



ENTRY FORM
SOUTHEAST DIVISION PLAYDOWNS
2018 U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
 Pairs and Singles, Men and Women
 (separate entry form for each player)

Date: Monday, April 16th, 2018 through completion (dependent on number of entries, approx. one week)

Time: 9:00 A.M. (please arrive ½ hour prior to starting time)

Place: Mt. Dora Lawn Bowling Club, 125 Edgerton Ct., Mt. Dora, FL 32757

ELIGIBILITY:

Open to all members in good standing of any BOWLS USA SOUTHEAST DIVISION club who guarantee to represent the Southeast Division in the U.S. National Championships. Entrant must be a U.S. citizen and may be required to provide proof of citizenship. Entrants must not have played in the Pairs or Singles Playdowns in any other Division in 2018. For full eligibility details, please refer to Conditions of Play in this document and to Page 76 of the 2015 *Laws of the Sport of Bowls*.

ENTRY DEADLINE: APRIL 9th, 2018 (in hand by midnight)

Include check for \$30.00 for EACH person/EACH event, made payable to: **BOWLS USA SOUTHEAST DIVISION**

No refunds after closing date except to winners of pairs who have also entered singles. Payment must accompany the entry form.

SEND ENTRIES TO:

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____
EMAIL _____ (must provide if you would like an acknowledgement of your entry)
TELEPHONE _____ **CLUB** _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

Check one or both: PAIRS SINGLES TOTAL: \$ _____
 Pairs partner _____

***SIGNATURE:** _____

*Required (Must include signature for entry to qualify). My signature attests that I have met the above eligibility requirements and that I agree to the following conditions and understand that sanctions may be imposed if I do not comply with these conditions:

- I am willing and able to play all scheduled games (as determined by the Playdowns Director) except for leave for cause (sickness, injury, death in family or for some other meaningful cause) and with the approval of the Playdowns Director.
- I am willing and able to attend the National Championships and have met the citizenship requirements to do so.

Failure to comply with either of these conditions may result in the following sanctions: exclusion from the next year's Playdowns and the next year's Southeast Division Open.

Additional Information:

- Winners will receive a prorated share of the entry fees to help with their travel expenses. They may also be eligible for assistance from the Bowls USA Memorial Fund.
- Winners are automatically eligible to participate in the East Coast Challenge as a team player for the Division.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Each entrant must be:

- a fully-paid member of BOWLS USA and the Southeast Division without any local or National sanctions and with a declared home club in the Southeast Division
- a citizen of the United States
- willing and able to play all scheduled games to determine a Southeast Division Champion
- willing and able to attend the National Championships, at the announced location and dates (see Page 3)
- able to certify that you have not entered the Pairs or Singles in any other Division in the same year
- aware that any winner(s) who do not fulfill the above requirements may face sanctions from the Division

Proof that any one of the above requirements has not been fully met can be considered as due cause for disqualification.

FORMAT:

- The Playdowns will be run as a Round Robin. If there are **NINE (9)** or more participants, two round robins will be played with the winners of each playing off to determine the Southeast Division Champion and Runner-Up.
- If there are only **TWO (2)** entries, they will play 3 games; the winner will be determined by the best of 3 games.
- Pairs will play first, then Singles. Play will be continuous between Pairs and Singles

PLAY:

PAIRS :

TWO - EIGHTEEN (18) end games per day
(Games traditionally begin at 9:00 am and 1:30 pm)

SINGLES:

THREE Twenty-one (21) point games per day.

RULES:

BOWLS USA LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS (current edition) apply

TRIAL ENDS:

Up to four bowls each way, every game (as determined by the Tournament Director). There will be no practice bowls prior to trial bowls.

SPEED OF PLAY:

In order to maintain a time schedule for play, skips are asked to keep visits to the head to a minimum so that Appendix Rule A.4 does not have to be enforced.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

There will be NO substitutions once play has commenced per Law 108.1, 2015 edition of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. Substitutions before the start of play are permitted if selection and approval is completed by the Playdowns Director before the published start time on the first day of the Playdowns. It is understood that last minute substitutes may not have the approved matching attire on the first day and are excused of that requirement for the first day only. The substitute will be required to read and sign an entry form before the start of play.

SCORING:

Each team will receive: 3 Points for a Win
 1 Point for a Tie
 0 Points for a Loss

All 18 Ends (Pairs) and 21 Points (Singles) **MUST** be played in case of ties. (No abbreviated games)

If, for any reason, any player of a team or singles player must drop out, the team must withdraw.

Per law 108.5.1 and 2, all completed games shall be recorded per the points earned, win or loss. For games **not** completed or **not** played, the team receiving the “forfeit win” will receive three (3) game points and given the average score of the winning teams of the other matches played in that round of the competition.

TIES:

If, upon completion of the round robin:

- **TWO** teams are tied for first place; a playoff will be used to determine a winner.
- **THREE** teams are tied; the team with the highest plus differential between points for and points against will sit out while the other two teams play. (If all three teams have the same plus differential then a blind draw will be used to determine which team sits out). The winner will play the waiting team to determine first and second.
- **FOUR** teams are tied; positions for play will be determined by the difference between shots for and shots against, as above. Play will be: 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3. The winners will play for first and second.

TIES in a Pairs Playoff game: The skips will toss a coin to determine who goes first and an extra end will be played immediately to determine a winner and a runner-up.

NOTE: If at the completion of the round robin there is a clear winner but two or more teams are tied for second place, then the same sequence of games will be used but the games may be shortened at the discretion of the Playdowns Director. At the end of the Playdowns, there must be both a winner and a runner-up for each event. If the winner is unable to attend the National Championships, the runner-up will replace the winner.

DRESS CODE:

- White or matching-colored slacks, shorts, skorts, or culottes, to be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee and in good taste.
- White or matching-colored team shirts. Men’s shirts must have both collars and sleeves. Women’s shirts must have collars.
- Footwear must be per Rule 111.1 of BOWLS USA LAWS OF THE SPORT OF BOWLS.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

If games are suspended for weather conditions (wind, rain) all scorecards are to be saved so play can continue from the point of suspension.

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Winners must be willing and able to attend the National Championships

Date: November 25 to December 1, 2018

Place: Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club, Sun City Center Florida www.suncitycenterlbc.com