



Lawn Bowls Sports Technical Manual Version 1.0





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1.

**WELCOME AND
INTRODUCTION**

Talofa lava and welcome to Beautiful Samoa – home of the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games.

We are excited to host the Pacific Region's largest quadrennial games here in our country, with more than 4000 Athletes and Team Officials from 24 countries competing in 27 sports.

Samoa is honoured to host you for the Games. We are proud of the work that has been accomplished to produce a world-class event for everyone in such a short period of time. Our motto from the beginning has been to “put our best foot forward” and we hope you will agree that we have done just that.

We put athletes and sport at the heart of our work and want to create a stage where you can excel. We are excited to provide an opportunity and platform for athletes to show their potential and create sporting memories at the Games here in Samoa. We admire your dedication to your sport and acknowledge and appreciate all your efforts in preparing your team to compete at the XVI Pacific Games from 7–20 July 2019. We are also eager to give you the best facilities, organisation and support that the people of Samoa can provide so your athletes can compete at their best.

As a nation, we know that to deliver a successful Games for our Pacific athletes, we will all need to be One in Spirit. Faafetai tele lava to each of the teams for the invaluable assistance provided to the Games Organising Committee. We could not have done this without your support.

We are delighted to present the Sport Technical Handbook for the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games.

This publication contains details of the technical arrangements for your Sports and the various aspects of the Games that affect you. Please treat this as your source of reference during the Games.

Our dedicated Games staff and volunteers are here to assist you if you have any questions or issues. You can also seek further guidance from our Sport Information Centre located at the Games Village and Sport Information Desks at every venue.

We believe that the Pacific Games is not only about sports but also about building bonds between our Pacific nations. Therefore, we wish you a fantastic time at the Games. We hope you enjoy our warm Samoan hospitality as well as the camaraderie of the 24 nations from the Pacific that are participating in this year's Games.

One in Spirit!

Hon. Loau Solamalemalo Keneti Sio
Chairperson
Samoa 2019 Pacific Games

Falefata Hele-Ei Matatia
Chief Executive Officer
Samoa 2019 Pacific Games

2.

ORGANISATION

2.1 International Federation (IF) – World Bowls

President: John Bell

Chief Executive Officer: Gary Smith

2.2 National Lawn Bowls Association – Samoa Bowling Association

President: Tufa Rudy Meredith

Secretary: George Bell

Treasurer: Lauano Herbert Peters

2.3 Lawn Bowls Technical Committee – Pre-Games

Sports Competition Manager: Tiufea Rudy Meredith

IF Technical Delegate: Bill Fowlie

2.4 Lawn Bowls Technical Committee – Games Time

International Federation (IF)

- World Bowls and Pacific Games Council (PGC)
- Technical Delegate (TD): Bill Fowlie (Email: bill.linley@fowlie.co.nz)

Organising Committee (OC)

- Sports Competition Manager (SCM): Tiufea Rudy Meredith

2.5 Key Competition Management

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2.6 International Technical Officials (ITO)

International Lawn Bowls Federation Technical Delegate: Bill Fowlie (New Zealand)

Helen Stallard (New Zealand)

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2.7 National Technical Officials

Fiu Pani Asi (Umpire – Samoa)

Lauano Herbert Peters (Umpire – Samoa)

Saveatawa Hans Gabriel (Umpire – Samoa)

Pio Bell (Umpire – Samoa)

Lena Adam (Umpire – Samoa)

George Bell (Marker Samoa)

Hans Gabriel Jnr (Marker – Samoa)

Feao Wright (Marker – Samoa)

John Matulino (Marker – Samoa)

Patrick Chan Cneuk (Marker – Samoa)

Pesega Matawia (Marker – Samoa)

Sanele Faauma (Marker – Samoa)

Fereti Mamamoe (Marker – Samoa)

Mona Framaoani (Marker – Samoa)

Iva Tiatia (Marker – Samoa)

2.8 Technical Meeting Date

The Technical Committee Meeting will be held no more than 48hrs prior to the commencement of the competition. This meeting will provide the most current sport specific information.

The Technical Committee shall ensure that the Pacific Games Lawn Bowls competition is conducted in accordance with the technical rules and regulations of World Bowls. Updated information will be distributed at this time.

The Lawn Bowls Technical Committee meeting has been scheduled as follows;

Date: Saturday 6 July

Time: 1200hrs

Venue: Lawn Bowls Greens, Faleata Sports Complex

3.

