



BOLAND BOWLS

Competition Formats 2022-2023

Changes to competition formats for 2022-2023

WHY?

- Boland Bowls strives to be in line with national and international formats and wants to be on the forefront of implementing these formats to make our game more dynamic, exiting, and attractive. Though we respect traditional formats and values, we must move with the times to ensure that the game does not stagnate and continues to grow. Boland has also developed its own formats over time with the 2-bowl singles now being one of our best supported competitions - proof that changes, and new formats can be successful.
- Live Streaming of our Boland finals has made it necessary to reconsider the format of play to make it more exciting for our viewers. Knock-out play during finals not only ensures that the 2 best teams/players contest a final match, but also makes planning for broadcasting easier. This does not only fall in line with most national and international bowling events but also all other sporting codes. The change to knock-out format also shortens the finals day to 2 rounds, ensuring that finalists can travel to finals later and get home earlier - especially those who come from the Westcoast and Overberg.
- Rising fuel prices have also forced us to come up with new ideas to try and minimize unnecessary traveling. By playing shorter, more dynamic games, more rounds and play-offs can be fitted into a single day which reduces the number of players that need to travel to play-offs on a second day, and in addition, competitions can on occasion, be completed in a single day! The changes made to the 2-bowl trips and 3-bowl pairs, have already made this scenario a reality and have been widely accepted and feedback extremely positive.
- Earlier this year a questionnaire was sent out to clubs and players regarding our League. Hundreds of members as well as clubs (on behalf of their members) responded and more than 90% indicated that the League should change from a fours format to a Fives format. This will therefore be implemented next year
- At the last AGM we were tasked to come up with ideas to manage our singles competition better, considering the time of year it is played, and extreme weather conditions that can prevail. During the last singles competition a heatwave over the whole of Boland made conditions extremely challenging and changes had to be made to be able to manage these conditions.

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

TRIPS

- Changed from 3-bowl to 2-bowl
- Reducing duration of games- more rounds per day possible-less travel
- More dynamic, exciting, and attractive to play and watch
- Less bowls in head- emphasis on drawing ability, which is a fundamental of bowls

PAIRS

- Changed from 4-bowl to 3-bowl
- Reducing duration of games- more rounds per day possible-less travel
- More dynamic, exciting, and attractive to play and watch
- Less bowls in head- emphasis on drawing ability, which is a fundamental of bowls

SINGLES(4-bowl)

- Changed from 21-UP (first to 21) to 20 ends per game
- Games to be played over 20 ends and a time limit of 120 min allowed (clock rule)
- Easier to plan and set up draws with fixed time limit in place
- 4 Rounds per day possible-less travel
- All players will deliver the same number of bowls - *In 21-UP format some players could play as little as 40-50 ends where others can play as many as 80-90 ends over 3 rounds, depending on how many ends needed to get to 21 shots per game.*
- All players will spend the same amount of time on the green - *In 21-UP format some players can have up to an hour or more resting time between games where other players can have as little as 10 min, depending on how long it takes to get to 21 shots*
- *Where players are expected to mark games (in sections of 3), again an equal amount of time is spent on the green, making it fair to all contestants*
- *In the event of extreme weather (ea. heat) games could be shortened and compulsory water breaks implemented. In 21-UP there is no control of duration of matches*

LEAGUE

- Change from Teams of 8 (2x4) to teams of 5 (Trips and Pairs) with clubs allowed to enter 2 teams.
- Easier for smaller clubs to enter a team, with only 5 players needed
- 2-bowl Trips and 3-bowl pairs over 18 ends
- Reducing duration of games- 4 rounds per day possible
- More dynamic, exciting, and attractive to play and watch
- Less bowls in head- emphasis on drawing ability, which is a fundamental of bowls
- More details will be communicated in 2023

MASTERS

- Changed from 21-UP (first to 21) to SET PLAY
- 2 Sets of 9. If 1 set all, a 3 end play off to be played (best out of 3 ends)
- More exciting to play and watch
- All players deliver the same number of bowls and spend the same time on the green
- Set Play to be used at BSA Masters in 2023 and widely used internationally

JUNIORS

- Singles and Pairs will be changed to more exciting and shorter formats. We have set up a small committee to specifically look at the Juniors and Junior Competitions and how to create more opportunities for this category of players.
- The Junior Masters has been added to the calendar and will be played early in 2023
- There are other exciting ideas on the table on how to get the youngsters involved in our Open Boland Competitions and will be communicated when finalized.

We want to assure you that all changes made and implemented are made with the best intentions, and we believe to be in the best interest of our sport. Though some may not be in favor of some of these, we sincerely ask that you support it. These changes are not set in stone and if, after giving it a proper chance, if any of these do not have positive outcome, it will be reconsidered.

Yours Sincerely

BOLAND BOWLS EXECUTIVE