



# **BY-LAWS**

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1. **RULES OF PLAY:** The official rules of the World Eight Ball Federation are used by the Northern Districts Eight Ball Association Incorporated for competition and match play.

1.2 Anyone wishing to change or dispute any of the World Rules may do so at meeting of the Queensland Eight Ball Federation.

## 2. BY-LAWS

Please read these By-Laws carefully. Ignorance of these By-Laws will not constitute grounds for appeal. Breaches of the By-Laws will incur penalties at the discretion of the Management Committee. These By-Laws will be enforced in conjunction with the current constitution.

## 3. MEETINGS

3.1 Northern Districts Eight Ball Association Incorporated shall hold committee meetings as required and the minutes of the meetings shall be made available to members upon request. Any registered member is welcome to attend upon request.

3.2 General meetings will be held as needed, by request from the Committee or registered members.

3.3 The Captain of each team, or a delegate from that team, MUST attend a general meeting when notified, with the exception of the Annual General Meeting.

3.4 Attending a General Meeting will incur an automatic 2 Match point reward for that team.

3.5 The only business conducted at a General Meeting will be those issues raised at a Management Committee Meeting and placed on the Agenda. New business should be directed to the secretary or president in writing, no new business will be addressed at any general meeting if it was not previously included in the agenda for that meeting.

3.6 All Meetings will be conducted in accordance with the Association's Constitution and in a civil and responsible manner. Any member causing a disturbance may be ejected and penalties imposed.

## 4. DRESS CODE

4.1 A collared shirt & shoes are to be worn at all times at Association venues. No singlets or thongs. Other clothing should be neat and tidy.

4.2 The opposing Captain may refuse any incorrectly dressed player permission to play.

4.3 Players should make themselves aware of any specific dress codes required at any host venue and comply with those requirements.

4.4 For Finals collared shirt, black slacks and black shoes must be worn. The Same dress requirements as for state events. Any player not meeting these requirements may be refused permission to play, unless prior arrangements have been made with both captains agreement and committee approval is granted.

## 5. PLAYER CONDUCT

5.1 It is the responsibility of each and every player to maintain a good relationship with The Management of the venues, visitors, and other patrons, for the continued success of the Association's competition.

5.2 The games are to be played in a sportsman-like manner at all times.

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- 5.3 Team Captains have a limited responsibility for the discipline and conduct of their team members.
  - 5.4 Team Captains are responsible for reporting any incidents likely to reflect on the good name of the Association. All relevant incidents are to be reported to, as soon as is possible following the incident to a member of the Management Committee.
  - 5.5 Action will only be taken by the Management Committee following the receipt in writing of a breach of conduct.
  - 5.6 Bad language, violence of any kind, or abuse will not be tolerated.
  - 5.7 Penalties and suspensions may be imposed at the discretion of the Management Committee. Members may be held responsible for costs and/or damages. The Queensland Federation may be advised to act in extreme cases.
  - 5.8 The Management Committee has the right to terminate a player's membership in the event of a serious breach of conduct or continuous "bad behaviour" as per the Rules of the Association.

## 6. COMMENCEMENT OF MATCHES

- 6.1 It is the Home team's responsibility to ensure that the tables at the venue are suitable for play. Captains should actively seek the assistance of their venue's management, or failing that, the assistance of the Management Committee to resolve issues.
- 6.2 Table size should be 7' x 3'6" and as clean and level as possible. At least one spider And bridge should be supplied.

## 7. MATCH PLAY

- 7.1 All games should commence by 7.00pm and in any event no later than 7.20pm.
- 7.2 Alterations to start times and dates can only apply with prior agreement between opposing Captains and in any event a committee member must be informed.
- 7.3 Each team shall supply a referee for each match. One referee keeps time and the other oversees the game. Both referees have equal rights to call fouls as the game continues. Unless otherwise agreed.
- 7.4 Games should be played in good spirit and contrived results will not be tolerated.
- 7.5 Match referees may impose shot penalties, or loss of game penalties, at their discretion for bad language, bad behaviour or unsportsmanlike conduct in keeping with the World Eight Ball Federation Rules.
- 7.6 If a team forfeits, that team must still pay team fees for the forfeited night.
- 7.7 The opposing team must still forward score sheets and must still pay their team fees regardless of whether they play or not, otherwise no team or individual points will be awarded for the forfeit win. This is to ensure that all teams have an equal contribution toward any prize money for the season.
- 7.8 The forfeiting team will receive 0 Match Points and 0 frame Points and the opposing team will receive 2 Match Points and 22 Frame Points.
- 7.9 A committee member must be advised of any start time for un-scheduled games and

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finals both verbally and in writing. Where the committee is not notified within one week in writing and 24 hours verbally of the original scheduled match time, the match will be treated as a double forfeit with both teams still expected to pay any due fees. Written notice will not be required where the match was rescheduled by a management committee decision.

