

Southwest Bowls Tournament Book

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INTRODUCTION

This is a manual specifying requirements and general instructions for conducting Southwest Division (SWD) sponsored bowls tournaments.

Its purpose is to describe all sanctioned SWD-sponsored bowls tournaments, and to specify game and award formulae for these events. Thus, it serves as a manual and a ready reference for all tournament directors.

Upon request, the Tournament Chair and the Tournament Committee members are available to the clubs for assistance with the design and organization of any club-level tournament. However, they, or the SWD Delegate Assembly, cannot otherwise direct or interfere with a club invitational tournament.

All SWD-sponsored tournaments and their play/award specifications described herein are approved by the SWD Delegate Assembly. The SWD Tournament Committee shall conduct each sponsored tournament in accordance with the formats set forth in this manual.

The SWD Tournament Committee Chair may, from time to time, propose one or more additional events or revisions to existing tournament specifications to be instituted on a trial basis for one tournament season with the approval of the Tournament Committee. Should the trial revision(s) prove successful and appropriate, the revisions must be formally proposed to the Delegate Assembly for approval and permanent revision to this manual.

The Tournament Committee Chair will attempt to schedule SWD-sponsored tournaments for the ensuing year in coordination with club invitational events and include these club tournaments in our printed SWD annual schedule.

The Tournament Committee Chair will present the proposed consolidated annual tournament schedule for approval at the SWD Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is an opportunity for resolving any remaining conflicts and making any required changes. After approval, the SWD will distribute the consolidated schedule to the clubs. It will also be published in the annual SWD Yearbook and Directory of Clubs.

The current (outgoing) Tournament Committee Chair is to assume responsibility for sending out all announcements (entry forms) for tournaments to be held within five (5) weeks of the AGM.



DEFINITIONS

Australian Scoring: Also referred to as Quinnell scoring. This system places a premium on ends won. It was developed for short game (e.g., 8 ends), but has also been used for standard-length games. Its specific instructions are:

- (1) Keep score on a standard scorecard as usual
- (2) Award 3 points for a game win. Plus points are not counted.
- (3) Award 1-1/2 points for a game tie.
- (4) Award 1 point for each end won.
- (5) Total all points, highest total wins.

Total points per game must be equal to the number of ends +3. (An 8-end game has 11 points to be divided between the two teams.) With this system, it is entirely possible for a team to lose a game but win on points (ends won).

Blind Draw: On the opening day of a competition the players draw a scorecard to find out who their opponents are.

Bowls USA: National organization (formerly USLBA; new name adopted 2012)

Breaking Ties: In all SWD-sponsored events ties will be broken as follows:

- (1) Head-to-head result, if any
- (2) Fewest opponents' points allowed
- (3) Most ends won
- (4) One end roll-off

Bye: A game not played that is considered a win when the number of tournament entrants is uneven or in the event of a no-show. A team receives a bye by blind draw. If plus points are scored, the team receiving the bye shall be awarded the average number of plus points scored in all of the games played during that round, rounded to the nearest tenth of a point.

Cash Award Pool: The total entry fees less expenses for a given tournament See page 39 for formula.

Closed Tournament: A tournament that is open to SWD bowlers only; e.g., the National Championships Playdowns.

Double Elimination: A format wherein each contestant must be beaten twice to be eliminated from the competition.



Final: The last match or round that determines the winner of any event. It is customary to allow for a longer game in the final, i.e., a tournament of 12 ends or 15 points with a final of 15 ends or 18 points.

Flight System: A tournament format where all teams start in the championship flight. With each loss, the team falls into a different flight or is eliminated.

Home Club: The club identified as the SWD home club upon the payment of SWD dues. Only one club may be designated, and the member must be a full member of that club.

Knockout: See Single Elimination.

Mixed Team: A team consisting of at least one man and at least one woman.

Mixed Tournament: A tournament wherein all entering teams must have at least one man and at least one woman.

Novice Player: A bowler who joined a club or division for the first time ever, less than two years (24 months) before the scheduled event. (Note: If age prohibits a bowler from joining a club, novice status will be determined by the Tournament Committee on a case-by-case basis.) (Note: The winner of the Novice Singles is not eligible to play in the following year's Novice Singles tournament.)

Pennant System: A tournament format wherein all entries are divided into pennants (groups or sections), and the teams in the pennant play a round robin to determine the winner of their pennant. This may involve seeding.

Perpetual Trophy: Trophy awarded to the winning team of an event; to be returned to the Tournament Chair prior to the same event the following year.

Playdown: Preliminary games in an event to reduce the competition to a manageable field that would compete in that event's finals or a subsequent event.

Playoff: A match or matches between or among the teams that qualified in the playdown. (See Final) Play-down

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 points, but this will vary given the length of each individual match. This limitation is used to prevent a runaway game or a weak team from influencing the outcome of the tournament. Note that if plus points are limited to 10, minus points are also limited to 10.

Points Tournaments: Selected annual tournaments provide points used for determination of Team Southwest. All participants in these points tournaments must be a member in good standing of Bowls USA.

Prize Pool: See Cash Award Pool

Quinnell Scoring: See Australian Scoring

Recognized Club: Any club affiliated with World Bowls, Bowls USA, and/or the Southwest Division.

Round Robin: A format whereby each team plays every other team in an event to determine the winner. The number of games required for a round robin is one less than the number of entries when that number is even. With an uneven number of entries, the number of games is the same but each team will have a bye.

Seeding by Ability: Seeding by ability attempts to match better bowlers against those of lesser ability in an attempt to avoid top bowlers from meeting each other in the early round(s) of an event. Seeding shall be performed by the Tournament Committee.

Seeding Geographically: Geographic seeding assures that members of the same club, or geographical area, do not meet each other in the early round(s) of an event. For example, teams from the same club are assigned odd team numbers and would draw rink assignments separately against teams assigned even numbers.

Shot Percentage: A team's points scored are divided by the total points scored for and against the team throughout the tournament. The highest percentage wins.

Side: Any agreed number of teams or singles players (or a combination of teams and singles players) whose combined scores decide the result of a competition.

Single Elimination: A tournament flight system (bracket) format wherein each team is eliminated from the competition after their first loss.

Team: One entry, whether singles, pairs, triples, or fours.

Team Southwest: An honorary annual recognition of the top ten men and top ten women players who accumulate the most points in the specified points tournaments.

