

CONDITIONS OF PLAY JBA SATURDAY LEAGUE 2022 - FOURS AND TRIPS

Introduction

All league matches are to be conducted under the laws, as given in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Third 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.

1 RESPONSIBILITIES

1.1 RESPONSIBLE LEAGUE CAPTAIN / OFFICIAL

Each Club entering in the league must advise the JBA of the name, and cell phone numbers, of their appointed Responsible Official.

1.2 RESULTS SHEET

All sections in the various divisions play at one venue in both Fours and Trips

Hosting Venue Captain is responsible for ensuring that all returns from games played at the VENUE are sent to the JBA Office no later than 09h00 on Monday following the league match.

Email to: comps@jbabowls.co.za

WhatsApp: 071 688 3703

Weekly play schedules will be emailed to the venues and only those completed forms will be captured.

Each team will have the following:

- Cards
- Working sheets
- SUBMISSION SHEETS (RESULTS) All games played at venue will be on the Submission sheet.

This is the ONLY SHEET TO BE SENT TO THE OFFICE by the HOSTING CLUB CAPTAIN

1.3 UMPIRE

1.3.1 Each Home Club is responsible to appoint an umpire, failing this they shall appoint a playing umpire for each division for matches that are played at their Club. Where expedient, the Home Club may 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.

1.3.2 If NO certified umpire is available, the home captain shall assume the responsibility but may delegate any measuring in that Division.

1.3.3 Each playing Umpire will only be responsible for playing decisions in his or her respective division. Weather decisions are regulated as per Clause 6.

1.4 CAPTAIN

- 1.4.1 The Club is responsible for appointing a Captain for each league side, who will oversee their side in their division.
- 1.4.2 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 Umpire of that division shall take the decision. This decision shall be final.
- 1.4.3 Before the start of play, all captains are to draw for rinks and which team to play on each rink. E.g., Skip A draws rink 1, therefore that fixture will be played on rink 1 and 2. A draw for skips takes place to see who play who. The same applies for the rest of the teams in the section.

1.5 LIGHTNING DETECTORS

The Home Club shall make a portable electronic lightning distance measuring device available, irrespective of whether the venue being in earshot of similar devices being used for other sporting activities. Cell phone applications may not be used instead of a lightning meter.

2 REGULATIONS

2.1 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1.1 All competitors shall be registered bona fide members of Clubs affiliated to the JBA.
- 2.1.2 A side entered in this league shall consist of bona fide members of the same club unless the controlling body has given prior permission.
- 2.1.3 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.
- 2.1.4 If both sides include ineligible players, NO points will be awarded for the match.
- 2.1.5 A player moving from one Club to another within the district during the league season may play for the new one, provided the player has resigned from the previous Club and has been registered with the JBA and Bowls South Africa at the new one.
- 2.1.6 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. A player may play league and District competitions for one club and their Club Competitions for another club provided they have dual membership and authority has been received by the two clubs. This includes the Bowls South Africa National tournament.
- 2.1.7 A player who is a registered member of another District and plays his or her competitions in that District will be allowed to play in the JBA league. This includes Nationals, District and Club competitions.

2.2 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. In the last week, only players who have played in the side must be considered, if a player is dropped, he must remain down for two weeks.

2.3 SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS

- 2.3.1 If a side reports for play with insufficient players, or a player is compelled to withdraw for any valid reason during 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.
- 2.3.2 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 shall 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 4.1
- 2.3.3 A substitute or missing player may commence play at any stage of the game.
- 2.3.4 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.

3 DIVISION COMPOSITION

3.1 FORMAT

- 3.1.1 Fours - All Men's and Woman's League Divisions will consist of two sides of Fours (8 players) playing in section of 6 playing at one venue each week.
- 3.1.2 TRIPS -. All Men, Woman and Open Trips League Divisions will consist of two sides of Trips (6 players) playing in section of 6 playing at one venue each week,
- 3.1.3 The sides in each Division will play against each other twice.
- 3.1.4 Due to the number of entries, this may not always be possible.

4 THE MATCHES

4.1 REPORTING TIMES

- 4.1.1 Players are to arrive at the venues timeously at 13:30 to allow for captains to do the draws, a 10-minute period of grace may be allowed.
- 4.1.2 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 Clause 6.1.1.
- 4.1.3 Practice will not be permitted prior to the match.