7.10 The venue Manager has full power to stop play at closing time. Points will be awarded on completed frames only. The use of 2 tables, if possible, will alleviate this problem.

## **8. DISPUTES**

8.1 All disputes are to be resolved by the match referees at the time of occurrence and their decision will be final. In matches where only a single referee is used, that referees decision is final. Captains may be invited to discuss the dispute at the discretion of the match referees; however, involvement without the referee's invitation is not permitted.

8.2 Any unresolved disputes should be referred verbally to a committee member within 24 hours of the occurrence.

8.3 All disputes are to be in writing to the Committee and only those will be considered. The committee's decision will be final.

8.4 Appeals against Management Committee decisions are to be in writing to the Queensland Federation. Your Association Committee will not be party to any dispute of their decisions, and dissent will be referred to the Queensland Federation.

## **9. UNREGISTERED PLAYERS**

9.1 A register of financial members is kept by the Treasurer. Registration fees are payable before your third match is played.

9.2 Any team wishing to register a player during the season may do so, but registration fees must be paid prior to that player's third match.

9.3 Disputes regarding a player's eligibility should be addressed in the first instance to the Treasurer or next available committee member.

9.4 Any team playing an unregistered player will forfeit that player's points up to and including that night.

## **10. RESULTS**

10.1 At the completion of the nights play captains shall check score sheets and sign them when the scores have been verified as correct.

10.2 If there are discrepancies or disputes, do not sign the score sheets and bring the matter to attention of the Management Committee.

10.3 Match results will stand unless varied or altered by the application of the Associations By-Laws or by a Committee decision.

10.4 Score sheets once signed must not be altered in any way.

10.5 Score sheets must be received by no later than 5.00pm Friday the week of play. Failure to do so or late score sheets will result in 5 frame points (being off for & against) penalty. 2nd :-loss of 1 match point. 3rd and subsequent offences will incur a 2 match point penalty.

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10.6 In the event that the registrar does not receive either teams score sheet from a match within one week of the match being played, no points will be awarded to either team for that match. This included forfeited games where the team forfeited to has not sent in a copy of a score sheet with both teams names printed clearly on the score sheet with the words "team forfeited" in the forfeiting teams column.

10.6 Originals of disputed score sheets must be posted, not emailed to the Registrar.

10.7 It is the responsibility of each Captain to fax, post or scan and email their team's score sheet or appoint a responsible team member to do it for them.

## 11. PLAYING FEES

11.1 Open division \$40.00 per team per night+ any additional amounts they decide by a vote

of captains acting as a sub committee.

- (NOTE)These additional payments will be held by northern districts and distributed eg: For additional prize money or as decided by the Open Grade subcommittee. ALL changes to fees or structuring of prize money or any matter relating to division or allocation of funds for Open Grade must be approved by the Management Committee. The Management Committee reserves the right to put these matters before a general meeting for approval.

11.2 B and C Grade will be \$40.00 per team per night. (Or as decided at any General Meeting)

11.3 Each team will be liable for their Team Fees for each night of scheduled play, Irrespective of any forfeits. Team fees are not payable for any finals round matches.

11.4 It is the captains (or allocated persons) responsibility to collect players fees.

11.5 Team fees are to be deposited into the Association's bank account by close of business on the Friday of the week of play. A deposit book and internet banking details will be issued to each team.

11.6 It is the responsibility of each captain to ensure that their team fees are paid.

11.7 If a team is not financial, points for that match will not be awarded, until all fees owing are paid. Awarded points will be less any penalties incurred up to the total points gained for those matches.

11.8 If a team is 2 weeks in arrears they will be declared un-financial

11.9 All non financial teams will incur a PENALTY OF 2 MATCH POINTS FOR THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF WEEKS THEY REMAIN UNFINANCIAL

11.10 Any team that is not financial at the end of the season will be excluded from play in the finals.

11.11 Non-payment will result in the team being disqualified and all lawful means will be used to recover unpaid monies.

11.12 All players registered with the declared un-financial team will lose their status as registered players until that player's portion of the funds are recovered. "Unless they were the person allocated to do the banking on behalf of the team in which case the full outstanding amount will need to be recovered"

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11.10 If a team wishes to withdraw from competition they must advise the committee two weeks prior to withdrawal, otherwise team fees will still be required to be deposited.

11.11 Registered players' from withdrawn teams may play with other teams subject to the Committee's approval.

11.11 Players from a disqualified team may play with another team once all outstanding Monies are recovered, subject to Committee approval.

## **12. SCORING SYSTEM**

### **Frame Points**

Each frame will be given 2 points for a win and 0 points for a loss, the total frame points for both

teams shall be recorded in the space provided on the game sheet.