Tiebreaker: See Breaking Ties.

Two-Flight Elimination: First game determines flight. Winner plays in Championship Flight and loser plays in Second Flight. Knockout system applies after the first game.

USLBA: United States Lawn Bowling Association, now known as Bowls USA (name adopted in 2012).

WTPP (Win, Tie, Plus Points): A scoring method for tournaments not formatted in the winner vs. winner concept. Win = 3 points, Tie = 1 point, Loss = 0 points, and the Plus Point differential.



GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The SWD Tournament Chair shall assign responsibility for direction of SWD-sponsored tournaments to the SWD Men's and Women's Tournament Chairs, respectively, who shall assign Tournament Directors for each tournament. The Tournament director shall plan, direct and/or oversee the tournament, to include:

Posting event flyers on the SWD website.

Tournament entries shall close one (1) week prior to the event. No refunds are given after this date for withdrawals.

How to deal with an odd number of entries:

Men's events there will be a bye

Women's events will seek additional teams to create even teams

Implementing the plan prescribed for the assigned tournament

Assuring club logistics support; notifying host club of tournament requirements, including number of rinks and entrant count

Making readily and centrally available all umpire accessories and advising the players where they are located.

Maintaining a score chart and/or playdown bracket chart

Presenting awards, taking pictures of the winning team, and reporting place winners to the Tournament Chair and to the SWD Tournament Chair.

If the Tournament Director chooses to compete in a tournament, arrangements may be made for a qualified assistant to maintain the charts during play.

A Tournament Director is the final authority regarding any decision on tournament format and special rules during the event. Any change in specified tournament rules (e.g., number of ends or time limitations) due to local conditions or other considerations must be announced prior to the start of the event/day of play. Any challenge to the Tournament Director's decision may be appealed to the SWD Executive Board in writing.

Approximately 15 minutes prior to the start of play, the Tournament Director shall assemble all of the competitors for the purpose of:

Conducting the flag salute

Introducing any dignitaries

Acknowledging the prior year's winner(s)

Thanking support staff (hospitality, greens manager, other volunteers)

Announcing specific game instructions and the Conditions of Play

Identifying the presiding National Umpire and all other National Umpires

Specifying any local club ground rules; i.e., smoking area

Practice time may be allowed (prior to the start of play and the pre-game assembly) on any rink running at right angles to the designated game rinks. Each event will indicate if practice is available. Competitors should be courteous and prudent in their selection of a practice rink, taking care to avoid a busy rink and to make a request for joining in,

The dress code for all division and national tournaments shall be as specified in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls or as otherwise dictated by the SWD Delegate Assembly (see below).

The Tournament Director must contact the president of the club designated as the venue for a tournament sufficiently in advance of the tournament date to determine if the green(s) will be playable for the event. Should the green(s) be considered not playable, the SWD Tournament Committee will vote to determine whether to make arrangements for an alternate venue or reschedule the tournament.

The current edition of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls shall govern ALL tournament play. Any local club ground rules affecting play should be announced at the opening of the event or published in advance.

All competitors should be reminded that game etiquette is to be observed.

Tournament entry qualification as stated in the tournament specification can, if questioned, be verified by the Tournament Director prior to acceptance into the tournament.

Late arrivals will be penalized one (1) point for each ten (10) minutes from the end of the trial ends, or fraction thereof, and will count as an end played. Thirty (30) minutes delay constitutes a forfeiture of the game. Such penalties may be waived by the Tournament Director due to extenuating circumstances.

Any player who withdraws from play prior to completion of an event without due cause will be disciplined by suspension from entry in the next two SWD-sponsored tournaments and the same tournament in the following year. Completion of an event includes completing second-day play in tournaments of more than one day duration, such as the Murray-Allison and Cary-MacDonald tournaments. Such penalty may be waived by the Tournament Director due to extenuating circumstances. If two teams are playing a meaningless game at the end of any event, they may be excused with permission. The director will verify that the results of this game could not affect the outcome of the tournament. The SWD Ethics Committee shall rule on all infractions, penalties or complaints.



In the event that a complete team winning an elimination or playdown event cannot continue as a team, Bowls USA substitution laws will apply. If a team is unable to continue due to substitution laws the next complete team in order of finish shall continue.

Game results shall be as recorded on a scorecard turned in to the Official Recorder with the signatures of both skips or singles players.

The Tournament Director shall retain the right to, mid-tournament, change the time rules that affect all or any match in order to speed up a game or the tournament.

Tournament Directors shall make a point of acknowledging winners of the prior SWD event at the first day of the tournament.

TOURNAMENT UMPIRE

Each SWD-sponsored tournament should designate a certified umpire to oversee conduct of the event and respond to any request for a law interpretation or application made by a competitor in the event. In the event a certified umpire is not available, the Tournament Director must enlist a senior SWD member who, in the Tournament Director's judgment, has sufficient tournament experience, laws knowledge, and objectivity to act as the event umpire. The Tournament Director must identify the event umpire in the opening announcements. The event umpire may or may not participate in the event.

A current list of certified umpires is available from the SWD Head Division Umpire who is listed in the SWD Yearbook and Directory of Clubs.

TOURNAMENT FINANCIALS

It is the responsibility of the Tournament Committee Chair to collect and account for all tournament entry fees, specify the Cash Award Pool for each tournament, and prepare Tournament Financial reports. However, this responsibility may be delegated to a Tournament Committee member as appropriate.

The Tournament Committee shall maintain an account as appropriate to accommodate the deposit of entry fees and disbursement of funds for tournament expenses.

The Cash Award Pool for each tournament will be derived by deducting cost elements from the total entry fees collected as follows:

Total entry fees less:

Hospitality fee paid to the host club at \$3.50 per entrant per day*

Host club greens fee use of \$50 per day per green or \$2.00 per person per day, whichever is greater

Estimate of the tournament expense at seven percent (7%) times total**

Costs associated with online entries

Equals the Cash Award Pool

*Hospitality includes beverage service, breakfast rolls, salads, and chips

**Tournament Expense is estimated because actual expenses are normally accounted for later and may include items such as:

Bowls advertising

Preparation and printing of announcement flyers

Postage for distribution of flyers

Gamemaster fee, if appropriate, including lodging if required

Telephone charges

Other miscellaneous expense

The Southwest Tournament Committee Treasurer must prepare a financial report for each SWD-sponsored tournament, and a cumulative one for all tournaments, to be submitted to the SWD Delegate Assembly for acceptance. To the extent that the actual tournament expenses are greater or less than the estimate used to derive the Cash Award Pool, a specific tournament could turn in a profit or loss. Any profit will be held in reserve to absorb any future loss.

