

SOUTHWEST WOMENS' DIVISION USLBA

DIVISION SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS

This Procedure Book has been prepared as a Club reference source to better inform Club Members of pertinent information, regarding any Division event that they may wish to enter.

Please keep this book in an available location for all members.

Club Tournaments Chair should also have a copy of this book. This book is to be passed to that person's successor.

**SOUTHWEST WOMENS' DIVISION,
USLBA**

**PROCEDURE BOOK
FOR
SOUTHWEST WOMEN DIVISION
SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS**

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NOTES

- * These tournaments are considered major events when determining Novice Status. Also, U.S. Team (International) points are given for these events.
- Open Blind Draw is used to select opponents, seeded geographically only.
- **Conditions of Play**, governing the movement of players during play be established as the norm for the SWWD.
- **NOTE:** Special conditions that may apply to any Tournament shall be announced prior to the event.
(USLBA Laws of the Sport of Bowls, 2007 Crystal Mark Edition)
- All tournaments to be self subsidized with the exception of the Southwest Division Open. (1-11-2003)

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Bye (s): A game not played and considered a win when number of tournament entrants is uneven or there is a no-show. A Team receives a Bye by blind draw. If Plus Points are scored, an average of + points per round are awarded.

Closed Tournament: Tournament is open to only women bowlers who are members of the Southwest Division and USLBA.

Double Elimination:

(Double Elimination is also known as a Two-Life System)

A format where each Team continues to play until two games have been lost.

Dress Code: Refer to Laws of the Game, current edition.

Entry Fee: That amount established by Delegates for tournament play.

Final: Is the last match or game that determines the winner/winners. It is customary to allow for a longer game in the Final, i.e. a tournament of 14 ends or 18 points, with Final at 16 or 18 ends and 21 or 25 points.

Flight System: A tournament format where the first loss drops a Team to a lower bracket.

Home Club: Club where a player is a full member and where she plays on a regular basis.

International (U.S. Team) Points:

Points awarded to winners of major events as noted on index.

Knock-out System: Team is eliminated after one game has been lost, also known as Single Elimination.

Novice: A new bowler of a recognized Lawn Bowling Club who has been bowling for no more than 24 months and has not won a major singles tournament.

Pennant System: A tournament format wherein all teams entered have been divided into pennants (groups or sections). Teams in each pennant play a Round Robin to determine the winner of their pennant. Overall winner determined by play-off between pennant winners.

Perpetual Trophy: Trophy awarded to winner/winners of an event; to be returned to Tournament Chair prior to next event.

Play-down: All games necessary to determine the team or teams, who qualify for the final event.

Final Event or Play-off: Is between teams that have qualified in the Play-downs

Plus Points: The number of points the Winner of a Game scores over the Loser. Normally the limit set on the point difference score is +/- 10.

Quinnell Scoring: This system places a premium on Ends won. It's specific instructions are:

- Keep score on a standard scorecard as usual
- Award 3 points for a game win. Plus points are not counted
- Award 1 ½ points for a game tie.
- Award 1 point for each End won.
- Total all points, highest total wins.
- Total points per game must be equal to the number of ends + 3.

With this system, it is entirely possible for a team to lose a game, but win on points. (Ends won)

Recognized Club: Any club affiliated with World Bowls, USLBA and/or SouthWest Division.

Round Robin: A format where each team plays each other team within the same group.

Seeding geographically: Assures that Skips of the same club, do not meet each other in the first round of a flight system event.

Southwest Women's Division Color: Red

Sponsor: An individual who purchases tournament trophy, and covers the cost of both the greens fee and hospitality, for a specified length of time.

Team: Refers to one entry whether singles, pairs (doubles), triples or rinks.

Two Flight Elimination: First game determines Flight. Winner plays in Championship Flight and Loser plays in Second Flight. Knock-out system applies after the first game.

USLBA: United States Lawn Bowls Association.

WTPP. Win, Tie, Plus Points:

A scoring method for tournaments not formatted in the winner vs. winner concept.

Win = 2 points, Tie = 1 point, Loss = 0 points.

