

BALLARAT EIGHT BALL ASSOCIATION INC.

By-LAWS

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REVISIONS ARE IN BOLD TYPE OR/WITH GREY SHADED TO TAKE EFFECT AFTER WINTER 2024 SEASON

1. RULES OF THE GAME

The rules used shall be those adopted and changed from time to time by the Australian 8 Ball Federation. Premier Division will play International Rules other Divisions World Rules.

2. COMMENCEMENT OF GAMES

(a) The 'starting time' for all divisions is 7.00 PM, A match in Premier shall consist of four (4) stages of five (5) singles frames and **All other Divisions** shall consist of three (3) stages of six (6) singles frames. In the event of a score of 9-9 or 10-10 in Premier in a home & away match, the match is drawn and both teams will receive two (2) premierships points (Premier Division subject to By-Law 2 (j) re handicaps). In the event of a score of 9-9 or 10-10 in Premier in a final, the two Captains will select three (3) players to be involved in a best of three single frame play-off.

(b) Three singles players are to be named by 'starting time', with the other three by 30 minutes after 'starting time'. No alteration to order of the draw at any time, unless agreed to by both captains.

(c) No player is permitted to play two games in any one stage.

(d) Failure of any player to be at table on commencement of game, that particular game awarded to other side. At the Captain's discretion - if a team is not present at 'starting time' the first frame shall be forfeit, the next two frames by 15 minutes after 'starting time', and the match by 30 minutes after 'starting time'.

(e) If a team receives a walkover on the night, the team shall receive four points and the average of the games won by the other winning teams in the same division for percentage, providing the score sheet is returned as per law 4(a).

(f) No player is allowed to play doubles alone.

(g) No participating team member shall practice on a different table during a match. One warning is

given, which is a final warning. Penalty: loss of frame for the infringing player.

(h) If a Team has an inadequate number players, the order of players will be set in a sequential order beginning with the first game of a set (example if a team has only five players then the order shall start at the first position progressing to the fifth position and the sixth position shall be a forfeit.)

(i) In the event of equipment failure, power outage or any other event that causes a scheduled match to be uncompleted or abandoned then these rules shall determine the outcome of the match

(1) If in a match a result has been achieved, then the score at the time of the abandonment of the match shall stand (Example **All Divisions** a team with 10)

(2) If in a match a result has not been achieved and the score is leading team up to two wins below a result (Example **All Divisions 8 wins**) then the match shall by agreement of the teams reschedule the completion of the match on another night or if available move the match to another venue on the night

Or if by agreement of the two teams and/or captains they may declare a draw exists between the teams and each team shall spilt the points of the match and each shall have equal result wins(Example **Premier Division 10 all draw All other Divisions 9 all draw**)

(3) Player results at the time of abandonment shall be credited to the player's most consistent statistics and any player recorded on the score sheet that has not played shall be credited with a qualifying game and their most consistent adjusted for the purpose of not playing those games.

This By-Law shall not be applied by teams without the consent of Secretary and the President or if the President is unavailable the Vice President. If the Secretary is unable to be contacted then the consent of the President and Vice President is required.

(j) Premier division is a handicap system. Players handicap are evaluated on the last four seasons a player has played in. That all new players handicap are

recalculated at nine weeks. New players shall start off a seven unless the player's ability is known. Handicaps will be determined to 0.1 accuracy with the lowest handicap being seven.

3. PLAYER PLAYING PROCEDURES.

(a) Team Registration shall be **\$150** per team per season, or an amount agreed to by the majority of members at a general meeting of the Association. Fees are to be paid on or before nominations close, which is prior to the draw being completed by the committee. Nominations will close Noon, Saturday after the A.G.M. in January and Nominations will close Noon, Saturday after the nominations night mid year. Late nominations may be accepted up to the draw being completed all late nominations payment must be received 48 hours after late nomination received to be entered in the draw teams may miss out on the draw with late entry.. Player registration forms are to be completed and returned no later than Noon, Friday, before round 5. Penalty: Teams who have not returned player registrations will receive a four point penalty per round from round 5 onwards, until the form is returned.

(b) Parent, spouse or legal guardian must accompany players under the age of eighteen (18) years.

