



## SOUTHEAST DIVISION of BOWLS USA 2023 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS PLAYDOWNS

Updated: January 24, 2023

<b>Dates</b>	April 17, 2023 – April 23, 2023, or through completion (dependent on number of entries, approx. one week) Rain Date: TBA Practice days: April 15, 2023 and April 16, 2023
<b>Entry Deadline</b>	In hand by April 10, 2023
<b>Tournament Description</b>	Singles and Pairs. The playdowns will be run as a Round Robin. If there are 9 (nine) or more participants, two round robins will be played with the winners of each playing off to determine the SED Champion and Runner-Up. See Conditions of Play for important details.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Open to all members in good standing of any Bowls USA SOUTHEAST DIVISION club who commit 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 2023.  For full eligibility details, please refer to Page 12 of the SED Policies and Procedures Manual.
<b>Entry Fee</b>	\$ 30.00 U.S. PER PERSON / PER EVENT.
<b>Venue</b>	Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club 1009 North Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City Center, FL 33573-5892
<b>Dress Code</b>	Dress Code: white or matching colored team shirts with collars. White or matching colored slacks, shorts, skirts, skorts or culottes. Footwear must be flat soled and heel-less.
<b>Notes</b>	The Controlling Body has the authority to make changes that are deemed appropriate in the event of inclement weather, unforeseen circumstances. Decisions will be within the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Bowls USA Domestic Regulations.
<b>Check-in / Start Times</b>	Check-in/Start times - Announcements 8:30 a.m. First game 9:00 a.m.
<b>Tournament Director</b>	Jim Casper (813) 390-1329 <a href="mailto:jimandava@hotmail.com">jimandava@hotmail.com</a>

### Accommodation Options:

- Holiday Inn Express 813-922-4561 [www.hiexpress.com/ruskinfl](http://www.hiexpress.com/ruskinfl) 226 Teco Road, Ruskin FL 33570
- Comfort Inn Sun City Center 813-633-3318 [www.choicehotels.com/fl303](http://www.choicehotels.com/fl303) 718 Cypress Village Blvd., Sun City Center FL 33573

# SOUTHEAST DIVISION of BOWLS USA 2023 PLAYDOWNS ENTRY FORM

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

ENTRY FEE: \$ 30.00 U.S. PER PERSON / PER EVENT

Make checks payable to: Bowls USA Southeast División  
Send with entry form to: SED c/o Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club  
1009 North Pebble Beach Blvd.,  
Sun City Center, FL 33573-5892  
(Can also be deposited in the SCCLBC Treasurer's locker)

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

## PLEASE PRINT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (must provide if you would like an acknowledgement of your entry):  
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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or both: Pairs \_\_\_\_\_ Singles \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Pairs partner: \_\_\_\_\_

\*SIGNATURE: \* \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Signature required for each entry. 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 will 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) approved by the Playdowns Director. I will 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:

Playdown winners will receive \$250 to help with their travel expenses. They may also be eligible for assistance from Bowls USA Memorial Fund.

Playdown winners are automatically eligible to participate in the East Coast Challenge as a team player for the Division.

**Note:** The Men's and Women's Singles Champions at the National Championships may be expected to represent the United States in the World Champion of Champions Tournament.

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Signature of Tournament Director \_\_\_\_\_

Date Entry Form was received \_\_\_\_\_



## SOUTHEAST DIVISION of BOWLS USA 2023 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS PLAYDOWNS CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- Bowls USA Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark current edition will govern play.
- Trial ends: Four (4) bowls up and back. There will be no practice bowls prior.
- There will be no practice bowls prior to trial bowls on each day of the SED Playdown.
- Draw and announcements: 8:30A.M. and first game at 9:00 A.M. and second game at 1:30 P.M.
- Scoring:
  - 3 Points for a win
  - 1 Point for a tie
  - 0 Points for a loss
- Ties: If on completion of the round robin:
  - Two (2) teams are tied for first place: an eight (8) end pairs and twelve (12) shot singles play-off game will be used to determine a winner.
  - Three (3) 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 playoff game which 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 will sit 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 2, 3 vs 4
  - 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 from where the previous end was completed to determine a winner and 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, the same sequence of games will be used.

- Single re-spot rule is in effect. A jack in motion that passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play must be re-spotted on the two (2) meter mark on the center line. If that position is occupied by a bowl the jack will be placed between the bowl and the mat line without touching the bowl.
- If there is no T- mark on the rink use the two (2) meter stick.
- Trips to the head. Appendix A.4 (Movement of Players) will be in effect.
- Format: The playdowns will be run as a Round Robin. If there are 9 (nine) or more participants, two round robins will be played with the winners of each playing off to determine the SED Champion and Runner-Up.
- If there are only two (2) entries, they will play three (3) games; the winner will be determined by the best of three (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.
- Singles: Three twenty-one (21) shot games per day.
- During regular round robin play all 18 ends in Pairs and 21 shots in singles **MUST** be played.
- Equal distance bowls, zero shots scored, end played.
- Substitutions: There will be NO substitutions once play has started per Law 108.1. 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. Matching attire will be excused for last minute substitutes on the first day only. The substitute will be required to sign an entry form before the start of play.
- Note: If, for any reason, any player of a team or a 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 or singles player 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.
- Dress Code: white or matching colored team shirts with collars. White or matching colored slacks, shorts, skirts, skorts or culottes. Footwear must be flat soled and heel-less.
- The Controlling Body has the authority to make changes that are deemed appropriate in the event of inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances. Decisions will be within the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Bowls USA Domestic Regulations.
- Participants must be available to play on the Rain Date (TBA)

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