At the end of the year a final accounting shall be prepared. It is anticipated that the Tournament treasury shall have between \$2,000 and \$2,500. If the retained sums are in excess of \$3,500, then the excess shall be divided amongst multiple tournaments to be determined by the Tournament Committee. That amount shall be added to the following year's Cash Award Pool for those tournaments.



DRESS CODE

For Singles Players:

Collared shirts with sleeves, for example, polo shirts or button-down style shirts.

No T-shirts

No cutoffs

Shoes must not damage the green; club policy rules

For Team Players:

Collared shirts with sleeves, for example, polo shirts or button-down style shirts.

No T-shirts

Players may wear different lengths of bottoms of the same color.

No cutoffs

Shoes must not damage the green; club policy rules

Players, umpires and markers must wear flat-soled (heel-less) footwear when they play on the greens or act as umpires or markers.

If the Tournament Director determines that a player and/or team is in violation of the Dress Code, the player and/or team will be notified by the Tournament Director, advised of the specific issue, and a request made to the player to abide by the Dress Code as written at future division-sanctioned tournaments. Any such warning shall be reported to the SWD Tournament Committee and may result in disqualification from a future day/tournament.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION MEN'S TOURNAMENTS



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRIPLES AND RINKS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Summary: Each is a two-day event to identify a champion triples team and champion rinks team

Event Duration: Two consecutive days

Entry Qualification: Open to male members in good standing of a lawn bowling club approved by the SWD, Bowls USA, or World Bowls

Maximum Number of Entries: Unlimited. Individuals may enter and/or win both events

Format:

Day 1:

Blind draw

Eight best teams ranked by WTPP return on day 2

Triples: Four 14-end games, 2 bowls

Fours: Three 14-end games

Day 2:

Seed teams by results of first day as follows: 1 v 8, 4 v 5, 2 v 7, 3 v 6

Triples Finals: 18-end games for all games

Fours Finals: 16-end games for 1st and 2nd place; 14-end games in all other matches

Scoring: Total WTPP, with 10-point limit on plus points. Any ties shall be broken as specified on page 4.

Awards: The following percentages of the Cash Award Pool will be awarded to the top teams:

1st Place 50%

2nd Place 30%

3rd Place 20%

Appropriate non-cash awards will be presented to each member of the top three teams



CARY-MacDONALD PAIRS

Summary: Named in recognition of its original donors: Drs. Raymond Cary and William MacDonald. Dr. Cary was president of the Southern California Lawn Bowling Association in 1945. It is a unique two-day event forming entrants into pennants, separating teams in Cary and MacDonald flights after the first day's competition, and then determining the winners of each on the second day of play.

Event Duration: Two consecutive days

Entry Qualification: Open to male members in good standing of a lawn bowling club approved by the SWD, Bowls USA, or World Bowls

Maximum Number of Entries: 32 teams; number of entries must be divisible by 4

Seeding: Teams seeded in advance by the Tournament Committee into groups of perceived Excellent, Very Good, Good, and Average skill.

Format:

Day 1:

Blind draw

Three-bowl pairs

All games 18 ends

Pennant system qualification for Cary or MacDonald flights:

Blind draw assigns one from each group to a pennant for a total of 8 pennants (4 team per pennant) or fewer pennants if less than 32 entries

Each pennant plays a round robin among its teams

All pennant winners advance to the Cary flight. If there are less than 8 pennants, the next best finishers advance to the Cary flight to make 8 entries. At the end of day 1, any ties shall be broken as follows: head-to-head result, fewest opponents' points allowed, most ends won, one-end roll-off

The second-place finishers in each pennant advance to the MacDonald flight (except those taken to fill the Cary flight). If less than 8 pennants, the next best finishers advance to make 8 entries in the MacDonald flight.

Day 2:

Seed both flights as follows: 1 v 8; 4 v 5, 2 v 7, 3 v 6. Seeding is based on WTPP without preference to pennant winners.



Playoff for first, second and third, both flights

Scoring: WTPP in day 1 qualifying rounds, 10 plus/minus points max.

Ties stand within pennants on day 1. On day 2, ties broken by a one-end playoff.

Awards: The Cash Award Pool will be allocated to the flights as follows:

Cary flight 60%

MacDonald flight 40%

For each flight, the following percentages will be awarded:

First place 50%

Second place 30%

Third place 20%

Appropriate non-cash awards will be presented to each member of the top three teams in both flights.

SWD MIXED PAIRS

Summary: A one-day mixed pairs event played at Laguna Woods. This event requires a man and a woman on each team.

Event Duration: One day.

Entry Qualification: Open to members in good standing of a lawn bowling club approved by the SWD, Bowls USA, or World Bowls.

Maximum Number of Entries: 32 teams (goal of 16 per flight, but first 32 teams to enter)

Format: An A and B flight event to separate more experienced teams from those with less experience who would like to compete. Entry into either flight is by a team's declaration with these conditions:

Any team may enter the A flight.

At the discretion of the tournament director, established tournament players may not enter the B flight.

Four 14-end games, 3-bowl pairs. Substitutions on the B green will be allowed.

Scoring: Total WTPP over all games, 10 plus/minus points max. In the event of a tie for any of the first four places, see **Breaking Ties** in the Definitions.

Awards: The Cash Award Pool will be allocated to each of the two flights proportionately to the number of entries in each flight.

For each flight, assuming 16 teams on each green, the following percentages of its Cash Award Pool will be awarded to the top 4 teams:

First place 40%

Second place 30%

Third place 20%

Fourth place 10%

For 12 teams on a green, the following percentages of its Cash Award Pool will be awarded to the top 3 teams:

First place 50%

Second place 30%



Third place 20%

For 20 teams on a green, the following percentages of its Cash Award Pool will be awarded to the top 5 teams:

First place 30%

Second place 25%

Third place 20%

Fourth place 15%

Fifth place 10%

MURRAY-ALLISON SINGLES

Summary: A two-day singles event named in recognition of Frank D. Murray, SWLBA President in 1957, and William Allison, SWLBA President in 1967. The outcome of the first game places entrants into either the Murray (championship) flight or the Allison (consolation) flight. A challenge flight has been added for all bowlers who lose their second game in either the Murray or Allison flights.