**COMPETITION
MANAGEMENT**

3.1 List of Events

The 2019 Pacific Games Lawn Bowls Competition shall consist of the following events:

Men's	Women's
Singles	Singles
Pairs	Pairs
Triples	Triples
Fours	Fours

3.2 Competition Schedule

The following schedule is based on numerical entries provided in February 2019. Changes may occur at the time of the Games depending on final entries. This schedule is provided as an indication only.

Lawn Bowls – Daily Events Schedule

Day	Date	Session	Round	Start Time	End Time	Event
1	8 July	Morning	1	0900hrs	1115hrs	Women's Singles, Fours Men's Pairs, Triples
1	8 July	Afternoon	2	1200hrs	1415hrs	Women's Singles, Fours Men's Pairs, Triples
1	8 July	Afternoon	3	1445hrs	1700hrs	Women's Singles, Fours Men's Pairs, Triples
2	9 July	Morning	4	0900hrs	1115hrs	Women's Singles, Fours Men's Pairs, Triples
2	9 July	Afternoon	5	1200hrs	1415hrs	Women's Singles, Fours Men's Pairs, Triples
2	9 July	Afternoon	6	1445hrs	1700hrs	Women's Singles, Fours Men's Pairs, Triples
3	10 July	Morning	7	0900hrs	1115hrs	Women's Singles, Fours Men's Pairs, Triples
3	10 July	Afternoon	Semi	1200hrs	1415hrs	Women's Singles, Fours Men's Pairs, Triples
3	10 July	Afternoon	Final & Playoffs	1445hrs	1700hrs	Women's Singles, Fours Men's Pairs, Triples

3	10 July	Afternoon	Medal Ceremonies	1730hrs	1800hrs	Women's Singles, Fours Men's Pairs, Triples
4	11 July	Morning	1	0900hrs	1115hrs	Men's Singles, Fours Women's Pairs, Triples
4	11 July	Afternoon	2	1200hrs	1415hrs	Men's Singles, Fours Women's Pairs, Triples
4	11 July	Afternoon	3	1445hrs	1700hrs	Men's Singles, Fours Women's Pairs, Triples
5	12 July	Morning	4	0900hrs	1115hrs	Men's Singles, Fours Women's Pairs, Triples
5	12 July	Afternoon	5	1200hrs	1415hrs	Men's Singles, Fours Women's Pairs, Triples
5	12 July	Afternoon	6	1445hrs	1700hrs	Men's Singles, Fours Women's Pairs, Triples
6	13 July	Morning	7	0900hrs	1115hrs	Men's Singles, Fours Women's Pairs, Triples
6	13 July	Afternoon	SEMI	1200hrs	1415hrs	Men's Singles, Fours Women's Pairs, Triples
6	13 July	Afternoon	Final & Playoffs	1445hrs	1700hrs	Men's Singles, Fours Women's Pairs, Triples
6	13 July	Afternoon	Medal Ceremonies	1730hrs	1800hrs	Men's Singles, Fours Women's Pairs, Triples

3.3 Entries, Seeds and Draws

All athletes must comply with entry requirements as specified in the PGC Charter: Protocol 7.

3.4 Entry by Name (Protocol 7.10 – 7.15)

Entries by name containing the names of competitors and the events in which they wish to compete, shall be forwarded electronically, to reach the Organising Committee at least forty-five (45) days before the date of the opening of the Games. Thirty percent of the Pacific Games Authority's estimated per diem obligation shall be payable at this time. A further confirmation of entries by name shall be required from PGAs no later than 30 days

before the opening of the Games, from which the official and final per diem obligation will be calculated. A further 30% of this official per diem obligation shall be payable at this time. PGAs shall pay the remaining per diem obligation no later than the Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM) upon arrival and no Games Accreditations shall be issued to PGAs until the full per diem obligation is discharged. (Protocol 7.10)

A pre-DRM in person, or through the use of technology, shall occur within five days after the further confirmation of entries 30 days before the Games. (Protocol 7.11)

Each PGA shall pay at the DRM such sum as the Executive Board may prescribe for each competitor and official entered, which shall be paid into a separate account in the name of the Council. (Protocol 7.12)

