

11 U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS PLAYDOWNS

- 11.1 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 team must go if the First place team is forced to drop out. A winning team 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.
- 11.2 Event Duration: To be determined by the number of entries, it could run 5 days over 3 weekends.
- 11.3 Entry Qualification: Team composed of male members in good standing of any SWLBA Club and Bowls USA, who guarantee to represent the SWLBA on that team in the U.S. National Championships wherever in the U.S. they are held. Must be a U.S. citizen. Must not have already qualified for the US Championships for this year. See "Laws of the Sport of Bowl".
- 11.4 Maximum Number of Entries: Unlimited. The entries will be divided into 2 fields so long as the SWLBA is entitled to 2 entries into the US National 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.
- | 11.5 Entry Fee: \$30.00 per player.
- 11.6 **Format:**
- Blind draw (seeded) DOUBLE ELIMINATION. See chart for details
 - Two 18-end games each day (3 games may be played if both team and the Tournament Director 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.
- 11.7 Scoring: Winner must be determined. If game is tied, play 1 additional end.
- 11.8 Awards:
- Cash: The following percentages of the Cash Award Pool will be awarded to the top two teams:
 - 1st Place: 60%
 - 2nd Place: 40%
 - **Trophies:**—Appropriate medals **Trophies** will be awarded to each member of the 1st and 2nd place teams.

Losers Bracket							Winners Bracket						
LB7	LB6	Round 6	Round 5	Round 4	Round 3	Round 2	Draw	1st Round	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 7	Winner
							1	Match 1					1st
							16		Match 9				2nd
						Match 13				loser to A4			
							9		Match 2				3rd
					Match 17						Match 21		
					A1		8				loser to B1		4th
				B2									
							5		Match 3				
							12		Match 10				
			C1							loser to A3			
						Match 14							
							13		Match 4				
						Match 18							
						A2						Match 27	
							4				loser to C1		
			D1										
							3		Match 5				
							14		Match 11				
										loser to A2			
						Match 15							
							11						
						Match 19			Match 6				
						A3					Match 21		
							6				loser to B2		Match 30
						B1							
							7		Match 7				
							10		Match 12				
										loser to A1			
						Match 16							
							15						
						Match 20			Match 8				
						A4							
							2					D1	

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