Event Duration: Two consecutive days

Entry Qualification: Open to male members in good standing of a lawn bowling club approved by the SWD, Bowls USA, or World Bowls

Maximum Number of Entries: Unlimited

Format: Three-flight single elimination. First game qualifying. Winner stays in Murray flight, loser goes to Allison flight. Losers of any game after the first game of day 1 are eliminated (until the championships where players will play off for third and fourth in each flight).

Because of the format, byes in the first round should be avoided at all cost. To eliminate the possibility of an odd number of entries, the host club should provide one standby player who will play without entry fee, if called upon.

Scoring: All games to 18 points through competition to the finals. Finals played to 21 points. First and second place in all flights.

18-point playoff for 3rd place in the Murray and Allison flights.

Awards: 60% of the Cash Award Pool will be allocated to the Murray flight, and 40% allocated to the Allison flight. For the Murray and Allison flights, the following percentages of its Cash Award Pool will be awarded as follows:

First place 50%

Second place 30%

Third place 20%

Appropriate non-cash awards will be presented to each member of the top three teams in the Murray and Allison flights.



NOVICE PAIRS

Summary: A one-day pairs event for SWD male bowlers with less than two years' experience from date of joining, providing an opportunity to meet and compete with peer bowlers from other clubs in the SWD.

Event Duration: One day

Entry Qualification: Players must meet the requirements for classification as a novice player (see definition) and currently be a male member in good standing of any SWD club. Individuals may enter both Novice Singles and Novice Pairs events.

Maximum Number of Entries: Limited only by the number of greens available at the designated venue.

Format: Blind draw. Three 12-end games.

Scoring: Total WTTP over all games, with a 7+/- point limit on plus points. In the event of a tie using the 7+ point max, see Definitions: Breaking Ties.

Awards: The following percentages of the Cash Award Pool will be awarded to the top four teams:

First place 40%

Second place 30%

Third place 20%

Fourth place 10% (but not less than the entry fee)

If less than 10 teams participating:

First place 50%

Second place 30%

Third place 20%

Appropriate non-cash awards will be presented to each member of the winning team.

NOVICE SINGLES

Summary: A one-day event for SWD male bowlers with less than two years of experience, providing an opportunity to meet and compete with peer bowlers from other clubs in the SWD.

Event Duration: One day

Entry Qualifications: Players must meet the requirements for classification as a novice player (see Definitions) and currently be a member in good standing of any SWD club. Individuals may enter both Novice Singles and Novice Pairs events.

Maximum Number of Entries: Unlimited

Format: Three 15-point games

Blind Draw: Scorecards marked in advance with team/rink assignments.

Scoring: Total WTTP over all games; 10-point max plus points. In the event of a tie, see Breaking Ties in the Definitions.

Awards: The following percentages of the Cash Award Pool will be awarded to the top four players:

First place: 40%

Second place: 30%

Third place: 20%

Fourth place: 10% (but not less than entry fee)

If less than 16 entrants:

First place: 50%

Second place: 30%

Third place: 20%

Appropriate non-cash award will be presented to the winner.



SWD OPEN

The SWD Open is a series of three separate two-day tournaments – Fours, Pairs, Singles – played over six consecutive days. Open to male members in good standing of a SWD member club or members of clubs affiliated with Bowls USA or World Bowls. It is an opportunity to meet and perhaps compete with top division bowlers, bowlers from other U.S. clubs, and bowlers from other countries.

The flight format shall be determined by the number of entries in each event. The chart herein will identify which flight system shall relate to the number of entries; however, the Tournament Committee has the final decision. Additionally, for some number of entries, the last team to enter shall be placed on a waiting list in order to maintain a feasible number of entries in the tournament and, whenever possible, to prevent byes.

At the discretion of the Tournament committee, either a Traditional or Day One qualifier format will be used as described below:

Traditional:

Blind draw for first round of matches. Scorecards marked in advance with first round team/rink assignments;

Winners and losers move into a multi-flight bracket playdown that results in a 4-place championship flight, and four first and second place subordinate flights.

Championship flight final: 16-end game

All other flight finals: 14-end games for preliminary rounds and flight finals.

16-end finals (first and second place in Championship flight only)

First Day Qualifier:

Day 1: Blind draw games

Singles: Four 14-point games

Pairs: Four 14-end, 3-bowl games

Rinks: Three 14-end games

Day 2: Teams will be placed into 8-team flights based upon their overall WTPP standings (ties stand).

If more than 8 undefeated teams, the first flight teams shall be determined by a playoff described below. All other ties shall be broken first with method described in Breaking Ties

(see Definitions), and then, if necessary, by shot percentage. If a tie still exists, the team shall play until one team wins 2 ends, points shall not matter. All teams will qualify for the second day of play except, up to 7, which would not fit into a full flight of 8 teams.

Undefeated Teams Tiebreaker (First Day Qualifier):

If needed, the following tiebreaker system will be used to determine the teams that qualify for the championship flight. If there are 9 undefeated teams, the bottom 4, based upon WTPP, shall go into a tiebreaker. The tiebreaker shall begin 10 minutes after the Tournament Director has determined which teams shall be involved. Any team not present to begin on time shall forfeit that round after 10 minutes have elapsed. A forfeit fore that same team shall be declared for any subsequent round as soon as their opposition has been determined. Each round shall be played until one team has won 2 ends, points do not matter. Losers of each round shall advance until the requisite number of teams remain which need to be eliminated. All eliminated teams are dropped to the third flight.



SWD OPEN - FOURS

Event Duration: Two consecutive days

Entry Qualification: Open to male members in good standing of a lawn bowling club approved by the SWD, Bowls USA, or World Bowls

Maximum Number of Entries: None. However, Tournament Committee may limit entries

Format: Traditional or First Day Qualifier at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

Scoring: Game win or loss (no ties) only to move forward in or to a flight, or be eliminated according to the system plan (plus points not used).

