

SOUTHWEST WOMENS' DIVISION USLBA

DIVISION SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS

This Procedure Book has been prepared as a Club reference source to better inform Club Members of pertinent information, regarding any Division event that they may wish to enter.

Please keep this book in an available location for all members.

Club Tournaments Chair should also have a copy of this book. This book is to be passed to that person's successor.

**SOUTHWEST WOMENS' DIVISION,
USLBA**

**PROCEDURE BOOK
FOR
SOUTHWEST WOMEN DIVISION
SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS**

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DIVISION TOURNAMENTS

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NOTES

- * These tournaments are considered major events when determining Novice Status. Also, U.S. Team (International) points are given for these events.
- Open Blind Draw is used to select opponents, seeded geographically only.
- **Conditions of Play**, governing the movement of players during play be established as the norm for the SWWD.
- **NOTE:** Special conditions that may apply to any Tournament shall be announced prior to the event.
(USLBA Laws of the Sport of Bowls, (2011 Crystal Mark 2nd Edition)
- All tournaments to be self subsidized with the exception of the Southwest Division Open (1-11-2003).

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Bye (s): A game not played and considered a win when number of tournament entrants **is** uneven or **there is** a no-show. A Team receives a Bye by blind draw. If Plus Points are scored, an average of + points per round are awarded.

Closed Tournament: Tournament is open to only women bowlers who are members of the Southwest Division and USLBA (e.g. US Playdowns)

Double Elimination:

(Double Elimination is also known as a Two-Life System)

A format where each Team continues to play until two games have been lost.

Dress Code: Refer to Laws of the Game, current edition under Dress Code for the US Open and other tournaments sponsored by the USLBA.

Entry Fee: That amount established by Delegates for tournament play.

Final: Is the last match or game that determines the winner/winners. It is customary to allow for a longer game in the Final, i.e. a tournament of 14 ends or 18 points, with Final at 16 or 18 ends and 21 or 25 points.

Flight System: A tournament format where the first loss drops a Team to a lower bracket.

Home Club: Club where a player is a full member and where she plays on a regular basis.

International (U.S. Team) Points:

Points awarded to winners of major events as noted on index.

Knock-out System: Team is eliminated after one game has been lost, also known as Single Elimination.

Novice: A beginning bowler of a recognized lawn bowling club, who has been bowling for no more than 24 months.

No novice may win the Novice Singles title twice. (9-22-2007)

Pennant System: A tournament format wherein all teams entered have been divided into pennants (groups or sections). Teams in each pennant play a Round Robin to determine the winner of their pennant. Overall winner determined by play-off between pennant winners.

Perpetual Trophy: Trophy awarded to winner/winners of an event; to be returned to Tournament Chair prior to next event.

Play-down: All games necessary to determine the team or teams, who qualify for the final event.

Final Event or Play-off: Is between teams that have qualified in the Play-downs

Plus Points: The number of points the Winner of a Game scores over the Loser.

Maximum plus points limited to 10 points on all SWWD Tournaments. (4-2009) unless otherwise specified.

Quinnell Scoring: This system places a premium on Ends won. It's specific instructions are:

- Keep score on a standard scorecard as usual
- Award 3 points for a game win. Plus points are not counted
- Award 1 ½ points for a game tie.
- Award 1 point for each End won.
- Total all points, highest total wins.
- Total points per game must be equal to the number of ends + 3.

With this system, it is entirely possible for a team to lose a game, but win on points. (Ends won)

Recognized Club: Any club affiliated with World Bowls, USLBA and/or South West Division.

Round Robin: A format where each team plays each other team within the same group.

Seeding geographically: Assures that Skips of the same club, do not meet each other in the first round of a flight system event

Southwest Women's Division Color: Red

Sponsor: An individual who purchases tournament trophy, and covers the cost of both the greens fee and hospitality, for a specified length of time.

Team: Refers to one entry whether singles, pairs (doubles), triples or fours (rinks).

Two Flight Elimination: First game determines Flight. Winner plays in Championship Flight and Loser plays in Second Flight. Knock-out system applies after the first game.

USLBA: United States Lawn Bowls Association.

WTPP. Win, Tie, Plus Points:

A scoring method for tournaments not formatted in the winner vs. winner concept.