Plus Point Differential is utilized with this format.

MUMMA MIXED PAIRS **(LADIES SKIP)**

This tournament is played after SC Rinks.
If it is rained out, it is re-scheduled.

TROPHY: Mumma Mixed Pairs Trophy

PARTICIPATION:

One woman – one man constitute a team.
Members of a team do not need to belong to the same club.

METHOD OF PLAY:

Ladies skip
One day event
Three x 12 end games
There will be an A and B Section with an Open Blind Draw.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners will be determined by games won and plus points scored.

AWARDS:

Trophy presented to over-all winner; i.e. three game winner with the highest plus score over all the entrants.

Money prizes will be awarded to each full green; 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Amount of prizes will be determined by the amount of entries.
Division pays Tournament Chair's expenses.

NOTE:

Entrants will be requested to designate section they prefer and every effort will be made to accommodate their request.

*2002: tournament to be played after SC Rinks. Change confirmed with Jo Mumma.

*April 2003 SWW Division meeting - re-scheduled if rained out

*April 2004 name changed to Mumma Tournament.

Updated 04-29-05

PASADENA VETERAN-NOVICE TRIPLES

(This tournament is usually played in March)

LOCATION: Pasadena

TROPHY: None

PARTICIPATION:

Mixed or matched 3-person team, including at least one novice.
Members of a team do not need to belong to the same club.

METHOD OF PLAY:

Three x 12 end games shall be played
Limit of 10 plus points on each game.
Open Blind Draw.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners will be determined by games won, with a limit of 10 plus points on each game.

In the case of ties, the number of games won, plus total points scored shall determine winner.

AWARDS:

There will be money prizes awarded overall, 1st through 4th place.

Amount of prizes will be determined by the amount of entries.

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K.HARLAND TRIPLES

(Tournament format decided by K. Harland)

This tournament is usually played in March or before the Southwest Division Open Tournament.

LOCATION: Determined yearly

TROPHY: K. Harland Triples (Perpetual)

PARTICIPATION:

Three women constitute a team,
Members of a team do not need to belong to the same club.

METHOD OF PLAY:

Three x 12-end games will be played.*
One day event.
Open blind draw.
10 + points

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners to be determined by number of games won and plus points scored.
If two or more teams should tie with the same number of wins and plus point, they play a tie-breaker.

TIE-BREAKER: shall consist of two ends of singles by the three members of each team (number of total wins to govern). A blind draw for opponents shall be made.

AWARDS:

Trophy presented to overall winner.
Money prizes awarded overall 1st, 2nd, 3rd place.
Should there be two full greens, prizes would then be 1st through 5th place.**

All entry fees to be used for money prizes. Division pays Tournament Chair's expenses.

**Per K. Harland 10-02-97.

* Per K. Harland 03-05

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AUSTRALIAN PAIRS

LOCATION: Determined yearly

TROPHY: None

PARTICIPATION:

Two women constitute a team.
Members of the team do not need to belong to the same club.

METHOD OF PLAY:

Three x 14 end games shall be played
2-4-2 system of play will be used.
Limit of 10 plus points on each game.
Open Blind Draw.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners will be determined by games won, with a limit of 10 plus points on each game.

In the case of ties, the number of games won, plus total points scored shall determine winner.

AWARDS:

There will be money prizes awarded over-all, 1st through 5th place.
Amount of prizes to be determined by the amount of entries.

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CALIFORNIA BEARS

LOCATION: Determined yearly

TROPHY: Four Small Perpetual Bear Design Trophies.
One trophy to be given to each member of the winning team.

PARTICIPATION:

Four women constitute a team.
Members of a team do not need to belong to the same club.
Each team member must be Division or USLBA member.
Team colors permitted.

METHOD OF PLAY:

One day event.
*1st Game: Rinks
*2nd Game: Triples and Singles
*3rd Game: Pairs and Pairs
Pairs, Triples and Rinks: 14 – end games.
Singles: 18 point game.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners to be determined by wins, losses, ties.
Plus 10 points, maximum.
In the case of ties, the number of games won, plus total points scored shall determine winner.