- 4.1.4 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.
- 4.2 TRIAL ENDS
 - Trial Ends are permitted.
- 4.3 START OF PLAY
 - 4.3.1 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.
 - 4.3.2 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.
 - 4.3.3 At the start of any other end, the winner of the previous end, must take the mat and deliver the jack.
- 4.4 COMFORT BREAK
 - 4.4.1 An optional fifteen-minute comfort break may be taken after completion of the second set [14th end]. However, this decision must be taken by the Side 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.
 - 4.4.2 There will be a standard league fee of R30.00 per player. R10.00 for Green Fees and R20.00 for snacks payable to the hosting club each week.
 - 4.4.3 Sweet or savoury snacks may be served after the game but will be at the discretion of the hosting club. Clubs not serving snacks should only charge R10.00 Green Fee.
- 4.5 RESPOTTING THE JACK
 - 4.5.1 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 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.
 - 4.5.2 If the appropriate spot is partly or fully covered by a bowl the jack must be placed in front (towards the mat) 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.
- 4.6 GREENS
 - 4.6.1 The Club's highest graded greens must be used at all league matches. 'D' grade / ungraded greens WILL NOT be used.
 - 4.6.2 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. In this instance, league matches are not to be played on rinks 1 and 7.

4.6.3 Each rink is to be marked with a spot 2 metres from the front ditch and on the centre line for re-spotting of the jack as per Law 56.5.3.

4.6.4

4.7 SCORING

4.7.1 The Skip 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.

4.7.2 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.

4.7.3 **Points Fours**

4.7.3.1 All matches will be played and decided on a set's basis (3 x 7 ends).

4.7.3.2 The total number of points for Men's and Woman's League matches will be 12 points.

4.7.3.3 1 (ONE) point is awarded to the team that wins a set.

4.7.3.4 2 (TWO) points are awarded to the winning team per game.

4.7.3.5 2 (TWO) bonus points are awarded to the overall winning side.

4.7.3.6 In a drawn set, game or match, relative points will be shared.

4.7.3.7 Should play be abandoned for any reason scoring will be as follows:

4.7.3.7.1 SETS: 1 (ONE) point to the winner of each completed set. Points for incomplete set must be shared.

4.7.3.7.2 GAME: Once 2 sets (14 ends) 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.

4.7.3.7.3 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.

4.7.3.8 The scorecards and scoreboards must reflect the total number of shots for each individual set.

4.7.4 **Points Trips**

4.7.4.1 All matches will be played and decided on a set's basis (3 x 6 ends).

- 4.7.4.2 The total number of points for Men's and Woman's League matches will be 50 points.
- 4.7.4.3 1 (ONE) point is awarded to the team that wins an End.
- 4.7.4.4 1 (ONE) points are awarded to the team winning a set.
- 4.7.4.5 2 (TWO) points are awarded to the winner.
- 4.7.4.6 4 (FOUR) bonus points are awarded to the overall winning side.
- 4.7.4.7 In a drawn set, game or match, relative points will be shared.
- 4.7.4.8 Should play be abandoned for any reason scoring will be as follows:
 - 4.7.4.8.1 SETS: 1 (ONE) point to the winner of each completed set. Points for incomplete set must be shared.
 - 4.7.4.8.2 GAME: Once 2 sets (12 ends) 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.
 - 4.7.4.8.3 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.
- 4.7.4.9 The scorecards and scoreboards must reflect the total number of shots for each individual set.

5 INCLEMENT WEATHER

5.1 RAIN

5.1.1 GREEN CLOSURE

If the weather will prohibit play from starting:

- 5.1.1.1 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 made with all sides, play may not proceed even if conditions improve.
- 5.1.1.2 If greens are closed after 12h00, all Captains of the visiting Clubs must be advised accordingly on arrival.
- 5.1.1.3 If the greens are closed during play, then an official stoppage will be called, and this will apply to ALL sides present.

- 5.1.1.4 If the greens have not been closed, play may not be abandoned before 15h00.
 - 5.1.2 CAPTAINS
 - 5.1.2.1 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.
 - 5.1.2.2 If the Captains can't come to agreement in this regard, the umpire in that division will make the decision, and this decision will be final.
- 5.2 LIGHTNING & DARKNESS
 - 5.2.1 The umpire of the most senior Division (Men or Women) will make all decisions regarding lightning by means of the lightning meter (Cell phone applications may not be used). This decision will apply to all the divisions present. When men and women each have a side in the same Division at the same venue, the men's umpire will be responsible in this regard.
 - 5.2.2 6.2.2 Play must cease whilst lightning activity is at or closer than 16km.
 - 5.2.3 6.2.3 The umpire of the most senior Division will also oversee calling an official stoppage due to darkness. This decision will apply to all divisions present.
- 5.3 OFFICIAL STOPPAGE OR ABANDONMENT
 - 5.3.1 If an official stoppage is called as per Clauses 5.1 & 5.2 then:
 - 5.3.1.1 ALL PLAY (including incomplete ends) must cease immediately. Incomplete ends are dead and must be replayed.
 - 5.3.1.2 Measuring if started must be completed.
 - 5.3.1.3 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.
 - 5.3.1.4 Abandonment may not be called unless at least 60 minutes of play for the afternoon has been or will probably be lost.
 - 5.3.1.5 If an official stoppage has NOT been called and a player refuses to play, all points will be forfeited to the opposing team.