Awards: Depending on the number of flights, the Cash Award Pool will be allocated as follows:

If five flights

Championship 50%

Second 15.5%

Third 12.5%

Fourth 11.5%

Fifth 10.5%

If four flights

Championship 52%

Second 20%

Third 16%

Fourth 12%

For each flight, the following percentage of that flight's Cash Award Pool will be awarded as follows:

Championship

First 40%

Second 25%

Third 20%

Fourth 15%

Second through fifth flight

First 60%

Second 40%



SWD OPEN - PAIRS

Event Duration: Two consecutive days

Entry Qualification: Open to male members in good standing of a lawn bowling club approved by the SWD, Bowls USA, or World Bowls

Maximum Number of Entries: None. However, Tournament Committee may limit entries

Format: Traditional or First Day Qualifier at the discretion of the Tournament Committee

Scoring: Game win or loss (no ties) only to move forward in or to a lower flight, or be eliminated according to the system plan (plus points not used).

Awards: Depending on the number of flights, the Cash Award Pool will be allocated as follows:

If five flights

Championship 50%

Second 15.5%

Third 12.5%

Fourth 11.5%

Fifth 10.5%

If four flights

Championship 52%

Second 20%

Third 16%

Fourth 12%

For Each flight, the following percentage of that flight's Cash Award Pool will be awarded as follows:

Championship

First 40%

Second 25%

Third 20%

Fourth 15%

Second through fifth flight

First 60%

Second 40%

Appropriate non-cash awards will be presented to the top three teams of the Championship flight.



SWD OPEN - SINGLES

Event Duration: Two consecutive days

Entry Qualification: Open to male members in good standing of a lawn bowling club approved by the SWD, Bowls USA, or World Bowls

Maximum Number of Entries: 64

Entry Fee: \$30.00 per player

Format: Traditional

Scoring: Game win or loss only to move forward in or to a lower bracket or be eliminated according to the system plan

Awards: Depending on the number of flights, the Cash Award Pool will be allocated as follows:

Championship flight:

First place 40%

Second place 25%

Third Place 20 %

Fourth place 15%

Second through sixth flight:

First place 60%

Second place 40%

Appropriate non-cash awards will be presented to the top three teams of the Championship flight.

The winner's name will be added to the Arnold White Memorial Trophy



SWD OPEN - BOWLER OF THE TOURNAMENT

Summary: The Bowler of the Tournament is based on points earned according to the following table:

Championship Flight:

	Singles	Pairs	Triples	Rinks
1st	80	72	64	64
2nd	64	54	48	48
3rd	48	43	38	38
4th	32	29	25	25

Second Flight:

	Singles	Pairs	Triples	Rinks
1st	36	32	28	28
2nd	28	24	21	21

Third Flight:

	Singles	Pairs	Triples	Rinks
1st	29	26	23	23
2nd	21	19	17	17

Fourth Flight:

	Singles	Pairs	Triples	Rinks
1st	22	20	18	18
2nd	16	14	12	12

Fifth Flight:

	Singles	Pairs	Triples
1st	16	20	12
2nd	11	10	8

Sixth Flight:

	Singles	Pairs	Triples
1st	16	14	12
2nd	11	10	8

No points awarded if you have three or more losses



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - SINGLES AND PAIRS PLAYDOWNS

The National Championships is a yearly tournament wherein all seven divisions of Bowls USA compete in singles and pairs.

The SWD is allowed to send two teams each of singles and pairs. Players must guarantee to represent the SWD on that team in the National Championships wherever in the U.S. they are held.

Players must be a U.S. Citizen.

Also, players must not have already qualified for the National Championships for this year. The second-place team just go if the first-place team is forced to drop out.

A winning team withdrawing from the National Championships, or any game there of, without good cause, will be subject to being prohibited from entering the SWD Singles or Pairs Playdowns the following year. See Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

The field of players are split between the Stars and Stripes on the first day of the playdowns after seeding and a blind draw.

If the SWD provides attire, it shall be worn, unaltered, during the opening ceremonies and during play (where appropriate). Players who do not abide by this will be subject to being prohibited from entering the SWD Singles and Pairs Playdowns in the following year.

Seeding of the players will be done by the Tournament Committee. No fewer than four (4) teams will be seeded; no more than 25% of the field will be seeded. Seeded teams will be the first to blind-draw their cards. This shall be performed in such a way as to guarantee that the seeded teams are evenly split between the two field while still allowing them equal access to any of the cards for both fields.

The SWD Playdowns, Singles and Pairs, use a double-elimination format. See sample double-elimination chart in Appendix A

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - PAIRS PLAYDOWNS

Summary: A tournament, open to male SWD and Bowls USA members only, to determine who will represent the division at the National Championships.

Event Duration: To be determined by the number of entries; possibly five days over three weekends.

Entry Qualification: Teams composed of male members in good standing of any SWD club and Bowls USA. Must be a U.S. Citizen.

Maximum Number of Entries: Unlimited. The number of teams in each field may be divided unequally at the discretion of the Tournament Committee to minimize the impact of byes upon the tournament.

Format:

Seeding

Blind draw

Double elimination

Two 18-end games each day

(Three games may be played if both teams and the Tournament Committee agree.)

Scoring: Winner must be determined. If a game is tied, play a one-end roll-off.

Awards: The following percentages of the CAP will be awarded to the top two teams:

First place 60%

Second Place 40%

Appropriate non-cash awards will be presented to each member of the first and second place teams.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - SINGLES PLAYDOWNS

Summary: A tournament, open to male SWD and Bowls USA members only, to determine who will represent the division at the National Championships.

Event Duration: To be determined by the number of entries; probably 3 days over one weekend, plus Monday.

Entry Qualification: Teams composed of male members in good standing of any SWD club and Bowls USA. Must be a U.S. Citizen.

Maximum Number of Entries: Unlimited. The number of teams in each field may be divided unequally at the discretion of the Tournament Committee to minimize the impact of byes upon the tournament.

Format:

Seeding

Blind draw

Double elimination

Three 21-point games each day on the first weekend

Awards: The following percentages of the CAP will be awarded to the top two teams:

First place 60%

Second Place 40%

Appropriate non-cash awards will be presented to the first and second place players.

VETERAN-NOVICE PAIRS

Summary: A pairs tournament that teams a veteran bowler (over two years' experience) with a novice bowler (less than two years' experience – see Novice Player in Definitions), providing an opportunity to experience and better appreciate the fun of competition beyond the club level. Open to both SWD men and women, veteran or novice. Simultaneous regional play is scheduled at up to four venues in in the SWD.

Event Duration and Locations: One day with simultaneous play at up to four venues. Nominal regional venues serving their area clubs are: MacKenzie Park, Laguna Beach, and Sun City. Minimum number of teams at a venue is eight.

