

12 U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES PLAYDOWNS

- 12.1 Summary: A tournament open to male SWLBA and BOWLS USA members only, to determine who will represent the Division at the U.S. Championships. Winners are *obligated* to play in the U.S. Championship Finals. The second place player must go if the First place player is forced to drop out. A winning player withdrawing from the U.S. National Championships, **or any game thereof**, without good cause, will be subject to being prohibited from entering the Southwest Division Singles or Pairs Playdowns in the following year.
- 12.2 Event Duration: To be determined by the number of entries, it could run 5 days over 3 weekends.
- 12.3 Entry Qualification: Must be a member in good standing of Bowls USA and any SWLBA Club, who guarantees to represent the SWLBA in the U.S. National Championships wherever in the U.S. they are held. Must be a U.S. citizen. See "Laws of the Sport of Bowls" book. Must not have already qualified for the U.S. National Championships in the current year.
- 12.4 Maximum Number of Entries: The entries will be divided into 2 fields so long as the SWLBA is entitled to 2 entries into the US Championships. The number of teams in each field may be divided unequally between the 2 fields at the discretion of the tournament director to minimize the impact of byes upon the tournament.
- 12.5 Entry Fee: \$30.00 per player.
- 12.6 Format:
- Blind draw (seeded) DOUBLE ELIMINATION. See chart for details
 - ~~Two~~ **Three** 21 point games each day **on first weekend**. (~~Three games may be played if both players agree.~~) **No dead ends; respot rule will be in effect for all games.**
 - Seeding will be done by the tournament committee. No fewer than 4 teams will be seeded, no more than 25% of the field will be seeded. Seeded teams will be the first to blind draw their cards. This shall be performed in such a way as to guarantee that the seeded teams are evenly split between the 2 fields, while still allowing them equal access to any of the cards for both fields.
- 12.87 Awards:
- Cash: The following percentages of the Cash Award Pool will be awarded to the top two players:
 - 1st Place: 60%
 - 2nd Place: 40%
 - **Trophies:** ~~Appropriate medals~~ **Trophies** will be awarded to **each** 1st and 2nd place players.