



Western Province Bowls

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Personal Trust WP Bowls Men's and Ladies Fives Championships Information Sheet 2025/2026

To: All Club Officials responsible for the WP Fives Championship
All Skips

The start of the competition is Saturday 20th June 2026.

Please take careful note of the following:

There have been changes to the Conditions of Play for this season, and it is essential to be aware of these points. The latest Conditions of Play can be found on the WP Bowls website

<https://www.wpbowls.co.za/rules-regulations-forms/>

Sponsor

Remember to mention PERSONAL TRUST during your welcome and during all announcements.

Times

The introductions and handing out of the cards must be done at 08:45 so that play can start promptly at 09:00.

Late Arrivals

- Any player or team who has not arrived by the starting time, forfeits their right to trial ends. Players who are present should continue without the missing player.
- Any player or team who has not arrived within 15 minutes of the starting time is disqualified from the competition.

Scorecards

- Ensure that the club name and correct initials and surnames of all the players (including reserves) are recorded on the front of the score cards before play commences.
- Ensure that the surnames of the opposing Skips appear on the reverse of the scorecard above each column of the end-to-end scores.

Tea and Lunch

- The Green Fee is R35 per player per day.
- There will be no tea break during games. There is a tea break between games 1 and 2 with light refreshments provided.
- During the Round Robin stage hosting clubs should plan to provide light lunches for players at a fee, between Rounds 2 and 3.
- Please ensure that club catering and greens staff are notified of the schedule.

Greens

- Clubs should ensure the best green is provided for play.

- Greens should preferably be mowed in the morning before play. If this is not possible, they should be mowed the previous afternoon, as late as possible.
- The direction of play **may** be changed after the completion of Round 2.

Player Movement

- Trips:
 - Leads and Seconds may only approach the head after delivery of the Second's last bowl.
 - Skips may approach the head after delivery of their first bowl.
- Pairs:
 - Leads may only approach the head after delivery of their last bowl.
 - Skips may approach the head after delivery of their first bowl.

Conditions of Play

- A Captain shall be appointed for each Side.
- Trial ends are allowed before every game.
- The Pairs team will play with 3 bowls each.
- The Trips team will play with 2 bowls each.
- Kindly note the other Conditions of Play accessible on <https://www.wpbowls.co.za/rules/regulations-forms/>

Sections with only 3 Sides

- Where a Section consists of only 3 Sides, the Side losing its game in the first round will play in the second Round while the first Round winner will have a bye in Round two.
- In the event the first Round game is tied, play will continue according to the draw chart.

Round Robin

- Games are **18 ends**, and the time limit is **2 ¼ hours** (two hours and 15 minutes). Games still in progress within this time may only complete the end in progress.
- Round 1 starts at 09h00, Round 2 by 12h00 and Round 3 by 15h00. Play can start earlier if all Sides are ready.

Playoffs to Final

- Games are **21 ends**, and the time limit is **2 ½ hours** (two hours and 30 minutes). Games still in progress within this time may only complete the end in progress.
- Semi-Finals start at 09:00 and the Final after a break for lunch, but not later than 13:00.
- NOTE: There is no time limit for the finals.

Burnt Ends

If the end is burnt, the end must be replayed and from the side of the rink that the end was originally played, unless the players agree to play it from the other side.

Scoring

- Each game will be worth 2 points, with the points shared if the Teams draw their game.
- The Side with a higher aggregate of shots for than shots against will score one aggregate point with the aggregate shared if the aggregates are equal.
- If the points are level during any knock-out match the Sides must play an extra end. The Side winning an extra end by the greater aggregate of shots shall be declared the winner. If the Sides

have the same aggregate shots, an additional extra end or ends must be played until a result is achieved.

Scores

- After each match ensure that the scorecard has been signed by both Skips and the umpire.
- Club officials must please:
 - Capture the results on the results sheets.
 - Submit the results to competitions@wpbowls.co.za or by WhatsApp to 082 491 5049 as soon as possible after play.
 - Retain the completed score sheets and scorecards at the Club.

If you require any assistance, please contact the WP Office on 021 531 1541. On competition days you may contact the Competition Secretary, Paulina Dockendorff on 082 491 5049.

Yours sincerely,

Paulina Dockendorff

WP Bowls Competition Secretary