Entry Qualification: Teams must be members in good standing of any SWD club. Teams must have at least one male bowler. The novice may lead or skip.

Format: Four 10-end games at each participating regional venue

Scoring: Total WTPP, 7+/- point maximum; record total points. In case of a tie, use method as described for Breaking Ties in the Definitions.

Awards: The following percentages of that venue's Cash Award Pool will be presented as follows:

More than 12 teams Less than 12 teams

First place 35% First place 50%

Second place 28% Second place 30%

Third place 22% Third place 20%

Fourth place 15%

Appropriate non-cash awards will be presented to each member of the winning team at each venue.



WATERBURY ALL-LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Summary: Launched in 1983 by Carl Waterbury, who provided the initial financial support and its perpetual trophy, it is a season-ending competition among the winners of each of the five SWD leagues to determine the SWD League Champion. It continues on a self-funded basis.

Event Duration: One day, scheduled after completion of league season. Venue is suggested but not required to be other than at league champion's club.

Entry Qualification: Two triples teams from each club that won their league. Players must be regular members of the same SWD member club. Players are not allowed to switch teams during the day of the event. Players shall not compete for a different club during the qualifying matches in the respective leagues.

Maximum Number of Entries: Two teams from each of the five leagues.

Format: Round robin. Four 10-end games. One and on-half hour time limit on each game.

Two winning club teams from each league are separated into A and B groups by blind draw.

League Team 1 A & B League Team 4 A & B

League Team 2 A & B League Team 5 A & B

League Team 3 A & B

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4
A 1 v B 2	A 1 v B 3	A 1 v B 4	A 1 v B 5
A 2 v B 3	A 2 v B 4	A 2 v B 5	A 2 v B 1
A 3 - B 4	A 3 v B 5	A 3 v B 1	A 3 v B 2
A 4 - B 5	A 4 v B 5	A 4 v B 2	A 4 v B 3
A 5 v B 1	A 5 v B 2	A 5 v B 3	A 5 v B 4

Scoring: Total WTPP for each two-team combination, plus points limited to +/-7. Should two team combinations tie on WTPP, then defer to actual game scores – highest combined total game points wins.

Awards: 100% of the Cash Award Pool (after deducting greens fees and hospitality expenses) will be awarded to the club represented by the winning teams.



Trophy: Name of winning club engraved (at SWD expense) on the perpetual trophy that was contributed by Mr. Waterbury. The trophy is to remain at the winning league's clubhouse and returned at the following year's event.

5-MAN ALL STAR

Summary: Five-man teams from each SWD club compete in games of Triples (2), Pairs (4), Singles and Rinks. The six-game scores are combined to determine the winner. Carroll F. Chase, SWLBA President in 1975, was the donor of a perpetual trophy plaque.

Event Duration: One day

Maximum Number of Entries: Sixteen (one team per club)

Upon approval of the Tournament Committee, clubs that are not able to field a team may combine with one other club that also cannot field a team to create a qualified team. The Tournament Committee should make all efforts to avoid an odd number of entries to avoid byes.

Entry Qualification: Teams composed of five members (plus one named alternate) who are regular members of the same SWD club. You must belong to that club 90 days prior to the tournament. Teams may include one or more novice players (see Definitions: Novice Player). Clubs may use their own method of selecting team members. It is the intention of this tournament to have players represent the club they usually represent in other SWD events; joining a new club for the sole purpose of playing in this event is prohibited.

Format:

Blind draw (format assures no team will play any other team from the same club more than once)

14-end games; singles to 18 points

Two games are played in the morning, four in the afternoon, as follows:

A.M. Games: One pairs and one triples game played concurrently

P.M. Game 1: One triples and one pairs game played concurrently. Neither A.M. Game pairs players may play in the pairs game in the P.M. Game

P.M. Game 2: One singles and one rinks game played concurrently

Scoring: Total WTPP over all games, maximum 10 plus/minus points

Should top teams tie on games won and plus points, one tiebreaker end of singles between all opposing team members as follows: All opposing members of the tied teams play on end of singles; draw will determine opponents. Total games won determines place winner. If still tied after one end, play additional ends until one team prevails.



Awards: The following percentages of the Cash Award Pool will be awarded to the top three teams:

First place 45%

Second place 35%

Third place 20%

An appropriate non-cash award will be presented to each member of the winning team.

Plaque: Name of winning club to be engraved on perpetual trophy plaque and presented to the club.

POINT CRITERIA FOR TEAM SOUTHWEST

A candidate must be a member of a club in the SWD.

Place	Cary	MacDonald	Murray	Allison
1st	10	5	10	5
2nd	7	4	7	4
3rd	4	2	4	2
4th	2	1	2	1
5th - 8th	1	1	1	1

Southern California Triples and Rinks Championships

1st-10; 2nd -7; 3rd -4; 4th -2; 5th - 8th - 1

SWD Singles and Pairs Playdowns

1st - 10; 2nd - 7; 3rd - 4; 4th - 1

US Open & SW Open

Place	Championship Flight	2 nd Flight	3 rd Flight
1 st	15	7	5
2 nd	11	5	3
3 rd	7	3	-
4 th	5	1	-

SWD PAYOUT RULES:

More than 12 teams:

First place 40%

Second place 30%

Third place 20%

Fourth place 10%

Fewer than 12 teams:

First place 45%

Second place 35%

Third place 20%



SOUTHWEST DIVISION WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS

MUMMA MIXED PAIRS (LADIES SKIP)

LOCATION: Riverside LBC

TROPHY: Mumma Mixed Pairs Plaque

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 12-end games

A and B greens

Open Blind Draw

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners will be determined by games won and plus points scored

AWARDS:

Names of overall winner on plaque; i.e., highest game points with the highest plus points scored over all the entrants. Plaque remains at Riverside LBC. Money prizes will be awarded to each full green. Amount of prizes will be determined by the number of entries.

NOTE: Entrants must designate which green, A or B, they prefer and every effort will be made to accommodate their request.