Entries shall be completed electronically, and shall be forwarded to the OC via the Sporting Pulse provided Games Management System website. A PGA may also, simultaneously, submit a signed spreadsheet of athlete entries as an additional step to confirm its entries. The OC shall forward the entries to the Council and the relevant International Federations. (Protocol 7.13)

The OC shall send to PGAs copies of "Entry and Eligibility Conditions form" in English and French to be signed by each competitor and to be countersigned by the appropriate PGA and duly affiliated National Federation (NF). Completed forms for each athlete must be returned to the OC no later than the DRM. The Council shall approve the text to this form based upon the guidelines contained in Regulation 20. (Protocol 7.14)

As per Article 26 (5), late entries by name will not be accepted. (Protocol 7.15)

3.5 Final Entries (Protocol 7.16 – 7.21)

The names of those competitors finally entered for each event shall be confirmed to the OC at the Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM) at least 48 hours prior to the official opening of the Games. With the exception of the provisions of Protocol 7.18, no amendments to a PGA's delegation of athletes may be made after the DRM. (Protocol 7.16)

Only those competitors whose names appear on the individual entry Forms shall be eligible for final confirmation for participation. (Protocol 7.17)

When a competitor is injured after being included in the final entries forms, a substitute may be nominated on production of a medical certificate from the doctor designated by the OC provided this nomination is made before midnight preceding the opening event of the tournament in which the injured competitor would have taken part. The substitute's name must have been entered in the Individual Entries forms of that sport. (Protocol 7.18)

Each PGA shall be required to ensure that Article 8 is observed with regard to the selection and management of its team. (Protocol 7.19)

The Executive Board may require the OC to reject an entry, which does not comply with the requirements of the Charter, or for any other good or sufficient reason. (Protocol 7.20)

Penalties shall be imposed on the PGA for entries submitted that do not comply with the Council Charter. These penalties shall be payable to the PGC and shall include a minimum monetary fine of US\$1,000 or removal of the PGA's voting rights at the next Council annual meeting, or both. (Protocol 7.21)

3.6 Conditions of Entry

For Pacific Games and in respect of all activities of the Council and events under its control, there shall be no discrimination against any member country or persons on any grounds whatsoever, including race, gender, religion or politics.

3.7 Maximum Entries

The maximum number of players per Country who may compete in the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games competition is as follows:

Singles: 1 competitor in each event

Pairs: 2 competitors

Triples: 3 Competitors

Fours: 4 competitors

Each country may enter a maximum of 5 men and 5 women in accordance with Pacific Games Charter 2018 Regulation 6 and 7

3.8 Draws

The draw will be conducted in accordance with IF Rules. Further details will be provided at the Technical Committee Meeting.

3.9 Competition Rules and Regulations

Each sport shall be conducted in accordance with the technical rules of its IF current at the time of staging of the Games unless the Council is of the opinion that it is impractical to do so.

International Federation Laws (Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark Third Edition) and Regulations will be followed and strictly adhered to.

The Pacific Games Council shall have complete control of the Policy of the Games as stated in the PGC Charter; Protocol 15.1. However, the International Federations of all sports on the Games Programme, in association with the Technical Committee shall have technical control of the organisation of their respective sports in accordance with the IF Rules.

The conduct and organisations of the Sport Competitions in the programme of the Games is in accordance with the IF Rules and under the authority of the Organising Committee

In cases of disputes the Pacific Games Council decision shall be final.

3.10 Protests, Appeals and Arbitration Procedures

Jury of Appeal

A Jury of Appeal shall be appointed for the purpose of deciding upon any points not provided in the conditions of play and/or for dealing with any referrals or appeals from decisions made by umpires and/or the Controlling Body. In the event of a referral or appeal such referrals or appeals shall be made in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and any World Bowls Regulations.

The functions of the Jury of Appeal shall be to:

- 1) Hear and determine any allegation of misconduct properly made under the Conditions of Play, Laws of the Sport of Bowls or the World Bowls Articles of Association and Regulations.
- 2) Hear and determine any disputes.
- 3) Hear and determine any appeals.

Other Laws, Regulations and Policies

All other Laws, Regulations and Policies other than stated above shall conform to the World Bowls Articles of Association, Regulations and the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Third Edition as approved by World Bowls.

Disputes Tribunal

The Tribunal shall decide all differences and questions of a non-technical nature, and those technical questions referred to it by juries of appeal or by any of the disputing parties after previous consideration by the jury of appeal. The decision of the Disputes Tribunal in an appeal from a decision of a Jury of Appeal shall be final and binding on all parties.