Win = 2 points, Tie = 1 point, Loss = 0 points.

Plus Point Differential is utilized with this format.

MUMMA MIXED PAIRS **(LADIES SKIP)**

This sponsored tournament is played in January or February
If it is rained out, it is re-scheduled.

LOCATION: Riverside LBC

TROPHY: Mumma Mixed Pairs Trophy

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 x 12 - end games
There will be an A and B Section with an Open Blind Draw.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners will be determined by games won and plus points scored.

AWARDS:

Trophy presented to over-all winner; i.e. three game winner with the highest plus score over all the entrants.

Money prizes will be awarded to each full green; 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Amount of prizes will be determined by the amount of entries.
Division pays Tournament Chair's expenses.

NOTE:

Entrants will be requested to designate section they prefer and every effort will be made to accommodate their request.

*2002: tournament to be played after SC Rinks. Confirmed with Jo Mumma.

*April 2003 SWW Division meeting - re-scheduled if rained out

*April 2004 name changed to Mumma Tournament.

Updated 04-29-05

VETERAN-NOVICE MIXED or MATCHED TRIPLES

(This tournament is usually played in March)

LOCATION: Santa Anita

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:

Three x 12 - end games shall be played
Limit of 10 plus points on each game.
Open Blind Draw.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

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

In the case of ties, the number of games won, plus total points scored shall determine winner.

AWARDS:

There will be money prizes awarded overall, 1st through 4th place.
Amount of prizes will be determined by the amount of entries.

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KATY STONE WOMEN'S SINGLES
(TEAM SOUTHWEST POINT CRITERIA EVENT)

Location Determined Yearly

Trophy Katy Stone Singles Trophy – perpetual

Participation

Any member of a SWWD sanctioned club or member of the USLBA

Method of Play

4 x 15 point games to be played with an open blind draw for opposition

Determination of Winners

Winner to be determined by games won and plus points. No MAX to number of plus points.

In case of a tie of games won and plus points there will be a playoff.

If there are more than 2 players tied a blind draw will be made to determine opponents/bye. Tie breaker will consist of 3 ends with 4 bowls each of which the winner of each end shall receive 1 pt. (January 30th, 2010)

Awards/Prizes

Money prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd Place with additional prizes dependent upon number of entries.

Special Note

If draw is uneven after attempts to make it even the last entry received will be put on a waiting list.

This is a new event to be placed on the schedule as of 2010. Any revisions subject to review and vote by the delegates of the clubs of the SWWD

Approved: October 2009

Renamed: October 2010

CHRIS HYLAND TRIPLES

Tournament format decided by Chris Hyland
Sponsor for 5 years
(2008 – 2012)

(TEAM SOUTHWEST POINT CRITERIA EVENT)

LOCATION: Orange County

TROPHY: Chris Hyland Triples Trophy (Perpetual)

PARTICIPATION:

Three women constitute a team,
Members of a team do not need to belong to the same club.

METHOD OF PLAY:

Four x 10 - end games will be played.
One-day event
Open blind draw
7 + points

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners to be determined by number of games won and plus points scored.
If two or more teams should tie with the same number of wins and plus point, they play a tie-breaker.

AWARDS:

Trophy presented to overall winner
\$500.00 prize money to be added to entry fees
Money prizes awarded overall 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th place (2011)
1st through 5th place will be awarded if more than 24 teams

2008
Updated 04-2011

AUSTRALIAN PAIRS
(TEAM SOUTHWEST POINT CRITERIA EVENT)

LOCATION: Determined yearly

TROPHY: None

PARTICIPATION:

Two women constitute a team.
Members of the team do not need to belong to the same club.

METHOD OF PLAY:

Three x 14 - end games shall be played
2-4-2 system of play will be used.
Limit of 10 plus points on each game.
Open Blind Draw.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

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

In the case of ties, the number of games won, plus total points scored shall determine winner.

AWARDS:

There will be money prizes awarded over-all, 1st through 5th place.
Amount of prizes to be determined by the amount of entries.

Updated 4/29/05

CALIFORNIA BEARS
(TEAM SOUTHWEST POINT CRITERIA EVENT)

LOCATION: Determined yearly

TROPHY: Four Small Perpetual Bear Design Trophies.
One trophy to be given to each member of the winning team.