(c) A player cannot transfer after playing in six (6) rounds with one team. If a player is found by the Association to have played six (6) rounds with one team and plays with another team, that team (the player is not qualified for) shall lose the match and the score will stand, except the personal results of the infringing player and those gained for the Team.

(d) A player can only play with one team in the same round. Penalty: Both teams shall lose their matches by the average score of their respective divisions.

(e) To qualify to play in finals, players must play in six different rounds of matches with one team.

(f) (i) The Committee shall determine finals format, dates and venues for grand finals and other finals where teams are unable to have a home final under 3 (f) (ii)

(ii) Semi and Preliminary Finals will be constituted as home finals for higher ranking teams in a final. The teams finishing higher on the division ladder shall have the availability to have a home final against their opponent. The availability to a home final is determined firstly by the highest ranking position, secondly by division and in preliminary finals the higher team then by division, that is the team finishing first or second
Example: A team finishing at the top on any ladder shall have priority over a team from the same venue finishing third on any ladder if that venue has insufficient tables to accommodate both teams. If both teams at a venue with insufficient tables finish on top or third then the higher division will have priority etc.

(g) The Committee will publish a list of finals venues by whatever means they deem appropriate.

(h) Any team playing unqualified player/s in the finals will lose the match.

(i) To separate teams tied for positions on the final ladder, the results of previous encounters will decide rank. Should teams still be equal, a play-off match will be scheduled.

(j) Premiership teams must be promoted up one division (alternative: miss the next season); further, all qualified players from premiership teams must be promoted up one division (alternative: miss the next season). Clarification: if a premiership team disbands, the players from that team must either go up a division or miss the next season, or, if a player leaves a premiership team that player must still be promoted up a division. Penalty: any team with a member that contravenes this by-law shall lose the match and the score will stand, except the personal results of the infringing player. Under exceptional circumstances an individual player may apply to the BEBA Executive, in writing, prior to playing in the Association for a decision/ruling.

(k) Any unfinancial Team at the completion of the first half of a season shall be disqualified from competing in the remainder of that season. Any points awarded to any Team in a season prior to a Team being disqualified for non payment shall remain for the remainder of that season.

(l) If a Team ceases to be a Team in the first half of a competitive season, any matches played against that Team shall be reverted to byes for the remainder of that

season with no points or frames awarded. If a Team ceases to be a Team in the second or latter half of a competitive season, any matches played against that Team shall be reverted to byes as from the commencement of the second or latter part of that competitive season for the remainder of that season with no points or frames awarded

(m) If it is found that players are playing a out of order during a game they are playing, then that game will be restarted with the proper numbered players. If however the game is completed then the result will stand and further any other players out of turn due to the out of turn game shall play each other. (Example player 5 played player 6 of an opposing team and the game was completed then the next game will be between player 6 and 5 of the opposing team)

(n) All venues must provide a smoke free playing area for all matches. Should either team choose to play in the smoke free area, that the smoke free area must be used for the match. If a team refuses to play in the smoke free area, that team shall forfeit the match.

(o) The Most Consistent Award shall be decided by a differential method with the highest differential result being declared the winner.

In the event of players tying on the same highest differential the award will be decided by the player with the highest win percentage (1st tiebreaker) if still tied then by the player playing the higher number of games (2nd tiebreaker).

A players eligibility for the award being that a player must play seventy five percent of all available games in a season, i.e. differential method is if a player plays 54 games in division one and wins forty and loses fourteen games the differential result would be $(40-14=+26)$.

In all divisions a singles game is considered to be one game and a doubles game is considered to be one game with each of the players sharing the result, i.e. a player playing three games winning a singles and doubles and losing a singles the net result would be $1+5-1=+5$.

(p) A delegate from each and every team nominating must attend the AGM. Non compliance will be sanctioned, with a four point penalty. Definition of delegate: one of six or more members of team, Non playing manager of the team, Licensee, Publican or

Manager of the venue of team, however delegate can only represent one team. No proxies will be allowed

(q) Eligibility of players for Singles Championship, Champion of Champions and Country Cup representatives, a current season qualified player shall be permitted to play in either of Singles Championship or the Champion of Champions or Country Cup try out that the current season applies to.

Players who are not qualified in the current season shall be permitted to play in the Singles Championship, Champion of Champions and Country Cup representatives that the current season applies to if they were qualified in the immediate previous season, with the proviso that if the player has played rounds in the current season but not the six rounds to be qualified for a division that player shall play in the highest division that they have played in in the current season.