3.11 Lawn Bowls Competition Procedures

Checking of Bowls

All bowls utilised in play must be registered with the Organising Committee and must carry a registered World Bowls stamp of either the current year (2019) or of a future year. It is the Team Manager's or Coaches responsibility to ensure that all bowls that will be used by players must be registered prior to the commencement of the Games.

Random checking will be conducted to make sure that registered bowls are being used during the Games.

Bowls discs will be issued to each Team Manager after the bowls are registered. If you require further supplies, please contact the Competition Manager.

Players must use the coloured bowls discs (stickers) as provided by the OC for each match, in accordance with Law 52.1.8.

Composition of Play

All events will be played on a "Round Robin" basis, i.e.: each team including the Singles players playing against every other team.

- Singles: Four bowls per player, 21 shots up, in excess of 21 shots shall not count
- Pairs: Three bowls per player, 18 ends (3x3)
- Triples: Two bowls per player, 18 ends
- Fours: Two bowls per player, 15 ends

A time limit of two hours and 15 minutes (not including trial ends) will apply to all sectional and post sectional matches for all disciplines.

Main Draw – Traditional Play (five players per team)

Each player can compete in a maximum of two disciplines. The Singles and Fours events for each gender will be conducted concurrently, as will the Pairs and Triples.

Team composition

Entered players must remain in the disciplines as confirmed at the Lawn Bowls Technical Meeting. After this time, changes will only be allowed relating to the team order within each team, between rounds. This must be submitted to Competition Management at least 15 minutes before the respective round.

Arrangement for practice

See Law 4 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

Draw

At the completion of the round-robin competition the top four Teams progress through to the semi-finals. Semi-final draw will be a random draw in accordance with World Bowls regulations.

Winning semi-finalists will play off for Gold and Silver medals. Losing semi-finalists will play off to determine the bronze medallist.

Section format

Any section with 7–8 teams. Black indicates where a bye would be with 7 teams.

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7
1 v 5	1 v 3	1 v 7	1 v 6	1 v 4	1 v 8	1 v 2
2 v 6	2 v 4	2 v 8	2 v 7	2 v 3	2 v 5	3 v 4
3 v 7	5 v 7	3 v 5	3 v 8	5 v 8	3 v 6	5 v 6
4 v 8	6 v 8	4 v 6	4 v 5	6 v 7	4 v 7	7 v 8

Any section with 5–6 teams. Bold indicates where a bye would be with 5 teams.

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1 v 5	1 v 6	1 v 4	1 v 3	1 v 2
2 v 4	2 v 3	2 v 6	2 v 5	3 v 4
3 v 6	4 v 5	3 v 5	4 v 6	5 v 6

Format of play

From quarter-final games onwards if Pairs, Triples or Fours game scores are equal after the prescribed number of ends, an extra end will be played to determine the winner as specified in Law 28.

In the case of delay due to extreme weather, the time limit relates to the length of time allowed for match play on the green. Any time off the green will not be considered towards this time.

A horn will sound to indicate the commencement of play, and then again to indicate the end of the time limit.

Any player/team arriving after the official start time shall lose the right to play trial ends.

Any player/team arriving at the green more than 15 minutes after the official starting time shall forfeit the game and the points for that game or not progress through to the next round.

If a game is forfeited, the non-offending player or team will be awarded three match points and a net total of shots that is equal to the average net total of shots scored by the winners of all other games played in the same round of the same section.

If any team is disqualified completely from the competition during the sectional play phase, all of the completed match results for the disqualified team will be removed.

During sectional play, matches must be played to the completion of the required number of ends or the time limit. During knockout stages, once a winner is determined (that is, it is mathematically impossible for the opponent to win or draw the match), the match will finish regardless of the number of ends played.

Rink allocations

Rink allocations are subject to change at any time prior to the trial ends for a specific round, at the discretion of the controlling body.