**Team points will be awarded as follows:**

**Outright win - 2 points**

**Draw - 1 points**

**Loss - 0 points**

## **13. MASTER BREAKS / SHOT**

13.1 DEFINITION: When a player pots all of his/her group of balls, and the black, in their first shot of a match, **without having been given a penalty shot** he/she shall be deemed to have completed a master break / Shot.

13.2 The player with the most master breaks /shots, from any team, during the season will be eligible for a trophy at the end of year presentation night.

13.3 Notification of master breaks must be verified by both captains and recorded in the space provided on the score sheet.

## **14. BEST AND FAIREST**

14.1 Captains are required to nominate a Best & Fairest player from the opposing team for each night's play.

14.2 The nominated players name is to be entered in the space provided on the score sheet.

14.3 Prizes will be awarded in all or teams for the players with the most votes at the Presentation night.

14.4 Disqualification or censure for inappropriate behaviour will rule a player ineligible. (The player must also be fully financial)

14.5 Only a single player must be chosen from each team for a night of play. No votes will be recorded where more than a single players name is written for a team.

## **15. RESTRICTIONS AND PROVISIONS (RANKINGS)**

15.1 The Management Committee will be responsible for initial and subsequent ranking of players to ensure fair and equitable competition is maintained across all grades.

15.2 The Management Committee will rank all players so that adequate time is provided for ranking decisions to be challenged before the start of the playing season.

15.3 Any challenge of rank must be submitted in writing to the registrar or secretary and should be include any details which would justify re-ranking.

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- 15.4 The Management Committee reserves the right to re-rank players mid season if it is determined their current ranking is grossly understated or overstated.
- 15.5 New players will be assessed before they are given an official ranking, interim rankings will be provided on a case-by-case basis.
- 15.6 B-Grade Division players may also play in Open Division and retain their B-Grade status for two (2) seasons. Any player who plays one or more frames for a third season in Open Division will be officially declared an A-Grade player.
- 15.7 Any player who wishes to return to a lower grade must submit their request in writing for approval by the management committee.
- 15.8 Players are not permitted to play in a division lower than the one which they are registered to play in by the committee, in the event that a player plays any frames in a lower division, those frames will be treated as forfeited.
- 15.9 A ranking cap for each division will be decided before the start of the season, the ranking cap of the division in which the team is competing in must be adhered to for the season. The ranking cap will be applied using the following method:
- The rankings of each player on the team playing the set of frames (1-4) (5-8) (9-12) (13-16) are added together. The calculated number for each set of games must be less than the ranking cap for the season and division of play. In a case where a team exceeds the ranking cap for a set of four games, that team will be penalised two (2) frame points for each point they exceed the cap by for that set of frames, up to the total number of frame points won in that set of frames.
- 15.10 Teams cannot play two (2) or more players ranked as a four (4) in any set of four frames all wins by all players who are ranked a four (4) or more for that set of frames will be treated as forfeits.

## **16. GENERAL**

16.1 Juniors may play in any grade according to their ability, provided they are accompanied by a responsible adult.

*Approval from the venue management must also be obtained*

16..2 Any player wishing to drop from a higher grade to a lower grade may apply to the Management Committee.

16.3 Any visiting player from interstate or overseas, who can provide proof of residency And membership of an appropriate association, may be granted Honorary Temporary Membership and play at the committee's discretion.

16.4 The Committee reserves the right to grade players individually before the season Commences

## **17. FINALS**

Formats for all season finals will be set and announced by the management committee at the end of each season.

17.1 In the case of a draw in any finals, a 3 man single frame shootout will decide the result.

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17.2 Players must have played in at least 50% of the available fixtures for a team for the season to qualify to participate in any stage of the finals for a season."

Exceptions will be made in certain circumstances but only where approved by the management committee and only where the substitute player is not considered by the management committee to be of a higher ranking or ability than the player being substituted."

## 18 Substitute Players

18.1 Criteria: Any substitute player must not cause the total rank of the team to exceed the point cap for the division in which the team is playing.

18.2 A team will be considered to have exceeded the rank cap if the ranks of any four players in the set of frames (1-4) (5-8) (9-12) or (13-16) added together exceeds the rank cap decided upon for the season by the management committee.

18.3 Any unregistered player must be registered after the third night of play.

18.4 A substitute player may be a registered player from another team, but can only play on one team for the night. Any sub must meet the above criteria. And if borrowed from another team they can only play for that night. If an unregistered player is used they must also meet the above criteria.

## 19. PRIZES AND TROPHIES

19.1 The allocation of funds for cash prizes and trophies will be made by the Management Committee.

19.2 All prize Money will be payable by cheque at Presentation Night unless prior arrangements have been made and approved by the Management Committee. The Management Committee may choose to pay prizes under \$100 in value in cash, this decision will be solely at the discretion of the Management Committee.

### 19.3 ALL PRIZE MONEY MUST BE SIGNED FOR.

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