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PLAY AND SOCIAL BOWLS

- 2.1 Starting time of play will be on Saturday mornings at 09:00, on Saturday afternoons at 14:00, whilst play on Sunday mornings will commence at 09:00. The draw for social play on Saturday's will take place at 13:45 and for Sundays at 08:45.

Play will commence immediately after the draw.

- 2.2 The Management Committee may alter the indicated times should circumstances require them to do so or by special arrangement.
- 2.3 All Club social games are to be played on the basis of "tabs-in."
- 2.4 Competitions take precedence over all social bowls in the allocation of rinks.

3. CLUB COMPETITIONS (STRUCTURE AND FORMAT OF COMPETITIONS)

- 3.1 As soon as possible after the Annual General Meeting, the Management Committee will, at its discretion, decide on the following:
- 3.1.1 Which club competitions shall be played during the season.
- 3.1.2 The number of ends to be played in each competition or, where relevant, the number of shots which will constitute the winning score.
- 3.1.3 How handicaps will be taken into account in competitions that are played on a handicap basis.
- 3.2 Decisions made relating to par 3.1 must be taken up in the By-laws.
- 3.3 The Competition Secretary with the assistance of any club member(s) will perform the draws for the various competitions as soon as possible after the opening day of the season. The draws will be posted on the notice board in the appropriate locker room. Club members are allowed to attend and observe the draw.

4. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

- 4.1 Only member(s) whose competition entry fees have been paid shall be allowed to participate in any of the Club competitions.
- 4.2 Members having dual membership participating in club competitions of their other club will be permitted to enter only those competitions at Pretoria Municipal Bowling Club that he/she did not enter at their club of origin. Furthermore, such dual member will not be considered for the Comp Air, Best Progress Made, Victor or Victrix trophies.
- 4.3 A player who transfers from another club shall not be eligible to play club competitions and/or league unless a Clearance Certificate has been received from the previous club.
- 4.4 Only members who have played bowls for less than three (3) years, and who have not won a Club novices singles championship, the Club singles championship, the Club championship pairs or any competition at provincial level, may enter competitions intended for Novices (Club Novice Singles Competition). The date on which the Management Committee approved the application will be regarded as the start of the three year cycle.

5. SCHEDULING OF COMPETITIONS

- 5.1 Competitions may be scheduled for Saturdays, both in the morning and afternoon and Sunday mornings.
(Note: If your name is not on the leave list, then it implies that you are available for play on Saturday mornings.)
- 5.2 The Competition Secretary will publicize the club competition fixtures by means of notices posted on the Club's official notice board (in the locker room).
- 5.3 All other competitions will either be played on Saturday or Sundays and on Public Holidays for those who are available.

6. AVAILABILITY OF COMPETITION ENTRANTS TO PLAY

- 6.1 Members who will not be available for competitions on a given date or dates are required to enter relevant details on the absentee list on the notice board in the appropriate locker room or on the e-leave programme found on the clubs website. The closing date and time for such entries will appear on the absentee list. This provision will not be relevant where a competition is played on a pre-scheduled basis. The Management Committee may, at its discretion, apply disciplinary steps considered fair and relevant against any member who is judged to have abused the absentee list. The leave list closes every Saturday at 17:00. If a member is unavailable to play after the leave list has been closed, he/she must inform the Competition Secretary in person. No messages to family members or to officials working at the Club will be tolerated. E-mails and information on the website will be allowed, provided it is before the cut-off time.
- 6.2 It will be the sole responsibility of the skip (or singles competition entrant) to inform the relevant Competition Secretary, as timeously as is possible, if his/her team is withdrawing from a competition.

7. SEEDING OF MEN'S AND LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES

- 7.1 A seeding system shall be used for the entries into the Mens and Ladies Championship Singles. The players who reached the quarter finals (last 8 players) of the previous year's Championship singles are automatically entered as follows:

MEN

The winner and the runner up will be entered into position numbers 1 and 32 (or most appropriate) and the remainder of the seeded players will be entered into positions 5, 9, 13, 20, 24, and 28 respectively. All the other entrants will play a preliminary round(s) based upon an open draw.