Any player who has played in the immediate previous season and is qualified in a division and who has not played any rounds in the current season shall be eligible to play Singles Championship, Champion of Champions and Country Cup representatives and be recorded as being from the division they qualified in.

4. LODGING OF SCORE SHEETS.

(a) All score sheets, home & away and finals, are to be returned to Association recorder via the method designated by the committee by 12 noon on the Friday after each match.

(b) For home & away, and finals, the winning captain (or in the event of a drawn match – the home team captain) is responsible for the lodging of the score sheet.

(c) For home & away matches: If scoresheets are late both teams shall lose and the score will stand. (Exception: in the event of a drawn match, the away team shall receive their 2 points). If the scoresheet is not received at all, both teams will lose by the average losing score of their division. (Exception: in the event of a drawn match, the away team shall receive their 2 points, and the score will stand, if the result is brought to the attention of the Committee). For finals matches: If scoresheets are late or not received at all, the Captain of the winning team will be fined \$60 (or an amount

- agreed to by the majority of members at a general meeting of the Association), payable before the next match. Penalty: The team shall not play the next match.
- (d) Score sheets are required to be filled in correctly and neatly with division number and date.
- (e) A team giving a walkover without 24 hours prior notice to either their opponents or the Secretary shall be fined \$20.00 and the team shall be suspended until such fine is paid. The amount in the By-Law was suspended at AGM 9/01/08
- (f) Unless notice in writing to the Committee detailing exceptional circumstances, any team giving 3 walkovers in a season shall be disqualified from competition.
5. TEAM REGISTRATION
- (a) Any team wishing to rejoin or enter the B.E.B.A. Inc. must forward a written application to the Secretary, B.E.B.A. Inc. prior to the specified team nomination night. All applications for team membership shall be approved by a majority of the Committee present at the meeting at which the application is considered,
- (b) The Committee shall determine approval of entry to the B.E.B.A. INC. of each team in each season.
- (c) Any team may resign from the B.E.B.A. Inc. and such resignation must be in writing and forwarded to the Secretary of the B.E.B.A. Inc.
- (d) Any team upon ceasing to be a member of the B.E.B.A. Inc. for any reason whatsoever, shall not be entitled to the return of membership subscription or any portion thereof.
- (e) The Committee may, in accordance with its constitution, expel from the B.E.B.A. Inc. or otherwise punish or penalise any TEAM whose conduct in the opinion of the Committee is discreditable or injurious to the character or interests of the B.E.B.A. Inc.
6. MEMBERS REGISTRATION
- (a) The number of members shall be unlimited.
- (b) All members shall endeavour to attend the Annual General Meeting of the B.E.B.A. Inc.
- (c) All members upon admission are bound by the constitution, By-Laws and playing rules of the B.E.B.A. Inc.
- (d) The Committee may, in accordance with the constitution, expel from the B.E.B.A. Inc. or otherwise punish or penalise any member whose conduct, in the opinion of the Committee is discreditable or injurious to the character or interest of the B.E.B.A. Inc.
7. COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- Any member of the B.E.B.A. Inc. may attend any committee meeting, but may only listen to the operations and procedures of the meeting unless otherwise directed through the chair.
8. LIFE MEMBERS
- Any member of the B.E.B.A. Inc. may nominate - in writing- any person who has rendered outstanding service, and is deemed a fit and proper person to be granted life membership of the B.E.B.A. Inc. The Committee will convene a special meeting to discuss Life Membership annually to decide if a Membership is to be awarded that year. No more than two(2) Life Memberships can be awarded in any one year. Life Members will be presented with a badge and be admitted at no cost to all functions of the B.E.B.A. Inc.
9. REPRESENTATIVES
- Any members that represent the Association in the Victorian State Team, or the Australian Team, shall be entitled to a minimum of \$250 (or an amount agreed to by the majority of members at a committee meeting of the Association) being remuneration for travelling expenses. That any member must have played at minimum of fifty percent of the season of representation to be entitled to receive remuneration money.
10. RECORDER
- shall be remunerated at the rate of \$1.40 per team in Premier Division for 26 weeks twice yearly and at the rate of \$1.20 per team in other Divisions for 26 weeks twice yearly.