Scoring

- 1) The player or team with the greatest number of games won is the winner of the section. All other players or teams will be ranked accordingly.
- 2) If games won are equal, then the player or team with the highest number of points will be ranked higher (three points will be awarded for a win, one point for a draw).
- 3) If games won and points are equal, then the player or team with the highest net total of shots ('shots for' minus 'shots against') will be ranked higher.
- 4) If games won, points, and net total of shots are all equal, then the player or team with the lowest number of 'shots against' will be ranked higher.
- 5) If there is still equality having applied the criteria described in points 1) to 4) above, then the player or team that won the game between the players or teams that are equal will be ranked higher.
- 6) If the game between the players or teams that are equal is drawn, then the first player or team in the drawn game to win an end will be ranked higher.

Procedure for applying time limits

A horn will be used by the designated timekeeper to signal the official start of play.

At the completion of the allocated time, the designated timekeeper will use a horn to signal the end of play. At this time players will complete the current end they are playing. The start of an end is determined by the delivery of the jack by the first player in that end.

Trial ends

One trial end in each direction will be allowed for all games in accordance with Law 5.1. In trial ends players can use any combination of bowls taken from different sets so long as all bowls are registered and carry a registered World Bowls stamp of either the current year or a future year. Trial ends will commence 15 minutes before the official start time of the round.

Alterations to the format and length of games

The Controlling Body reserves the right to alter the format, times of play and greens to suit local unforeseen circumstances, giving as much notice as practical.

Where a programme is interrupted or cannot be completed due to inclement weather or local conditions, the Controlling Body may amend the format and length of games to achieve a result.

Restricting movement of players during play

Prior to the start of each end, the following players will take their position at the mat-end of the green:

- Pairs game: the leads
- Triples game: the leads and the seconds
- Fours game: the leads and the seconds

After delivering their first bowl, players will only be allowed to walk up to the head under the following circumstances:

- Singles game
- the opponents: after delivery of their third and fourth bowls.
- Pairs game (each player playing three bowls)
- the leads: after delivery of their third bowl; and
- the skips: after delivery of their second and third bowls.
- Triples game (each player playing two bowls)
- the leads: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl;
- the seconds: after delivery of their second bowl; and
- the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls.
- Fours game (each player playing two bowls)
- the leads: after the second player in their team has delivered their second bowl;
- the seconds: after delivery of their second bowl;
- the thirds: after delivery of their second bowl; and
- the skips: after delivery of each of their bowls

In exceptional and limited circumstances, a skip can ask that a player walks up to the head, or a player to the marker in Singles, earlier than described above. If a player does not meet the terms of this law, Law 35 will apply.

Delaying (slow) play

Players are required to play without undue delay and in a manner, which does not prevent their opponents from being able to complete the requisite number of ends within the time limit prescribed by the Controlling Body. The following conditions will apply in cases where players fail to meet this requirement.

- 1) The umpire, on appeal by one of the skips or one of the team managers or coaches that their team is being prevented from playing all their bowls within the time prescribed for the game due to the actions of their opponents, or on appeal by the Controlling Body as a result of its own observation, will notify the offending team that they are being 'put on the stopwatch' on completion of any end in progress.
- 2) When notification has been given, the offending team will be required to deliver all their bowls in each of the remaining ends within a four-minute time period (15-end games) or a three-and-a-half-minute time period (18-end games). Timing will be undertaken by a technical official specifically allocated for that purpose.
- 3) In each end, timing will start as soon as the jack has been properly delivered and centred (if the offending team is the first to play in an end) or as soon as the non-offending team's first bowl has come to rest (if the non-offending team is the first to play in an end). Thereafter, timing will continue whenever the offending team is in possession of the rink, and will stop when the offending team's last bowl of the end has been delivered.
- 4) No timing will occur during any interventions by the umpire (for example, to check a short jack or a line bowl) or any interventions by a team manager or coach.
- 5) A skip can call for a maximum of two time-outs during the period in which timing is being carried out. When a time-out is called, the time allowed to complete an end will be extended from four minutes to five minutes (15-end games) or from three and a half minutes to four and a half minutes (18-end games).
- 6) The timing official will advise the offending team when the time remaining in any end reaches one minute.
- 7) At the end of the four/five-minute period (15-end games) or the three and a half/ four-and-a-half-minute period (18-end games) the offending team will forfeit any bowls remaining to be delivered in that end. The non-offending team will, however, deliver their remaining bowls to complete the end.

Re-spotting the jack

- 1) If a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play, comes to rest in any hollow in the face of the bank, or rebounds to a distance of less than 20 metres from the mat line, the end should not be declared dead. Instead, the jack should be placed with the nearest point of the jack to the mat

line at a spot on the rink which is two metres from the front ditch and on the centre line, and play should continue.

