



Hillandale Rolbalklub
Hillandale Bowling Club

TABS GUIDELINES/POLICY (Amended in Feb 2025)

1. Background

The management condones a previous decision that the draw of social games is done in the privacy of the bar. The reason for this is, among other things, the following:

- This is practice at most clubs.
- This prevents members from looking over the shoulder of the selectors/committee member responsible for the draw and making comments such as:
 - I don't want to play on the side rink.
 - I don't want to play in a certain position.
 - I am now playing with this or that person for the third time.
 - I don't want to play in the broken rink.
- Tabs are done by selectors or UB members and their bona fides/integrity must not be questioned by the members. After all, they were elected by the members during the AGM. ***It is the prerogative of the person on duty to decide whether he/she wants to do the draw himself/herself or whether he/she wants to use a member to help with the draw. During special events or tournaments, players can/will be used to do the draw.***

2. Procedure followed.

- 2.1 Members' tabs must be handed in 15 minutes before the start time, together with the course fees. Players who are late will only be accommodated if there is an opening/broken rink.
- 2.2 The person on duty posts members' tabs according to their rating.
- 2.3 Grading of members is done annually, or as the need arises, by the selectors.
- 2.4 Only in case of medical reasons or members over 80 years of age will request to be graded in specific positions be considered. (Only downwards and not upwards)
- 2.5 Depending on the number of tabs handed in on a specific day, it is determined whether trips or fours are played. Trips are played preferentially because members get the opportunity to roll more bowls.
- 2.6 After the trips have been unpacked and it happens that there are 8 tabs, instead of 6, the committee member decides whether there will be one team of fours or two pairs of teams. (Normally members prefer to play pairs because more bowls can be rolled)
- 2.7 Two weeks before the club's fours championships, fours are drawn so that members can practice rolling with two bowls.





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2.8 Broken rink – It is optional for the team to play the normal broken rink, or the alternative format, where the "odd one out" roll two bowls for each team. (In the case of the second option, the person playing the broken rink must mark two of his bowls)

2.9 Players may not ask to play in other positions than their rating, except the week before SVS pairs, then they may ask to play with their competition partners. This only applies to pairs, because in other formats too many players are involved.

3. Controlled manipulation

The selector reserves the right to make changes in the following circumstances:

- Requests that visiting friends/family members may play in the same three-ball or four-ball.
- Potential new members are placed in the position of their choice where they will get the best exposure. (Only for the first visit)
- Requests by players who, due to the fate of the draw, have played with the same person three or more times within a period of two weeks, will be considered. The principle applies and it has nothing to do with the person.
- Requests by husband and wife not to play together.
 - When there are not enough players in a certain position, e.g., skips
- Requests by members to play in positions other than the one in which he/she was selected, because the person is going to play there in a competition. (Only SFS competitions and not club championships, open days and/or leagues and only the week before he/she participates.)
- Requests by SFS selectors, that a potential provincial player plays in a specific position during official and social matches, in order to get enough exposure in the position.
- Coaches and their students play two rounds together, for the sake of training, before they are released.
- When the draw has a very unbalanced outcome, some changes may be made. (The selectors judgement must be trusted)
- When teams line up on the court for social, the Skips can consider a request by a player to play in another position or where the team is shuffled to be more competitive. (This is in other words an internal arrangement and remains the prerogative of the skips)

4. Handling of "Broken Rinks"

Although there are several options in which an uneven number of players can be accommodated during tabs-in, the members gave preference to the following options, during an information meeting held on 25 February 2025.





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- **If fours are played and there are only 7 players, the following applies:**

The fourball play with two bowls each. The other team's lead and second each play with three bowls and the skip with two. In such a case, the third of the four ball must stay with the second and lead and do not stand on the other side with the skip.

- **If "trips" are played and there are only 5 players, the following applies:**

The three-ball play with two bowls each. The other team's lead plays four bowls and the skip two.

NB! Above mentioned guidelines (3) are only applicable in social games and not in competitions.

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Japie Kruger
Chairperson
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(Afrikaans version signed by Chairperson)