PARTICIPATION:

Four women constitute a team.
Members of a team do not need to belong to the same club.
Must be Division or USLBA member
Team colors permitted.

METHOD OF PLAY:

One day event:
*1st Game: Rinks
*2nd Game: Triples and Singles
*3rd Game: Pairs and Pairs
Pairs, Triples and Rinks: 14 – end games.
Singles: 18 point game.

Teams to be arranged so that no team plays the same opponent and no teams from the same club play each other

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners to be determined by wins, losses, ties.
Plus 10 points, maximum.
In the case of ties, the number of games won, plus total points scored shall determine winner.

AWARDS:

Perpetual Trophies to winning team members
Money prizes awarded 1st through 4th place winners.
Amount of prizes will be determined by number of entries.
All entry fees to be awarded.

Established 1997 - Replaces California State Tournament

Re-issue: Supersedes revision 1 approved April 17, 1998.

Approved: SWW Division Meeting Sept. 21, 2000.

Approved: SWW Division Annual General Meeting, 1-11-2003

*1: Format changed to: 1st game Rinks, 2nd game Triples and Singles, and 3rd game Pairs and Pairs.
Approved by mail ballot, March 2003

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SOUTHWEST WOMEN'S DIVISION OPEN
(TEAM SOUTHWEST POINT CRITERIA EVENT)

LOCATION: Determined yearly

TROPHY: Perpetual – see awards below

PARTICIPATION:

Open to all female members in good standing of a club approved by the SWWD or female members affiliated with the USLBA or other international Organization.

This Tournament consists of three individual events:

Triples (threes), Pairs (doubles), Singles.

The order in which the events are played is to be left to the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

Entry fee to be decided upon by the Tournament Committee and said fee to be approved by the Delegates.

Format: 4 x 10 - end games for triples and pairs with a max of +7 per game and 14 points for the singles on the first day. All games must be completed.

Second day all/most players will return and based upon results of the first day placed into flights.

One game guaranteed on the second day (except Championship which will be 2 games guaranteed). All games on the second day will be 14 ends except for the singles which will be 18 points.

Opposition on the first day will be determined based upon a blind draw.

Ranking after the first day will be done as follows:

1. Win points – 2 for a Win, 1 for a tie, and 0 for a loss
2. 1st tiebreak is the total point difference based upon +/- 7 points per game
3. 2nd tiebreak is using the actual scores not limited and determining the differential. This is a fraction of total team points divided by your points plus your opponents' points.

A bye, if necessary, will be considered a game won, and you will receive an average winning score for the round you received the bye in.

AWARDS:

Championship Singles Trophy

Championship Pairs Trophy

Championship Triples Trophy

Bowler of the Tournament Trophy

In addition, awards will be presented to Champion, Runner-up and 3rd place winners in Championship Flight as well as to the winning team in each Flight. Money prizes to be awarded to Champion, Runner-up, 3rd and 4th winners

in Championship Flight, as well as to winner and runner-up in each Flight, except for 5th Flight runner up

**Bowler of the Tournament
Championship Flight**

	Singles	Pairs	Triples or Fours
1st	98	81	68
2nd	47	40	61
3rd	31	27	23
4th	16	14	12

Second Flight

	Singles	Pairs	Triples or Fours
1st	19	16	14
2nd	9	8	7

Third Flight

	Singles	Pairs	Triples or Fours
1st	16	14	12
2nd	8	7	6

SOUTHWEST DIVISION RINKS
(TEAM SOUTHWEST POINT CRITERIA EVENT)

LOCATION: to be determined yearly.

TROPHY: None

PARTICIPATION:

Four women constitute a team.
Members of a team do not need to belong to the same club.

METHOD OF PLAY:

Three x 14 – end games shall be played
One day event
Open Blind Draw.
Plus 10 points, maximum.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners will be determined by games won and plus points scored.

AWARDS:

There will be money prizes awarded to each full green – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Amount of prizes to be determined by the amount of entries.

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NOVICE SINGLES

LOCATION: to be determined yearly.