LADIES

The winner and the runner up will be entered into position numbers 1 and 16 (or most appropriate) and the remainder of the seeded players will be entered into positions 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, and 14 respectively. All the other entrants will play a preliminary round(s) based upon an open draw.

8. HANDICAP SYSTEM

- 8.1 In all drawn competitions, the combined handicap per team will be applicable. The difference between the combined handicaps of the teams concerned will be added to the side with the weaker handicap after the completion of the first end.
- 8.2 The handicap of the players as well as their playing positions will be utilised in all drawn competitions.

9. DRAWN COMPETITIONS

- 9.1 All drawn competitions will be based upon the number of full teams. In the event of there being surplus players, their names will be listed as reserves for the respective competitions.
- 9.2 Preference will be given to reserves listed per competition, during the application of the substitution rules.

(Note: Every effort will be made in the beginning of the season, prior to the draw, to ensure that all drawn competition teams are full. This cannot, however, be guaranteed and there is the possibility that reserves will be listed.)

10. SUBSTITUTES

DRAWN COMPETITIONS

- 10.1.1 A substitute shall be allowed for a player in all Drawn Competitions (except the drawn fours) who fails to appear ten minutes after the scheduled starting time or who has had to withdraw due to unforeseen circumstances. This means that only one player per side may be replaced in any trips or pairs game. No substitutes shall be allowed for any singles game. If more than one player from a side is unavailable, then that side will be scratched from the competition. Should more than one player from both sides be unavailable, then both sides shall be scratched from the competition.
- 10.1.2 Substitute(s) are to be drawn from the bank by the competition Secretary and/or Duty Steward. Preference shall be given to any reserve for that particular competition. Only those substitutes (reserves) with the same or lower handicaps, as the person being replaced, will be considered. The substitute must play in the position of the person he/she is replacing. If a side requires a substitute, but there are no substitutes on the bank, then that side shall be scratched. Should both sides require a substitute and there are no substitutes on the bank, then both sides shall be scratched. If a substitute is available on the bank to assist a side, but the handicap of the substitute is higher than the person he is replacing, then that substitute cannot be used and should there be no other substitutes that qualify, the side or sides shall be scratched.
- 10.1.3 In Drawn Competitions, the playing order may be changed before the first round of the Competition starts, but thereafter, the playing order has to remain the same.

CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS

- 10.1.5 Substitute(s) shall be allowed for player(s) who fails to appear ten (10) minutes after the scheduled starting time or who had to withdraw due to unforeseen circumstances. This means that only one player per side may be replaced in any trips or pairs game. No substitutes shall be allowed for any singles game. If more than one player from a side is unavailable, then that side will be scratched from the competition. Should more than one player from both sides be unavailable, then both sides shall be scratched from the competition.
- 10.1.6 Substitute(s) are to be drawn from the bank by the competition Secretary and/or Duty Steward. Preference shall be given to any reserve for that particular competition. The substitute can play in any position. The side can also change positions as they like prior to any game. If a side requires a substitute, but there are no substitutes on the bank, then that side shall be scratched. Should both sides require a substitute and there are no substitutes on the bank, then both sides shall be scratched. It is the sole responsibility of Championship Competition Teams to ensure that substitutes be arranged to play in the affected team.
- 10.1.7 A person will not be eligible for substitution if they have been eliminated from the competition (by defeat), or already entered to play with another team.

- 10.1.8 A substitute will only play for that specific game and thereafter the original player will continue to play with the proviso that such original player did comply with rules 11.1 and 11.2. The substitute cannot be drawn again for the same team.
- 10.2 It is not the duty of the Competition Secretary to ensure that there are enough players to be drawn from the bank.
- 10.3 A substitute may only become a permanent member of a team with the consent of the Competition Secretary.

