

11 NATIONAL 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: \$34.00 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; re-spot 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%
 - Awards: Appropriate awards will be presented to each member of the 1st and 2nd place teams.

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