- 2) If the spot mentioned in paragraph one is partly or completely covered by a bowl, the jack should be placed as close as possible to the covered spot, in line with that spot and the corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink, without touching a bowl.
- 3) The spots mentioned in paragraph one should be marked using chalk or some other suitable method.

Leaving the rink of play

If a player wishes to leave the rink of play, Law 33.1 will apply. However, if on more than one occasion, then on each occasion after the first they can do so only with their opponent's and the umpire's permission. The umpire's permission will be granted in consultation with the player's team manager or coach when they are present.

Substitutes and replacements

The Manager/Coach of the team shall herself/himself substitute or replace or call upon an affiliated player from her/his national authority to substitute. Anyone proposed as a replacement or substitute must be a citizen of the country that looks to enter them as a replacement pursuant to article 25 of the PGC Charter.

A substitute will not be allowed in the Singles Competition. If a Competitor in a singles game is unable to complete any game already commenced, her/his opponent shall be awarded the point(s) for that game. The team/player receiving the point(s) for the forfeit shall also be awarded the net shots margin of all matches completed in that round of the competition.

A substitute or replacement in terms of the foregoing, may only be utilised if the Jury of Appeal is satisfied that the player to be substituted is genuinely unable to play.

Smoking regulations

Players will not be permitted to leave the field of play during their match to smoke.

Footwear and attire

As per the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and PGC protocols.

Minimum length of end

The international standard of minimum length of end (23 metres) shall apply.

Marking touchers

Spray chalk will be used to mark touchers in all Singles games and is the preferred method for marking touchers in all team games.

4.

**COMPETITION
VENUE**

4.1 Lawn Bowls Greens, Faleata Sports Complex

The Lawn Bowls competition of the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games will be held at Lawn Bowls Greens, Faleata Sports Complex.

4.2 Travel time

The Lawn Bowl Greens Faleata. is approximately 15 minutes journey time from the Games Village.

4.3 Facilities

The venue will provide the following facilities:

- 4 Bowling greens
- Grandstand seating for 100 spectators
- Toilets, showers and changing rooms
- Sport Information Desk

4.4 Technical Details

All competition and practice matches will be played on the two designated greens at the venue. The left-hand green will have rinks numbered 1 – 6 and the right-hand green will have rinks numbered 7 – 12.

4.5 Sport Information Desk

Each competition venue will have a Sport Information Desk (SID). This will be your main point of contact during your stay to provide you with additional information you may require, as well as being the main collection point of relevant competition information.

The main Sports Information Centre (SIC) will be located in the international zone at the Games Village, Faleula, Apia.

5.

TRAINING VENUE

Training for Lawn Bowls will take place at the Lawn Bowls Greens, Faleata Sports Complex.

5.1 Travel time

This venue is located approximately 15 minutes journey time from the Games Village.

5.2 Facilities

The venue will provide the following facilities:

- 4 Bowling greens
- Grandstand seating for 100 spectators
- Toilets, showers and changing rooms

5.3 Availability

The training venue will be available from 4-7 July. A detailed training schedule will be drawn up for all teams.

5.4 Amendment and Booking of Training Venues

Upon arrival in Apia, each team will receive a detailed schedule of the slots they have been allocated before and during the event.

Amendments to and the booking for additional training times should be done at the SIC in the Games Village.

5.5 Media Access to Training Venues

Media will not be permitted at any Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games Non-Competition Training Venues.

However, nominated PGA team photographers will be permitted.

Media access at all XVI Pacific Games Competition Training Venues will be at the discretion of the Sports Competition Manager.



INFORMATION

6.1 Information before 4 July 2019

PGAs requiring any information or clarification should contact the relevant Sports Competition Manager.

6.2 Information from 4 July 2019

The main Sport Information Centre (SIC) is located in the Games Village in Faleula. There will also be a Sport Information Desk (SID) at each of the Competition Venues.

6.3 Sports Information Centre at the Games Village

The SIC at the Games Village will be open from 4 July 2019. It will open from 0700hrs until 2200hrs and will provide Chefs de Mission, Team Managers and Team Officials with critical information relating to specifically to training and competition for each of the 27 Sports.

Athletes will not have access to the Sports Information Centre.