TROPHY: See awards

PARTICIPATION:

Must be a novice: A new bowler of a recognized Lawn Bowling Club, who has been bowling for no more than 24 months
No player may win the Novice Singles Title twice (9-22-2007)

METHOD OF PLAY:

Blind draw
Format determined by number of entries.
3 x 10 – end games

AWARDS:

Novice Singles Champion.....Izzie Forbes Trophy

In addition, an award will be presented to Champion and Runner-up, as well as a money prize to each.

Ties will be played off, to determine winner of Trophy.

1 x 3 - game winner is awarded the trophy. 2nd place to be determined by plus points

2 x 3 - game winners, play off for 1st and 2nd.

3 x 3 - game winners, highest plus gets bye and other 2 play. Winner of that game plays the person who got the bye.

4 x 3 - game winners, blind draw to see who plays against whom, then the winners will play off for 1st and 2nd.

U.S.PAIRS AND SINGLES PLAYDOWNS (TEAM SOUTHWEST POINT CRITERIA EVENT)

These tournaments are scheduled anytime before the date of the National Championships
Since the National Championships are played in different parts of the U.S. the time of the year varies.

The Southwest Division is authorized to send two (2) teams to the National Championship games for each scheduled event.
The selection of these two (2) teams will be determined by the results of two (2) separate play-downs.
Any member of the Southwest Division and USLBA is eligible to enter.
(Approved at the USLBA Council meeting, March 16, 2002)

LOCATION:

Determined yearly

PARTICIPATION

Entrants must be United States citizens. (Proof required)
Entrants are to be members of the Southwest Division and USLBA

METHOD OF PLAY

This is a two - weekend event based on the number of entries.
Pairs games are 18 ends each (January 30th, 2010)
Singles are 21 points each

AWARDS

Entry fees to be used for expense of running the Tournament
SWW Division patch to be awarded to the winners.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS

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 number of entries.

Revised: October 2002
Approved: January 2003 at Annual General Meeting.
Updated 04-29-05

Singles and Pairs Playdowns Format

At the January 2011 Annual General meeting it was decided that in order to equalize the players chances in the Playdowns, the first day would be used to separate the teams/players into separate Stars and Stripes sections.

Format: The first day there will be an open blind draw and all player/teams will play 4 10 end games for pairs and **12 points for singles**. At the end of the day players will be ranked based upon their results (for 12 team/players it would be 1 through 12). Based upon these rankings you will be put into one of the sections as follow (this is an example based upon 12 teams/players):

Stars	Stripes
1	2
4	3
5	6
8	7
9	10
12	11

After teams/players are placed into their respective group, the days following will be a round robin within each group. Winners of the round robin will determine the team/player of each group to represent the Southwet Women's Division at the National Championships.

Please note that this is the only change for the format. Round robin format will remain as previously played. This is only an attempt to equalize the teams/players in each group to maximize our players at the National Championships.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact a member of the SWWD Games Committee.

Change in playdown format approved, January 30th 2011

**SOUTHWEST DIVISION VETERAN/NOVICE PAIRS.
(TEAM SOUTHWEST POINT CRITERIA EVENT)**

NOVICE: a new bowler who has been bowling no more than 24 months, determined when membership in club is accepted.

LOCATION: To be determined yearly

TROPHY: None

PARTICIPATION:

One woman veteran and one woman novice comprise a team. Members of a team do not need to be from the same club.

METHOD OF PLAY:

One - day event
Two 12 – end games shall be played.
A and B greens with Open Blind Draw. Final determination of A and B to be at discretion of Tournament Committee.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

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

AWARDS:

Money prizes awarded to each full green, 1st 2nd and 3rd place. Prizes awarded to be determined by the amount of entries.

SWW DIVISION 5 - STAR TOURNAMENT
TEAM SOUTHWEST POINT CRITERIA EVENT

This tournament is usually played in October and usually played on the same day that the **Men's** Five - Man All Star event is scheduled.

LOCATION:

To be determined yearly

PARTICIPATION

Five women team from each club.

It is recommended that two members of the team be from the same club in order to be able to field a team from clubs that have few tournament bowlers.

METHOD OF PLAY

A one-day event

Blind draw.

