



# PORT NATAL BOWLS

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We would welcome comments from our players who participate in the Nationals and would be grateful if this could be discussed with interested parties.

The following are suggestions that have been made and the reasons given.

## **FORMAT**

Problems have been experienced with completing three sessions per day in the pairs and fours during sectional play and up to the quarter finals.

## **PAIRS**

Suggestions

- Change the format from four bowl pairs over 15 ends to three bowl pairs over 18 ends. This reduces the number of bowls played per game per day by 56.
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## **SINGLES**

The decision to change the format from sections of four to straight knockout, whilst potentially accommodating 384 players per gender had a mixed reaction, particularly from the women travelling to Cape Town.

Men's Open Entries 256 – played 245

Men's Senior Entries 128 – played 119

Women's Open Entries – 88

Women's Senior Entries - 76

(There is also a suggestion that a charge of R25.00 per player be introduced - in the past this has been free.)

According to the tournament committees there were significant changes to the original draw with withdrawals and replacements creating significant administrative effort and adding to communication costs.

Feedback from the women was that “we are not travelling all that way for one game of singles” and “who made the decision to change the format without consulting the players?”

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