HEIDI RITTNER AUSTRALIAN PAIRS

LOCATION: To be determined yearly

TROPHY: Perpetual (introduced in 2019)

PARTICIPATION:

Two women constitute a team

Members of the team do not need to belong to the same club

METHOD OF PLAY:

2-4-2 system of play

One-day event

Three 14-end games

Open Blind Draw

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners will be determined by games won and plus points scored, with a limit of 10+/- points in each game

If two or more teams should tie with the same number of wins and plus points, standard tiebreaker rules shall apply. (See Definitions: Breaking Ties)

AWARDS:

There will be money prizes awarded overall. Amount of prizes to be determined by the number of entries. Erin Fernandes (Heidi's daughter) has been contributing \$500 each year towards the prize money

SWD VETERAN-NOVICE TRIPLES

LOCATION: To be determined yearly

TROPHY: Crystal Star to each member of overall first place team

NOVICE: A new bowler of a recognized SWD club who has been a member of a club or been bowler for no more than 24 months.

PARTICIPATION:

Three women comprise a team with at least one novice. Members of a team do not need to belong to the same club.

METHOD OF PLAY:

One-day event

Four 12-end games, 2-bowl Triples

Open Blind Draw

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners will be determined by games won and plus points scored, with a limit of 10 +/- points in each game

If two or more teams should tie with the same number of wins and plus points, standard tiebreaker rules shall apply. (See Definitions: Breaking Ties)

AWARDS:

Money prizes awarded to each full green, first, second, and third place. Amount of prizes to be determined by the number of entries.



VETERAN-NOVICE MIXED or MATCHED TRIPLES

(This tournament is usually played in March)

LOCATION: Santa Anita LBC

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:

One-day event

Four 12-end games, 2-bowl Triples

Open Blind Draw

If there are enough entries for more than one green, they shall be played as individual tournaments with each green having its own winners.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners will be determined by games won and plus points scored, with a limit of 10 +/- points in each game.

If two or more teams should tie with the same number of wins and plus points, standard tiebreaker rules shall apply. (See Definitions: Breaking Ties)

AWARDS:

There will be money prizes awarded overall. Amount of prizes will be determined by the number of entries.

SWD OPEN - Women

(Team Southwest Point Criteria Event)

LOCATION: To be determined yearly

TROPHY: See Awards below

PARTICIPATION:

Open to all members of Bowls USA or World Bowls. The order in which the events are played is left to the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

Entry fee to be recommended by the Tournament Committee and said fee to be approved by the SWD Delegates.

METHOD OF PLAY:

On the first day of Fours, there will be four 10-end games of with 7+/- plus points maximum per game. For Pairs, there will be four 12-end games of 3-bowl pairs with 7+/- plus points maximum per game. For Singles, there will be four 14-point games with 7+/- plus points maximum per game.

Opposition on the first day will be determined by blind draw. Ranking after the first day will be done as follows:

Three points for a win

One point for a tie

If two or more teams should tie with the same number of wins and plus points, standard tiebreaker rules shall apply. (See Definitions: Breaking Ties)

On the second day of each event, all (or most) players will return and, based upon results of the first day, be placed into flights. One game guaranteed on the second day (except Championship flight, which will be two games guaranteed). All Fours games on the second day will be 14 ends. The final of the Championship flight is 16 ends for Fours. All Pairs games on the second day will be 16 ends, except the final of the Championship flight, which will be 18 ends. All Singles games on the second day will be 18 points.

This method of play may be changed only by a majority vote of the SWD Delegates.

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented to the Championship Flight as well as to the winning team in each flight.

Money prizes will be awarded to the Championship Flight as well as to the winner and runner-up in each flight, except for the runner-up in the last flight (unless it was a full 8-person flight also.)

The Bowler of the Tournament will receive a commemorative plaque or similar recognition.



SOUTHWEST WOMEN'S SINGLES

(Team Southwest Point Criteria Event)

LOCATION: Long Beach LBC

TROPHY: Katy Stone Singles Trophy - perpetual

PARTICIPATION:

Open to all female members of Bowls USA or a WB Member National Authority

METHOD OF PLAY:

One-day event

Open Blind Draw

Set play - four games of two 7-end sets, plus 3-end tiebreaker if needed. If you win both sets, or win one set and tie one set, you win the game and no tiebreaker is needed. If you win one set and lose one set, you play the tiebreaker. If you tie both sets, you play the tiebreaker. The 3-end tiebreaker is for total points, not ends won. The winner of the first set starts the second set (not the winner of the last end of the first set) If a tiebreaker is needed, flip a coin to see who goes first.

SCORING:

Three points for a win, zero for a loss. One set point for each set won, one-half point for a tied set, zero for a lost set. No maximum number of plus points. Tiebreakers do not count for set points or for plus points. They are only used to determine the game winner.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winner to be determined by games won, then sets won and tied. If two or more teams should tie with the same number of wins and set points, the tiebreaker shall be as follows:

Plus points

Head-to-head results, if any

Number of sets won

Fewest opponent's points allowed

One-end roll-off

AWARDS: Money prizes will be awarded for first and second place. Additional prizes dependent upon number of entries.



SWD NOVICE SINGLES

LOCATION: To be determined yearly

TROPHY: Izzie Forbes Trophy - perpetual

PARTICIPATION:

Must be a female novice (See Definitions: Novice Player)

Winner of the Novice Singles is not eligible to play Novice Singles again.

METHOD OF PLAY:

Format determined by number of entries; i.e. if 4 or less players, round robin

One-day event

Open Blind Draw

Three 15-point games

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

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

If two or more teams tie with the same number of wins and plus points, standard tiebreaker rules shall apply. (See Definitions: Breaking Ties)

AWARDS:

A money prize will be given to the Champion and Runner-up.



CAL 5's

(Team Southwest Point Criteria Event)

LOCATION: To be determined yearly

TROPHY: None

PARTICIPATION:

Five-woman team

METHOD OF PLAY:

One-day event

Open Blind Draw

Game 1: Rinks and Singles (14 ends and 18 points, respectively)

Game 2: 2-bowl Triples and 3-bowl Pairs (14 ends)

Game 3: 2-bowl Triples and 3-bowl Pairs (14 ends)

Teams to be arranged so that no team plays the same opponent, if at all possible

Skips cannot skip both pairs games or both triples games

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Number of total wins per team determines the winner. If tied, plus points scored will be counted.

If two or more teams should tie with the same number of wins and plus points, standard tiebreaker rules shall apply. (See Definitions: Breaking Ties)

AWARD:

Entry fees to be used for cash prizes awarded to be determined by the number of entries.

