



ENTRY FORM
SOUTHEAST DIVISION PLAYDOWNS
2020 U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pairs and Singles, Men and Women (separate entry form for each player)

Date: Monday, April 20th, 2020 through completion (dependent on number of entries, approx. one week)

Time: 9:00 AM (please arrive 1/2 hour prior to starting time)

Place: Pinehurst Lawn Bowls Club (PLBC), Pinehurst Country Club, 1 Carolina Vista, Pinehurst, NC 28374

Practice and Registration: Saturday, April, 18, noon to 4 PM and Sunday, April 19, 10 AM - 4 PM

ELIGIBILITY:

Open to all fully-paid members of BOWLS USA and the Southeast Division who guarantee to represent the Southeast Division at 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 2020. 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 13th, 2020 (in hand by midnight)

Include check for \$30.00 for EACH person/EACH event, made payable to: PINEHURST LAWN BOWLS CLUB. Include in the Memo line: 2020 SED Playdowns. No refunds after closing date except to winners of pairs who have also entered singles. Payment must accompany the entry form. Entries will be posted on the SED website as they are received.

MAIL ENTRIES & CHECKS TO: Martha Nilsen, PLBC
21 Aronimink Lane
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Email: Marthaph146@gmail.com

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

EMAIL _____ (must provide to receive acknowledgement of your entry)

TELEPHONE _____ CLUB _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Check one or both: PAIRS [] SINGLES [] TOTAL: \$ _____ Check if your first Playdowns []

Pairs partner: _____ *SIGNATURE (Required): _____

*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 representing the SED at the U. S. Nationals will receive \$250 from the SED to offset expenses associated with participation in the championships. 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 deemed necessary by the Playdowns Director to determine the first place winner, the Southeast Division Champion, and the second place Runner-Up
 - 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) shot 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 Shots (Singles) **MUST** be played. (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; an 8 end pairs and 12 shot singles play-off will be used to determine a winner.
- Three teams are tied; the team with the highest plus differential between shots for and - shots against will sit out while the other two teams play an 8 end pairs and 12 shot singles play-off will be used to determine a winner. (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. *At PLBC, Men’s and Women’s shirts must have collars and sleeves.*
- 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: August 24 – 28, 2020

Place: Milwaukee, Wisconsin USA