11. FORFEITURE OF SCHEDULED MATCHES

- 11.1 In all competitions the failure of any player or players to appear within 10 minutes after the scheduled starting time, then such match shall be forfeited, and the opposing player or team shall receive a walk-over (**read together with the substitution rules**). In the event of a legitimate reason, such forfeit may be reversed and the match re-scheduled, on submission of an excuse acceptable to the Management Committee.
- 11.2 If a player fails to record his/her name timely on the leave list and such player has been carded to play but for own reason(s) cannot play, the rules stipulated in paragraph 10 will be applicable.
- 11.3 In the event of a singles game such player will forfeit the scheduled game.
- 11.4 In all competitions played on a round-robin basis and the player (in the case of singles) or the team is absent at the start of play or withdraw during the round-robin games, such a person or team will be scratched from the competition. All points scored against that individual or team in the competition will be expunged.
- 11.5 No competition will be rescheduled as a result of a member who did not enter his/her name timely on the leave roster. In a singles competition, the opponent will receive a walk-over. In a team's game, the opposing team will receive a walk-over (**read together with the substitution rules**).
- 11.6 During inclement weather no player or team must abandon play unless the Duty Steward called off play for the day (**read together with the duties of the Duty Steward contained in a separate document**).

12. OPEN MASTERS

- 12.1 Any club member is allowed to enter. However the number of entries will be restricted to 48 players.
- 12.2 In the event that the number of entries exceed 48, the men's and ladies selectors will have the right to pick the final 48 players. Furthermore the men's and ladies selectors will seed the players in the 8 sections consisting of 6 players each.
- 12.3 It is a mixed singles competition played with only three (3) bowls. Each game is played over 12 ends, 3 skins of 4 ends. 1 point per end, 2 points per skin and 4 points for a win. 2 points for a draw. Therefore each game consists of a maximum of 22 points and these points determine the winner of match irrespective of the score.
- 12.4 The player with the highest points in his or her section qualifies for the knock out rounds of the open masters.

- 12.5 Those who come runners-up in their respective section qualify for the knock out rounds of the president's masters. The presidents knock out will be based on a handicap system (each player will be given a handicap before the tournament in case they qualify for the presidents masters).
- 12.6 No markers are to be used. The person who wins the mat (toss) will decide the jack placement on the first end. There are two jacks per rink and the winner of the previous end places the jack anywhere on the centre line that he or she wants, as long as it constitutes a legal length and remains 2m from the ditch. There are no burnt ends. If an end is burnt, the jack is to be respotted on the centre 2m mark.
- 12.7 The masters is to be played over one weekend. Morning and afternoon will be used on the Saturday and Sunday. Only people who are available for all the time slots should enter. Because of the amount of potential entries, breaks will be kept to a minimum. The amount of sections and number of players in a section will be decided by the amount of entries and the selectors (read together with 12.2).
- 12.8 An entry fee from each person will be asked and the proceeds will be split 60% to the open masters' winner and 40% the presidents' winner.

13 LADIES' AND MEN'S SELECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

- 13.1 Nomination of candidates to serve on the sub-committee shall be made prior to the Annual General Meeting.

In order to qualify for nomination as a selector, a member must:

- Have been a member of the Club for at least 2 consecutive seasons.
- Have no less than five (5) years bowling experience.
- Have reasonable knowledge of all members of the Club.
- Be prepared to undertake the duties as prescribed below.

- 13.2 At the Annual General Meeting, the ladies will select the Ladies Selectors. The same applies to the men. The Ladies and Men's Selectors Committee will consist of a **minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) members**.

- 13.3 The Selector's Committee shall appoint one of its members as Chairperson and this person shall then be responsible for conveying all decisions of the sub-committee and to the Management Committee. The duties of the Sub-committee shall be as follows:

- 13.3.1 To select teams on based on record of achievements over the last three years, playing form, experience and compatibility.
- 13.3.2 Review all existing handicaps, and the allocation of handicaps to members who joined the Club subsequent to the allocation of handicaps by the sub-committee of the previous year.
- 13.3.3 Selection of team/s for league, competitions and when sides are financially supported by the Club.
- 13.3.4 League entries to be solely based on number of committed players as per annual league-list availability including provision for approximately eight extra players to provide for players not being available for league games at any given time (leave, work etcetera).