FOSSATI & FRIENDS TRIPLES

LOCATION: Orange County; preferably Newport Harbor LBC

TROPHY: Fossati & Friends Triples Plaque

PARTICIPATION:

Three women constitute a team

METHOD OF PLAY:

One-day event

Open Blind Draw

Three 14-end games

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

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

If two or more teams should tie with the same number of wins and plus points, standard tiebreaker rules shall apply. (See Definitions: Breaking Ties)

AWARDS:

Plaque with winners' names retained at Newport Harbor LBC

\$500 prize money in addition to entry fees provided by sponsor

Money prizes awarded based on number of entries as follows:

12 Teams - First through third place

16 Teams - First through fourth place

20 Teams - First through fifth place



PAIRS AND SINGLES PLAYDOWNS

(Team Southwest Point Criteria Event)

The SWD is authorized to send two (2) teams to the National Championships for each scheduled event. The selection of these two (2) teams will be determined by the results of two (2) separate playdowns. Any member of the SWD and Bowls USA is eligible to enter.

LOCATION: To be determined yearly

TROPHY: See Awards

PARTICIPATION:

Entrants must be United States citizens. (Proof required) Entrants must be members of the SWD and Bowls USA

METHOD OF PLAY:

This is a two-weekend event based on the number of entries.

Two games maximum per day (see singles for exception)

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 the number of entries.

Pairs games are 18 ends each

16 teams or fewer: round robin

If more than 16 teams: double elimination

Singles games are to 21 points

16 teams or fewer: round robin

17-24 entries: round robin, three 16-point games each day as needed, two 16-point games each day when possible

If more than 24 players, double elimination, 21-point games each day

Previous year's winners of Stars and Stripes would be preset as either a Star or Stripe so that those two teams would not play against each other in the current year's playdowns. Two (2) other players/teams will be seeded in the singles/pairs based on past performance in major single/pairs events All other teams draw for assignment to Stars or Stripes.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

All games will be completed and winners to be determined by number of games won

AWARDS:

Entry fees to be used for expense of running the tournament. Any remaining funds can be paid to the winners (and runner-up, if possible).



DIVISION RINKS

(Team Southwest Point Criteria Event)

LOCATION: To be determined yearly

TROPHY: None

PARTICIPATION:

Four women constitute a team

METHOD OF PLAY:

One-day event

Open Blind Draw

Four 10-end games

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Number of total wins per team determines the winner. If tied, plus points scored will be counted.

If two or more teams should tie with the same number of wins and plus points, standard tiebreaker rules shall apply. (See Definitions: Breaking Ties)

AWARDS:

There will be money prizes awarded to each full green - first, second and third place. Amount of prizes to be determined by the number of entries.



VET-NOVICE PAIRS

(Team Southwest Point Criteria Event)

LOCATION: To be determined yearly

TROPHY: None

PARTICIPATION: A new bowler of a recognized lawn bowling club who has been a member of a club or been bowling for no more than 24 months.

METHOD OF PLAY:

One-day event

Open Blind Draw

Four 12-end games, 3-bowl pairs

A and B greens

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners will be determined by games won and plus points scored, with a limit of 7 plus points in each game.

If two or more teams should tie with the same number of wins and plus points, standard tiebreaker rules shall apply. (See Definitions: Breaking Ties)

AWARDS:

Money prizes awarded to each full green, first, second and third place. Prizes awarded to be determined by the number of entries.



CALIFORNIA BEARS

(Team Southwest Point Criteria Event)

LOCATION: To be determined yearly

TROPHY: Four Small Bear Design Trophies - perpetual. One trophy for each member of the winning team.

PARTICIPATION:

Four SWD women constitute a team

METHOD OF PLAY:

One-day event

Game 1: 2-bowl Triples and Singles

Game 2: Fours

Game 3: 3-bowl Pairs and 3-bowl Pairs

Pairs and triples play 16 ends, Fours play 14 ends, singles play to 18 points.

If possible, teams to be arranged so that no team plays the same opponent twice

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners will be determined by games won and plus points scored, with a limit of 10 plus points in each game

If two or more teams should tie with the same number of wins and plus points, standard tiebreaker rules shall apply. (See Definitions: Breaking Ties)

AWARDS:

Perpetual Trophies to winning team members

Money prizes awarded overall. Amount of prizes will be determined by number of entries.

IZZIE FORBES VET-NOVICE MIXED TRIPLES

LOCATION: Long Beach LBC

TROPHY: Perpetual trophy

NOVICE: A new bowler of a recognized lawn bowling club who has been a member of a club or been bowling for no more than 24 months.

PARTICIPATION:

Mix or match 3-person team (must have one woman and one novice)

METHOD OF PLAY:

One-day event

Open Blind Draw

Three 12-end games

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

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

If two or more teams should tie with the same number of wins and plus points, standard tiebreaker rules shall apply. (See Definitions: Breaking Ties)

AWARDS:

There will be money prizes awarded overall

Prizes awarded will be determined by the number of entries



WOMEN'S POINT CRITERIA - TEAM SOUTHWEST

EVENT	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Vet/Novice Triples	10	7	4	
CA Bears	10	7	4	2
SW Women's Rinks	10	7	4	
Katy Stone Singles	10	7	4	2
Vet/Novice Pairs A Green	10	7	4	
Cal 5's	10	7	4	
Vet/Novice B Green	5	3		
SWD Singles & Pairs Playdowns**	15	6	4	
SW/US Open 1st Flight*	15	11	5	3
SW/US Open 2nd Flight*	5	2		
SW/US Open 3rd Flight*	3			

*US Open and SW Open any lower-flight winner which has lost only one game receives 2 points

**Playdowns comment: Players who bowl in both the Singles and Pairs Playdowns can earn no more than 15 points in the combined events. If awarding points for equal 3rd, then there are no 4th.

A Point System will assist to:

Encourage competition, thus increasing tournament entry participation

Encourage skill development, thus elevating level of play

Encourage devotion to the sport, thus promoting the continuation of the game

Encourage bowlers to seek recognition by listing the top candidates as Team Southwest Women

Set goals to become a better lawn bowler. One way to do that is through competition. Enter as many recognized events as you can. Your wins will be tabulated by a point system, thus creating a rating and ranking of your achievements

Encourage others to enter tournaments, and have fun while you are striving to achieve success. After a season of play, see where you place and continue to elevate your game with continuous wins each new season. ENJOY this wonderful sport of Lawn Bowling.



