

## Global Lawn Bowlers Set to Compete in Sun City for the 2024 U.S. Open

Sun City (with a little help from Sun City West) is gearing up to host an event that stands toe-to-toe with the biggest competitions in sports—the 51st Annual U.S. Open of Lawn Bowling, running from November 3rd to November 9th, 2024. Much like tennis has Wimbledon and golf has The Masters, lawn bowling has its own pinnacle, and this is it. With over 325 elite players from 10 countries, including powerhouses from around the world, this isn't your casual Sunday roll in the park. These athletes will be competing at the highest level with up to \$35,000 in prize money, showcasing the kind of precision and strategy that's every bit as thrilling as a last-minute goal or a nail-biting finish on the track.

Players from countries like the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, India, and even Jersey (no, not the one with the bad traffic—the British island!) will be competing for the top spot. These bowlers are here to win, and they'll be rolling with the same focus you'd expect from an Olympic athlete—only with less breakdancing and more polite nodding.

So, what exactly is lawn bowling? Think of it as a mix between curling and chess but played on grass. The goal is simple: get your bowls closer to the little white ball (called the "jack") than your opponent does. But with the precision required, it's no wonder this sport has captivated people around the world for centuries. The best part? It's low-impact, easy to pick up, and incredibly satisfying to watch.

Matches will run daily from 8 AM to 4:30 PM at local clubs Lakeview, Bell, Oakmont, Mountain View, and Sun City West. Spectators are welcome, and limited seating will be provided near the greens. Whether you're a lifelong fan or someone who's never heard of a "jack" that isn't tied to a deck of cards, this is your chance to see some of the top competition in the sport.

And for the grand finale, both the men's and women's finals will be livestreamed on the Bowls USA Facebook page, complete with expert commentary. These commentators won't just tell you who's winning; they'll explain the strategies, so you can sound like a pro next time you casually drop, "I think they should've used the wider bias on that one."

Here's a breakdown of the event schedule:



- **Sunday, Nov 3:** Men's Singles at Bell, Lakeview, Oakmont, Mountain View, and Sun City West; Women's Fours at Bell.
- **Mon, Nov 4:** Men's Singles continue; Women's Fours Finals at Bell
- **Tues, Nov 5:** Men's Singles Finals at Bell and Lakeview; Women's Pairs at Oakmont and Sun City West.
- **Wed, Nov 6:** Men's Pairs begin at Lakeview, Oakmont, and Sun City West; Women's Pairs Finals at Bell.
- **Thu, Nov 7:** Men's Pairs Finals at Bell and Sun City West; Women's Singles at Lakeview, Oakmont, and Mountain View.
- **Fri, Nov 8:** Men's Fours at Sun City West; Women's Singles at the same locations as the previous day.
- **Sat Nov 9:** Men's and Women's Finals at Bell and Lakeview.

The 2024 U.S. Open of Lawn Bowling is a fantastic opportunity to watch top-tier athletes compete in a beautiful outdoor setting. So, grab your sunscreen, bring a friend, and come support these incredible players. Whether you stay for a match or settle in for the whole day, the 2024 U.S. Open of Lawn Bowling promises to be an unforgettable experience. Mark your calendars for this unique event and be part of the excitement!