

# 2007 NORTH OF SCOTLAND JUNIOR MASTERS TOURNAMENT

(under 26yrs)

## Tournament Conditions

1. The tournament will be played under the current edition of the Laws of the Game governing outdoor bowls in Scotland as published by the Scottish Bowling Association. Bowls must bear a legible IBB/WBB stamp in accordance with the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
2. All players **MUST REPORT** to the Tournament Officials before the start of each game and must be in possession of their Official Entry Number.
3. The Tournament shall be Singles and each player having 4 bowls.
4. In the Group Stages one trial end of 2 bowls per player will be allowed first game only.
5. In the Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Final, 2 trials of 4 bowls per player will be permitted.
6. All Group games will be subject to a time limit of 75 minutes or 21 shots (whichever is soonest) including the trial end.
7. Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and the Final games will not be time limited.
8. The Tournament shall consist of 32 entrants split into 8 groups of 4 players. Each player shall play every player in his or her group once only on a round-robin basis. 2 points shall be awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw and zero points for a defeat. Aggregate scores may decide on the eventual group winner. The 8 group winners shall progress to the Quarter-Finals. From the Quarter-Finals to the Final all games shall be on a knock-out basis, first player to 21 shots.
9. **NO SUBSTITUTES** by the players will be permitted.
10. **NO ALCOHOL** shall be consumed by any player on the green whilst playing.
11. All Markers will carry out their duties in accordance with the current Duties of the Marker. Either player may appeal to the Umpire in case of dispute.
12. Players shall report to the Tournament Officials within 20 minutes of the appointed time for their 1<sup>st</sup> game (group stages). When a time limit applies, it will be strictly observed. The Umpire shall enter the starting time on the Scorecard. All 6 rinks (group stages) shall start simultaneously.
13. If any player is missing and there is a delay for 5 minutes after the scheduled start of the game, the Tournament Officials will award his/her opponent with an 11 (eleven) shots to 0 (zero) shots WIN and also 2 points. The Tournament Officials will take this action into consideration when invites are sent out for the following years tournament.
14. An end is deemed to have started with the delivery of the jack. An end in progress at the expiration of the time limit shall be completed. An end declared dead after the end of the time limit shall not be replayed. Under no circumstances shall an end start after the expiry of the time limit.
15. In the group stages if the scores be level at the completion of the game limited by time, it shall be deemed a draw and one point will be awarded to each player. 2 points shall be awarded to the player who either reaches 21 shots before the time limit or is leading on the scorecard after the completion of the final end at the time limit.

16. If the Umpire believes that a player is not doing their best to play the game in an acceptable manner and thereby be unlikely to complete the game within the specified time, he may determine the game result after giving the player reasonable warning of his or her intention.

17. In the case of adverse weather, the Umpire in conjunction with the Green keeper or his representative shall be the sole judge as to whether the green is playable and the Tournament Officials shall be empowered to postpone or regulate play.

18. In the group stages, if a game is interrupted by adverse weather and cannot be completed by the expiry of the time limit, the score at the expiry of the time shall stand. If the scores be level at this time, then a draw shall be the result.

19. If a game that is not subject to a time limit is interrupted by adverse weather, the Tournament Officials will decide the method of play, and will make every effort to allow those games to run to a completion. If the Finals cannot be completed, no trophy will be awarded and the tournament prize money will be divided equally between the finalists (at that point) of the tournament.

20. The official scorecards, signed by both players with the finish time must be returned to the Tournament Officials by the marker immediately after the conclusion of each game.

21. A player shall have the right of appeal to the Tournament Officials, if he or she feels that a game has been incorrectly determined. An appeal shall only be valid if communicated to the Tournament Officials within 5 minutes of the end of the game concerned. The Tournament Officials shall consider the appeal by reference, as far as practicable, to the parties involved, including officials. The Tournament Officials shall have power to determine the game as it thinks fit and its decision shall be final and binding on all the players concerned.

22. **DRESS CODE**. All players have the choice of wearing grey and/or white throughout the tournament. Footwear must be smooth soled and heelless. Shoes may be white, grey or brown. Waterproofs shall be white. Players are expected to be of smart appearance and on no account will shorts, jeans or training shoes be permitted on the green.

23. Players shall be issued with coloured bowls stickers which they must affix to their bowls.

24. The presentation of prizes shall take place on conclusion of play on Finals day.

25. Neither Thurso Bowling Club nor the Tournament Officials shall be held responsible for any loss or injury suffered by a player.

26. These Conditions have been drawn up in such a manner to cover most situations, but it is inevitable that some occurrence may arise that is outside the scope of these Conditions. In such an instance, the Tournament Officials hope that common-sense will prevail to achieve an equitable solution. Any point not provided for in the current Laws of the Game or these Conditions will be decided by the Tournament Officials and their decision shall be final. Where the words "player" and "his" have been used in these Conditions, they shall be construed as meaning man or lady as the context requires.

27. These Conditions out with The Laws of the Sport of Bowls are subject to alteration by the Tournament Officials, should it be necessary.