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DEVELOPMENT TRIPS LEAGUE

Due to the success of the Development Trips League last year, the JBA have decided to run it again this year. The format of this league will be as follows:

- Three bowl Trips – therefore teams of three players.
- Each of the three players will play lead, second, and skip for a period of 6 ends each – the order of play to be decided by each team before play commences.
- Games of 18 ends with no tea break.
- Mixed teams – men and ladies.
- Fixture format as per mid-week league – all teams in a section at the same venue.
- Eight teams per section – therefore 4 rinks needed per venue.

The establishment of this league will give new bowlers the opportunity to play with and against one another in a formalized 'format' which introduces bowlers to a game which can either become a competitive outlet for them, or just a social sport. Other benefits will be:

- Being able to keep age groups together in a team – a similar interest both during and after the game.
- Being able to keep friends together with the same amount of experience in the game.
- Providing an opportunity for new bowlers to 'compete', whilst learning the game, without having to enter the JBA 'official' tournaments whilst still being novices.
- Providing a 'nursery' for clubs to be able to identify players with potential for future league and representative sides.
- Have virtual teams – i.e. as with the JBA Saturday Development team, players from different clubs could get together, for this league only, and compete as a team for the duration of this league. This will allow one or two new bowlers from clubs, who cannot form a team, to be accommodated in this tournament.

Each team entered will be the responsibility of the person entering the team. Only when entries have been received will venues be arranged, but it is hoped that enough entries will be received to enable a central, East, West, North and South 'hub' to cut down on travelling.

ONLY PLAYERS WITH FIVE YEARS OR LESS EXPERIENCE SHOULD ENTER. There are no trophies or prizes – this is a DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE.

The proposed program is:

- Cost per player each week = R 50.00 (which covers green fees and snacks after the game)
- Play starts at 14h00
- Tournament Dates: Saturday 3rd 10th 17th 24th 31st August 2019.
- All teams to wear the same 'tops'. This means that teams could be 'virtual' teams from different clubs – but identified by their 'tops'.
- Replacement players in teams allowed – week by week.

The league will commence 3 August 2019 and all entries, on a club letterhead, should reach the JBA office by no later than the Friday 19th July 2019.

Please direct all queries regarding the above to either the JBA Office, Lance Sayce (083 775 1669) or Allan Gordon (082 455 9279)

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