14. NUMBER OF ENDS/SHOTS TO BE PLAYED PER COMPETITION

14.1 The following competitions with scoring shots/ends are to be played:

Men's and Ladies Championship Singles:	First player to reach 21 shots.
Novices Singles:	First player to reach 21 shots.
Men's and Ladies Handicap Singles:	The difference between the two (2) handicaps of the players will be added to the highest handicapped player and that player must reach that total before the lesser handicapped player scores 21 shots.
Men's and Ladies Championship Pairs:	21 ends
Men's and Ladies Drawn Pairs:	21 ends
Men's and Ladies Drawn Trips:	18 ends
Men's and Ladies Senior Singles:	First player to reach 21 shots
Open 2 Bowl Pairs:	The scoring will be over ten (10) ends per game with a maximum of 100 shot-points. * Nearest to the Jack = 4 shot-points * Second shot = 3 shot-points * Third shot = 2 shot-points * Fourth shot = 1 shot-point In the event of a no shot, the points for that shot will be shared equally.
Ladies 2 Bowl Singles:	18 ends
Mixed Pairs:	21 ends
Mixed Trips:	18 ends
Mixed Fours:	21 ends. Composition of the team maybe ay number of men/woman as long as there is at least one man or woman per team
Mixed 101 singles:	First player to reach 101 or more than 101 points. * Nearest to the Jack = 4 shot-points * Second shot = 3 shot-points * Third shot = 2 shot-points * Fourth shot = 1 shot-point In the event of a no shot, the points for that shot will be shared equally.

NOTE: Only in the championship singles will a marker(s) be appointed. All other singles to be played with 2 jacks, spotting the jack by the player who won the last end at his/her desired length. However, players are allowed to organize their own marker(s) to assist.

15. COMPAIR TROPHY (Donated by Mike van Rooyen)

15.1 Criteria for above trophy: If selected for the District, winner or runner-up in Bowls Gauteng North Competitions and higher level competitions.

16. BEST PROGRESS MADE (Donated by Johan Barnard)

16.1 Criteria for above trophy: For any player who made the best progress in all club competitions.

17. VICTOR LUDORUM TROPHY (Donated by Massi Rossi)

17.1 Best performance in all competitions (including mixed competitions) that men can enter with the exception of Senior Singles, Novices Singles and the Open 2 Bowl Pairs.

17.2 Point system is as follows, winners of the following:-

- Quarter finals – 3 points. The winner accumulates 3 points, which are carried over to the next round (semi finals).
- Semi finals – 4 points. The winner accumulates a further 4 points in addition to the 3 points carried over from the quarter finals.
- Finals – 5 points. The winner accumulates 5 points in addition to the points carried over from the previous rounds.

Total Points:

Winner – 12 points

Runner up – 7 points

Quarter finals – 3 points

The mixed 101 singles are excluded from above.

18. VICTRIX LUDORUM TROPHY (Donated by Wendy Steyn)

18.1 Best performance in all competitions (including mixed competitions) that woman can enter with the exception of Senior Singles, Novices Singles and the Open 2 Bowl Pairs.

18.2 Point system is as follows:

Championship Singles:	Winner	6
	Runner-up	4
Handicap Singles:	Winner	5
	Runner-up	3
2 Bowl Singles:	Winner	5
	Runner-up	3
Championship Pairs:	Winner	6
	Runner-up	4

Drawn Pairs:	Winner	4
	Runner-up	3
Drawn Trips:	Winner	4
	Runner-up	3
Mixed Fours	Winner	4
	Runner-up	3
Mixed Pairs	Winner	6
	Runner-up	4
Mixed Trips	Winner	6
	Runner-up	4

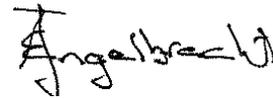
The mixed 101 singles are excluded from above.



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