6 RESULTS AND SCORE CARDS

- 6.1 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. One copy of the results sheets is to be taken by each Captain.
- 6.2 All results sheets and scorecards are to reflect the names and the BSA number of all the players.

- 6.3 Home and away Captains are responsible to ensure that the Results Sheets are timeously handed to their Club's responsible Official for forwarding to the Association's Office. Refer to Clause 1.2.

7 LEAGUE DIVISION WINNERS

- 7.1 The side with the most points in each Division shall be declared the winner. A semi-final playoff shall be played as follows: A1 vs B2 and A2 vs B1 with the winners contesting a final to determine the overall winner.
- 7.2 In the event of two 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).
- 7.3 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.

8 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

- 8.1 The winners of the cross pool in each division will be promoted to the next higher division with the last competing side in each pool of the division being automatically relegated.
- 8.2 Should the side promoted withdraw from the league the following season, that year's relegated side will play off against lower league's second placed side to determine who will be promoted.
- 8.3 In this regard the decision of the Controlling Body will be final.

9 DISPUTES

- 9.1 Any dispute regarding the outcome of any league match must be received by 10h00 on the Monday following that match.
- 9.2 After due investigation, the decision of the Controlling Body shall be final.

10 CELLULAR PHONES

The use of cellular phones is not permitted both on and within the precincts of the green.

11 DRESS (ADDENDUM BELOW)

- 11.1 In addition to the regulations framed under the Sport of Bowls, the shirts worn by players must have conventional collars and be adequately buttoned.
- 11.2 It must be borne in mind that once Clubs have had their colour 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 be worn.
- 11.3 Total uniformity within a side is required to ensure that clothing is seen to be smart and retain a good image for the Sport of Bowls. Players found guilty of transgressions of this dress code will be levied R10.00 per transgression.

12 DECALS

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

13 GENERAL

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 No alcohol will be allowed on or around the green during play.

ADDENDUM TO DRESS REGULATIONS AS PER CIRCULAR 88/2021

- **Dress Code: (As per the JBA COP Point 5, see italics)**
 - *Players may wear their club colours or whites for all matches up until the semi-finals; club colours MUST be worn for the semi-finals and final games.*
 - *All players in a side/team must be uniformly dressed*
 - All clubs are requested to register their primary and secondary (if applicable), club colours and design with the JBA office by no later than the **4th January 2022**.
 - NO three-quarter pants to be worn by men. Must either be short or long pants
 - NO Cargo pants are permitted
 - NO rugby shorts are to be worn
 - NO denim
 - NO long socks with crazy colourful designs are allowed.
 - Ladies – no ski pants
 - Hats and caps – Club registered or plain white caps or club colours with a simple manufacture brand.
 - NO District Caps are to be worn when wearing club colours
 - Footwear – for us to improve our greens please make sure all footwear complies with the regulations stipulated by the Greens Standing Committee and the official Law Books.
- **Drinking of Alcohol & Smoking**
 - Smoking is only permitted further than 2 meters from the green
 - No drinking is permitted ON and OFF the green whilst a JBA Competition is in progress. Social club competitions/tournaments will be at the discretion of the organising committee.
 - Drinking in moderation is permitted at lunch breaks during JBA Competitions.
 - This applies to Technical Officials as well on the day.
- **Etiquette/Behaviour of Bowlers**
 - Players are to please adhere to the etiquette of bowls and to accommodate those players with disabilities. Remain respectful.
 - Kindly exert patience with new bowlers and assist them where possible. Remember, we all started off our journey in the same way.
 - Timeous arrival and punctuality is essential for any JBA competition. Please register 20 minutes, before the start time as indicated. If you call ahead to advise of possible traffic delays or other pertinent reasons, you will be given a 10 minute grace period.