The SIC will be staffed by personnel who can liaise directly with relevant Sports Competition Managers, to provide a one-stop sport, transport information and troubleshooting service to Team Officials and their technical staff.

The SIC will provide all sports information and results. Other general services offered by the information centre are:

- Distribution of technical information, such as results, start lists, competition schedules etc.
- Distribution of information regarding Technical meetings, seedings and draws, Technical Officials appointments, training sessions, transport arrangements, etc.
- Procedures for PGAs to book/amend training sessions.
- Procedure for PGAs to declare training sessions open to the media and for advising media on a daily basis of any "open" training sessions.
- Providing communication links between competition venue, Competition Management and Teams.
- Receipt and authorization of requests for Athlete Venue Meals.
- Co-ordination of sports and other information for PGAs.

6.4 Results

Results will be available for publication and online between 30 and 60 minutes after the conclusion of competition.

7.

MEDICAL

7.1 Games Polyclinic

The Village Medical Centre at the Games Village will provide primary medical care services from 4 July – 22 July 2019 to all Athletes, Team Members and Officials.

The Games Polyclinic will be open daily between 0700hrs and 2200hrs. Emergency medical, dental and pharmacy advice and dispensing services will be provided on a 24-hour basis.

7.2 Technical Officials

Technical Officials will be able to use the facilities at the Games Polyclinic, during the stated times of operation. Technical officials can access all of the services provided, including the stated 24-hour emergency services.

7.3 Competition Venues

Medical services will be provided for athletes at each of the Competition Venues. The service will be available from one (1) hour prior to start of competition until all athletes have been treated. Where required by the sport, paramedic ambulances will also be on standby at the venue.

7.4 Training Venues

Medical services provided to the Training Venues shall be on an on-call basis. Referrals from team doctors requiring further attention can be attended to at the Polyclinic.

Where required by the sport, paramedic ambulances will also be on standby on an on-call basis.

7.5 Prosthesis Repair

Prosthesis repairs will be carried out at the Games Polyclinic, at the stated daily operating times of 0700hrs to 2200 hrs.

7.6 Doping Control

The Athletes are informed that drug testing will be organised for the duration of the whole length of the Pacific Games, in close collaboration with the World Anti-Doping Association, WADA.

It is the responsibility of supervisors and Athletes to refer to the list of prohibited substances and to abstain from consuming them.

The list can be downloaded from the World Anti-Doping Association website (www.wada-ama.org).

Any Athlete who tests positive to a prohibited substance will be disqualified from the Pacific Games.

8.

TRANSPORT

8.1 Athletes and Team Officials

Athletes and Team Officials from each country will use dedicated private vehicles for their movement through Games locations, including the Games Village, the competition venue, the training venue and the dining halls. These vehicles will come with a dedicated driver. Each team is responsible for the driver. The vehicles will be available from the date of arrival of the team to the end of competition.

8.2 Technical Officials

Technical Officials will use a Technical Official Shuttle Service for their movement to and from their accommodation to the Competition Venues. This service will run from date of arrival through the day after competition. As different sports are accommodated at different hotels, the service will be dedicated to each group of Technical Officials. Technical Officials will use a pool vehicle service to access the dining halls on an individual technical official basis.

8.3 Competition Venues

Shuttle Bus Services to Competition Venues will cease upon completion of that venue's competition. Note the shuttle bus service does not stop at every competition venue.

Bus services to all Sporting Venues cease by 1900hrs, on 20 July, 2019.

9.

GENERAL REFERENCE INFORMATION

9.1 Technical Committee

Please note that the date, time and place of the meeting will be confirmed on 25 June, 2019 at the latest.

Role of the Technical Committee.

The Technical Committee will abide by the following rules enacted by the Pacific Games Council Charter amended on 7 June, 2018.

Protocol 15 of the Pacific Games Charter:

Organisation of the Different Sports Competition Committees.

15.1 The Council has complete control of the policy of the Games.

15.2 The OC shall set up its own sports division and also one such sports competition committee for each sport. Each National Federation of the Host PGA affiliated to the relevant International Federation whose sport is included in the programme of the Games shall appoint one of its representatives to serve on the sports competition committee. Each representative shall keep his /her governing body informed on progress made. The governing body shall maintain close liaison with the sports competition committee of its sport and be initially responsible, within the overall policy of the OC, for the arrangements of its sport.

