



Western Province Bowls

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Personal Trust WP Bowls Men's and Ladies Pairs Championships

To: All club officials responsible for the Men's and Ladies Pairs Championships, and all Skips

The start of the competition is Saturday 6th 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.

Player Movement

- Leads may only approach the head after delivery of all their bowls.
- Skips may approach the head after delivery of their third bowl.

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.
- After the game ensure that the scorecard has been fully completed and signed by both skips and the duty umpire or official.
- After each round the hosting club should enter their results on BowlsDraw.co.za and forward a completed Section draw sheet to competitions@wpbowls.co.za and admin@wpbowls.co.za.
- Hosting clubs are required to keep the original Section draw sheet as well as the relevant scorecards in a safe place.

Times

The introductions and handing out of the cards must be done 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time so games can start promptly.

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.

Round Robin

- Games are played with **4 bowls** over **15 ends**, and the time limit is **2½ hours** (2 hours and 30 minutes). Games still in progress within this time may only complete the end in progress.
- Round 1 must start by 09h00, round 2 by 12h00 and round 3 by 15h00.

Playoffs to Final

- The number of ends to be played in the playoff rounds may be determined by the Executive.
- Games are played with **4 bowls** over **21 ends**, and the time limit time limit is **3½ hours** (3 hours and 30 minutes). Games still in progress within this time may only complete the end in progress. **NOTE: There is no time limit for the finals.**

Conditions of Play

The format of play in each game will be 4-bowl Pairs.

- Trial ends are allowed before every game.
- Only one replacement in any pair's entry shall be permitted before play commences in the first round.
- All Skips and Duty Officials must make themselves fully conversant with the Conditions of Play governing Western Province Competitions and the Mixed Pairs competition.
- Members of a team are to be similarly dressed.

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.

Sections with only 3 Teams

- Where a section consists of only 3 teams, the team 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.

Scores

- After each match ensure that the scorecard has been signed by both skips and the umpire.
- Club officials must please:
- Firstly, enter the results on BowlsDraw, and
- Retain the completed score sheets and scorecards at the Club.

Tea and Lunch

- The Green Fee is R35 per player per day.
- 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 greens are 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.

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