AWARDS:

Perpetual Trophies to winning team members.
Money prizes awarded 1st through 4th place winners.
Amount of prizes will be determined by number of entries.
All entry fees to be awarded.

Established 1997 - Replaces California State Tournament

Re-issue: Supersedes revision 1 approved April 17, 1998.

Approved: SWW Division Meeting Sept. 21, 2000.

Approved: SWW Division Annual General Meeting, 1-11-2003

*1: Format changed to: 1st game Rinks, 2nd game Triples and Singles, and
3rd game Pairs and Pairs.
Approved by mail ballot, March 2003
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SOUTHWEST DIVISION OPEN

(This tournament is usually held in April)

LOCATION: Determined yearly

TROPHY: Perpetual – see Awards below.

PARTICIPATION:

Open to a woman member in good standing of any recognized Lawn Bowling Club.

This Tournament consists of three individual events:

Triples, Pairs, Singles.

Triples and Pairs – 14 end games, finals 18 ends

Singles – 18 points, finals 21 points

The order in which the events are played is to be left to the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

Open blind draw is used to select opponents, seeded geographically only.

METHOD OF PLAY:

The Multi-Flight system to be used for all events. (See charts)

Number of flights may vary depending on the number of entries.

This Method of Play may be changed only by a majority vote of the Southwest Division Delegates.

AWARDS:

Championship Singles Trophy

Championship Pairs Trophy

Championship Triples Trophy

Bowler of Tournament Trophy

In addition, awards will be presented to Champion, Runner-up and 3rd place winners in Championship Flight as well as to the winning team in each Flight. Money prizes to be awarded to Champion, Runner-up, 3rd and 4th winners in Championship Flight, as well as to winner and runner-up in each Flight.

Note: all flights numbered numerically – Championship Flight being # 1.

BOWLER OF TOURNAMENT:

Bowler of the tournament is based on points earned according to the following table:

Championship Flight

	Singles	Pairs	Triples or Fours
1st	98	81	68
2nd	47	40	61
3rd	31	27	23
4th	16	14	12

Second Flight

	Singles	Pairs	Triples or Fours
1st	19	16	14
2nd	9	8	7

Third Flight

	Singles	Pairs	Triples or Fours
1st	16	14	12
2nd	8	7	6

SOUTHWEST DIVISION RINKS
(This tournament is usually played in May)

LOCATION: to be determined yearly.

TROPHY: None

PARTICIPATION:

Four women constitute a team.
Members of a team do not need to belong to the same club.

METHOD OF PLAY:

Three x 14 end games shall be played
One day event.
Open Blind Draw.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners will be determined by games won and plus points scored.

AWARDS:

There will be money prizes awarded to each full green – 1st,
2nd and 3rd place.

Amount of prizes to be determined by the amount of entries.

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NOVICE SINGLES

LOCATION: to be determined yearly.

TROPHY: See Awards

PARTICIPATION:

Must be a novice: A new bowler of a recognized lawn bowling club, who has been bowling for no more than 24 months.
No player may win Novice Singles twice.

METHOD OF PLAY:

Blind draw
Format determined by number of entries.
3 x 10 end games

AWARDS:

Novice Singles Champion.....Izzie Forbes Trophy

Amount of prizes to be determined by number of entries.

Ties will be played off, to determine winner of Trophy.

1 x 3 game winner is awarded the trophy. 2nd place to be determined by plus points

2 x 3 game winners, play off for 1st and 2nd.

3 x 3 game winners, highest plus gets bye and other 2 play. Winner of that game plays the person who got the bye.

4 x 3 game winners, blind draw to see who plays against whom, then the winners will playoff for 1st and 2nd.

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U.S.PAIRS AND SINGLES PLAYDOWNS

These tournaments are scheduled any time before the date of the United States Championships. Since the U.S. Championships are played in different parts of the U.S., the time of the year varies.