15.3 Under the direction of the Council, the Organising Committee shall convene meetings of a PGC Technical Committee for each sport. The PGC Technical Committee will supervise and assume complete control of the technical arrangements for the sport, and ensure that the sport is conducted in accordance with the relevant International Federation's regulations unless as varied by the PGC Executive Board.

15.4 Membership of each PGC Technical Committee shall consist of two representatives from the Host country/territory, one representative from each of the other competing countries/territories and the International Federation representative (or their nominee), all with voting rights. Other members maybe co-opted, but without voting rights.

15.5 The date, time and place of the meeting of a PGC Technical Committee for each sport will be communicated to all PGAs at least one month prior to the opening of the Games. The meeting itself will be held not more than 48 hours prior to the commencement of the sport.

15.6 Each PGC Technical Committee shall elect its own Chairman and have an officer of the Council as an ex-officio member.

15.7 No PGC Technical Committee can validly meet without at least 50% of participating PGAs (excluding the Host) in that sport being present.

15.8 The PGC Technical Committee may alter the order and timing of events during and between each day of competition on the programme, but it may not alter the detailed programme and/or dates of sport competition without the approval of the PGC Executive Board.

9.2 International Rules

The events will be organised in conformity with the regulations of the international rules.

9.3 Medals

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded in the Pacific Games Lawn Bowls in accordance with the PGC Charter; Protocol 26.

- Four (4) or more contestants: Gold Silver and Bronze
- Three (3) contestants: Gold and Silver only
- Two (2) contestants: Gold only
- One (1) contestant: No Event, No Medal

9.4 Medal Ceremonies

In conformity with Protocol 23 of the Charter, the Medal Ceremonies will be held after the finals.

Each Athlete is requested to wear the official sports uniform of her/his delegation to attend the Medal Ceremony.

Athletes should attend all medal ceremonies in their official PGA team tracksuit and

appropriate footwear, even where the medal ceremony is scheduled for a different day to the day of competition.

9.5 Personal Clothing and Personal Equipment

As per the Pacific Game Charter:

Regulation 17 Part II Rules Relating to Identification of Personal Clothing and Personal Equipment.

There shall be no advertising or publicity on personal equipment and competition clothing used or worn at the Games. Subject to the International Federations rules identification of the manufacturer (Name and/ or Logo) of the equipment and clothing may appear, if not marked conspicuously for advertising purpose as follows;

1. **Manufacturer's Identification:** The identification of the manufacturer shall not appear more than once per item of Clothing and equipment.
2. **Equipment:** Manufacturer's identification shall not exceed 10 percent of the surface area of the equipment that is exposed during competition and shall not be more than 60 square centimetres.
3. **Head gear (hats, helmets, sunglasses, goggles etc.) and gloves:** Any identification of the manufacturer shall not exceed 6 square centimetres.
4. **Clothing:** One identification of the manufacturer (Logo, Name or combination) may appear on each article of clothing worn by athletes, officials or judges (vest, shorts, track-suits, etc.) the maximum height of 4 centimetres. No other form advertising or sponsorship on clothing shall be permitted.
5. **Shoes:** The normal distinctive design pattern of the manufacturer is permitted. The manufacturer's name and/ or logo may also appear, up to a maximum of 6 square centimetres, either as part of the normal distinctive design pattern or independent of the normal distinctive design pattern.
6. Variation of the above rules shall be subject to approval of the Executive Board.

9.6 Eligibility

All athletes wishing to compete in the Pacific Games must comply with current requirements for representing a Country and participating in the Games according to the PGC charter: Article 26.

Pacific Games Association delegation entries are required to be finalised, confirmed and posted on the Pacific Games Council and Organising Committee websites 20 days prior to the commencement of the Games. PGC Charter; Article 26.10

9.7 Mixed Zone

On each competition site a zone dedicated to exchanges between the Athletes and accredited journalists will be reserved near the exit from the competition area (mixed zone). Athletes and team supervisors are requested to cooperate with the media.

9.8 Charter of the Games

The events will be organised in conformity with the Pacific Games Council Charter which should be referred to whenever technical information which does not appear in the international regulations.

The Pacific Games Council Charter can be downloaded from the Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games website (www.samoa2019.ws) in the "About Us" section.

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MAPS AND PLANS

Detailed course maps and descriptions will be provided in the next edition of the Technical Handbook in June.