



2023 Central Division Open Details and Conditions of Play

We invite you to join us for the 2023 Central Division Open Lawn Bowling tournament in Milwaukee, August 3rd- 6th. Compete for over \$1,500 in guaranteed prize money in the Ken Degenhardt Potlicker Pairs competition and 100% fee payout in the Team Event. Come roll with some of the best in the Midwest. Two fun events and four days of bowling at Lake Park on the shores of beautiful Lake Michigan.

Event Details

When: Thursday, August 3rd – Sunday, August 6th

Where: Lake Park – Home of the Milwaukee Lawn Bowling Club
3131 E Newberry Blvd, Milwaukee, WI 53211

Events: **Team Event** – Thursday and Friday
Teams of four will compete in a multi-discipline format.
Guaranteed 3 games each day.
100% of entry fees paid out in prizes.

Ken Degenhardt Potlicker Pairs – Saturday and Sunday
Guaranteed 3 games.
Pairs will compete in the Ken Degenhardt Potlicker Pairs event.
Guaranteed prize money (\$1,000 for 1st place, \$500 for 2nd).

Registration: Sign up as a team, pair or as an individual to reserve your spot to compete in each event.

Social fun: Participants are invited to come early and bowl with our Tuesday and Wednesday evening leagues (get a feel for the rinks). And join us for a Friday evening reception (included with your entry fee).

Join us at Lake Park in Milwaukee for the 2023 Central Division Open.

Conditions of Play

All games will be played in line with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark, 3rd Edition.

The CD Open is a mixed gender event for both events. Members of the Bowls USA and World Bowls organizations are welcome to participate. Each team must select a captain who will make decisions for the team. Number of teams may be limited based on rinks available for play. First come first served.

FORMAT AND SCORING:

Team event – Each round will consist of multiple discipline formats against the opposing team. 3 bowls triples, 4 bowls pairs and 4 bowls singles. Number of ends will be determined based on number of entries.

Ken Degenhardt Potlicker – 4 bowls pairs. Number of ends determined based on number of entries.

All games will have a time limit of 2 hours and 30 mins.

- Team event tournament will be pooled or complete round robin based on number of teams.
- Ken Degenhardt Potlicker Pairs tournament will be flighted bracket style.
- Byes are considered a win. Teams/Players with a bye can practice on a rink assigned by the Tournament Director as available.
- Trial Ends: Prior to the start of play each day, each player will be allowed two up and two back for trial ends. If both teams or players agree, trials can be skipped.
- No Dead Ends: A jack in motion that passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play must be re-spotted on the 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.
- Scoring: Entrants will earn match points from each game based on two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss. Plus points will be maxed at +/- 10.
- Late Arrivals: A penalty of one point and one end played will be assessed for each ten minutes after the official start time. A late arrival time of 30 minutes or more will result in forfeiture of that game. This rule may be waived in extenuating circumstances.
- Tie Breakers: Head to head results will be used in the case of 2 way ties in team event. Plus points will be used for 3 or more way ties.

PRIZE MONEY/AWARDS:

- The number of entries determines the amount of prize money. The allocation for prize money/awards will be posted at the venue c/o Tournament Director.

Team event - Prizes will be awarded to the top 2 spots in Championship pool and top spot in Consolation pool.

Ken Degenhardt Potlicker Pairs Event - Prizes awarded to 1st (\$1000*) and 2nd (\$500*) in 1st flight. Top finishers in 2nd thru TBD flights allocated based on number of entries. (* Prize fund will be prorated if less than 12 teams enter)

Please arrive at 8:30 each day for announcements

PRACTICE:

- Competitors may practice the day prior to the start of the event, according to the host venue's instructions. Hours will be communicated in advance by the Tournament Director.

BOWLS, FOOTWEAR AND ATTIRE:

- Shoes must be flat-soled and heel-less.
- Matching Team members' shirts and below-the-waist attire strongly encouraged. They may be white or colored.
- There will be no inspection of bowls.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

- Substitutes may be allowed, after the commencement of the opening round, in the event of illness or any unforeseen circumstance, once approved by the Tournament Director, as follows:
 - a. All substitutions must abide by the conditions outlined in the updated Substitutions Rules on the Bowls USA website.
 - b. Substitutes may not skip.
 - c. No substitutes for Singles after play has commenced.

CHANGES IN SCHEDULING:

- If an event cannot be conducted in accordance with the published schedule or if a special situation arises, the Tournament Director/Committee may make whatever changes it deems appropriate.
- If a game is suspended due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, the Tournament Director/Committee will determine if/when the game will continue. If all the games in a round cannot be completed, the results will be rolled back to the last fully completed round. This is where plus points may come into play.

UMPIRES:

- Prior to the start of play, umpires, as available, will be introduced.

DISPUTES:

- The umpire's decision is final in all circumstances except those relating to the meaning or interpretation of a law, in which case there will be a right of appeal to the Controlling Body (NED Board & Tournament Director/Committee).

OTHER LAWS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES:

- Groundsheets: The Tournament Director/Committee can make the decision to use groundsheets at any time, if applicable.
- Cell Phones and/or Sound-Emitting Devices: Any such devices must be muted or turned down. Violations shall be considered a violation of rink possession. Law 41.7 is not superseded.
- Smoking: Smoking is prohibited on any green and is only allowed in designated areas.