Triples and Pairs in the morning. Both to 14 ends

Rinks and Singles in the afternoon. Rinks to 14 ends, Singles to 18 points

Teams to be arranged so that no team plays the same opponent and no teams from the same club play each other.

Skip determines club

AWARDS

Entry fees to be used for cash prizes.

Prizes will be based on number of entries.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS

Number of total wins per team determines the winner. If tied, plus score will be counted. If two or more teams should tie with the same number of wins and plus points, they shall play a tie-breaker.

Tie-breaker shall consist of one end of singles by five members of each team.

A blind draw for opponents shall be made.

(Number of total wins to govern).

Revised: October 2002

Approved: January 2003 Annual General Meeting.

Updated 04-29-05

MIXED PAIRS (MEN SKIP)

This tournament is usually played on the second Saturday of November

LOCATION: Santa Anita

TROPHY: Perpetual Win Eberle Mixed Pairs Trophy

PARTICIPATION:

One woman – one man constitute a team.
Members of the team do not need to belong to the same club.

METHOD OF PLAY:

Men skip
One - day event
Three x 12 - end games
There will be an A and B Section with an Open Blind Draw.

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners will be determined by games won and plus points scored.

AWARDS:

Trophy presented to over-all winner; i.e. three - game winner with the highest plus score over all the entrants.

Money prizes will be awarded to each full green; 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Amount of prizes will be determined by the amount of entries.
Division pays Tournament Chair's expenses.

NOTE:

Entrants will be requested to designate section that they prefer and every effort will be made to accommodate their request. Special arrangements may be made for host clubs.

Updated 4/29/05
Updated 04-2011

SOUTHWEST DIVISION VETERAN/NOVICE MIXED TRIPLES

(This tournament is usually played in November)

NOVICE: a new bowler who has been bowling no more than 24 months, determined when membership in club is accepted.

LOCATION: Long Beach

TROPHY: None

PARTICIPATION:

Mixed or matched 3-person team.
2 members of the team must be from the same club.

METHOD OF PLAY:

One - day event.
Three x 12 – end games shall be played.
Open Blind Draw.
10 + points

DETERMINATION OF WINNERS:

Winners will be determined by games won, with a limit of 10 plus points on each game.
Ties stand.

AWARDS:

There will be money prizes awarded overall, 1st through 4th place plus consolation prize.

Prizes awarded to be determined by the amount of entries.

Updated 4/29/05

POINT CRITERIA – Team SWWD

A candidate must participate in a minimum of four (4) of the 14 recognized events

Australian Pairs

1 st	10
2 nd	7
3 rd	4
4 th	2
5 th	1

California Bears

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

Chris Hyland Family Triples

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

SWWD Rinks

1 st	10
2 nd	7
3 rd	4

Veteran Novice Pairs

1 st	10
2 nd	7
3 rd	4

Katy Stone Singles

1 st	10
2 nd	7
3 rd	4

U.S. Singles and Pairs Playdowns

1 st	10
2 nd	7
3 rd	4

If the format has no clear-cut 3rd and 4th, then: equal 3rd – 3 each; equal 4th – 1 each
If awarding points for equal 3rd, then there are no 4th

SWWD Open: Singles, Pairs and Triples

	CH Flt	2nd Flt	3rd Flt
1 st	15	5	3
2 nd	11	2	-
3 rd	5	-	-
4 th	3	-	-

SWWD Open: Singles, Pairs and Triples

	CH Flt	2nd Flt	3rd Flt
1 st	20	7	4
2 nd	14	3	-
3 rd	8	-	-
4 th	4	-	-

SWWD 5 Star

1 st	10
2 nd	7
3 rd	4

Plus, any lower flight winner which has lost only one game receives 2 points

Point Criteria for a Woman's Team Southwest will mean that a candidate must participate in a minimum of four recognized events.

A Point System will assist to:

- a) Encourage competition, thus increasing tournament entry participation
- b) Encourage Skill Development, thus elevating level of play
- c) Encourage Devotion to the sport, thus promoting the continuation of the game
- d) Encourage Bowlers to seek Recognition by listing the top candidates as Team SW Women.

Set goals to become a better lawn bowler. One way to do that is through competition. Join in 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, 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.

Become a candidate for Women's Team Southwest!