The Southwest Division is authorized to send two (2) teams to the United States Championship games for each scheduled event. The selection of these two (2) teams will be determined by the results of two (2) separate play-downs. Any member of the Southwest Division and USLBA is eligible to enter. (Approved at the USLBA Council meeting, March 16, 2002)

PARTICIPATION

Entrants must be United States citizens. (Proof required)
Entrants are to be members of the Southwest Division and USLBA

METHOD OF PLAY

This is a two week end event based on the number of entries.
Pairs games are 21 ends each – two games per day.
Singles are 21 points each
This event should be played at a different location each year.

AWARDS

Entry fees to be used for expense of running the Tournament
SWW Division patch to be awarded to the winners.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS

The format of this event will be blind draw for teams/players to be assigned to Even or Odd sections.
Play will then be by either double elimination or round robin depending on number of entries.

Revised: October 2002

Approved: January 2003 at Annual General Meeting.

Updated 04-29-05

SOUTHWEST DIVISION VETERAN/NOVICE PAIRS.

NOVICE: a new bowler who has been bowling no more than 24 months, determined when membership in club is accepted.

LOCATION: To be determined yearly

TROPHY: None

PARTICIPATION:

One woman veteran and one woman novice comprise a team.
Members of a team do not need to be from the same club.

METHOD OF PLAY:

One day event.
Two x 12 end games shall be played.
Open Blind Draw.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners will be determined by games won, with a limit of 10 plus points on each game.

AWARDS:

Money prizes awarded to each full green, 1st 2nd and 3rd place.
Prizes awarded to be determined by the amount of entries.

SWW DIVISION 5 STAR TOURNAMENT

This tournament is usually played in October, and usually played on the same day that the Men's Five Man All Star event is scheduled.

PARTICIPATION

Five women team from each club.

It is recommended that two members of the team be from the same club, in order to be able to field a team from clubs that have few tournament bowlers.

METHOD OF PLAY

One-day event.

Blind draw.

Triples and Pairs in the morning. Both to 14 ends

Rinks and Singles in the afternoon. Rinks to 14 ends, Singles to 18 points.

Teams to be arranged so that no team plays the same opponent and no teams from the same club play each other.

AWARDS

Entry fees to be used for cash prizes.

Prizes will be based on number of entries.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS

Number of total wins per team determines the winner. If tied, plus score will be counted. If two or more teams should tie with the same number of wins and plus points, they shall play a tie-breaker.

Tie-breaker shall consist of one end of singles by five members of each team.

A blind draw for opponents shall be made.

(Number of total wins to govern).

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Approved: January 2003 Annual General Meeting.

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EBERLE – McCOWEN MIXED PAIRS (MEN SKIP)

Co-sponsors: Winnie Eberle/Barbara McCowen
(effective 1/1/98)

This tournament is usually played on the second Saturday of November

TROPHY: Perpetual Win Eberle Mixed Pairs Trophy

PARTICIPATION:

One woman – one man constitute a team.
Members of the team do not need to belong to the same club.

METHOD OF PLAY:

Men skip
One day event
Three x 12 end games
There will be an A and B Section with an Open Blind Draw.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners will be determined by games won and plus points scored.

AWARDS:

Trophy presented to over-all winner; i.e. three game winner with the highest plus score over all the entrants.
Money prizes will be awarded to each full green; 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
Amount of prizes will be determined by the amount of entries.
Division pays Tournament Chair's expenses.

NOTE:

Entrants will be requested to designate section that they prefer and every effort will be made to accommodate their request. Special arrangements may be made for host clubs.

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SOUTHWEST DIVISION VETERAN/NOVICE MIXED TRIPLES

(This tournament is usually played in November)

NOVICE: a new bowler who has been bowling no more than 24 months, determined when membership in club is accepted.

LOCATION: Long Beach

TROPHY: None

PARTICIPATION:

Mixed or matched 3-person team.
2 members of the team must be from the same club.

METHOD OF PLAY:

One day event.
Three x 12 end games shall be played.
Open Blind Draw.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners will be determined by games won, with a limit of 10 plus points on each game.
Ties stand.

AWARDS:

There will be money prizes awarded overall, 1st through 4th place plus consolation prize.
Prizes awarded to be determined by the amount of entries.

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