

MURRAY BRIDGE & DISTRICTS

EIGHTBALL ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS 2012

1. Conduct of Matches

1. All games are to be played by the “official rules of eight ball” as authorised by the Affiliated 8 Ball Associations SA Incorporated for competition and tournament play.
2. The home team shall provide the table unless otherwise programmed by the executive committee.
3. The team listed first on the program shall be the home team.
4. 15 Singles shall constitute a match unless otherwise stipulated by the executive committee.
5. Prior to the commencement of each match, the opposing captains shall exchange a list of players, Using first and surnames.
6. For any player to participate in a match his or her name must be present on the opposition team sheet before the commencement of the first game.
7. The penalty for failing to comply with filling out the score book correctly will be as follows;
 1. First offence: A written final warning will be issued.
 2. Second offence: 2 premiership points taken away.
 3. Third and each subsequent offence: 2 premiership points taken away and the executive committee have the right to apply any other penalty it thinks is appropriate.
8. A minimum of 4 players must be listed to constitute a match.
9. The team listed as the home team shall be the team that will have the first break. (no toss of the coin is needed).
10. Match results shall be recorded on the match result forms provided by the association.
11. When a team forfeits, the opposing team shall be credited with the match 8-0.
12. After a team has forfeited three matches in any given season, that team will be disqualified for the rest of that season and the executive committee has the right to take further action if required.
13. Teams forfeiting a match must contact the opposing team’s captain and the secretary by 6:30pm on the day of the match.
14. An umpire shall be a registered player of the Association, unless otherwise stipulated by the executive committee.
15. The Association takes no responsibility for programming of matches where players have been barred. Captains should be aware of such a situation and arrange to replace that player on the night by another player.
16. In the case of any team having a bye during the minor round, players in that division are ineligible to play in any other team or division for the week of the bye.
17. All matches to be played on one table only, unless Hotel or Club management stipulate otherwise.
18. Mobile phones should be silenced during a match; a standard foul (called by the umpires at the time) can be levied against the culprit or his or her team for not doing so.
19. There should be two umpires (One from each team) officiating during each match, and the 1 minute – 30 second warning and appropriate penalties should be applied. The executive committee will not hear any protest unless two umpires are present.
20. Smoking is forbidden during a match, this also includes a player holding an unlighted cigarette during a game, a standard foul should be issued if this is not observed.
21. All players visiting clubs and hotels during matches must conform to the hosts rules concerning dressage and behaviour (don’t you be the one to disgrace your team).

2. Commencement of Matches

1. Matches are programmed to commence at 7:30pm by the executive committee and it shall be the duty of both team captains to arrange the commencement as such. If a team has not commenced a match by 7:45pm, the opposing team captain may claim a forfeit.
2. At least 4 players must be present by 7:45pm for commencement to take place.

3. At the conclusion of each match, the captains shall check each other's match result forms and sign them both when the result has been verified. The match result forms are NOT to be signed if a captain wishes to lodge a protest.
4. Any player unable to complete a singles game through illness, injury or any similar cause shall forfeit such game or games to the opposing team.
5. Every match shall be played to a finish unless both captains agree to a postponement. In the event of a match being unfinished on the day set down for such, the matches shall be played and finished within a week and notification shall be given to the secretary as soon as possible before the match. After the week's postponement the matches haven't been completed the executive committee has the right to award a draw or a win to either team.
6. Such match results shall stand unless altered by the executive committee for a contravention of the association rules.
7. Match result forms, once checked and agreed to by the opposing captains must not be altered in any way.
8. Match result forms are to be posted no later than 10am the following morning to a place nominated by the executive committee.

The results must also be Texted or phoned to a mobile number as nominated by the executive committee no later than 10am the following morning.

It shall be the responsibility of the WINNING team captain to ensure that the match result forms and texts are lodged on time.

The penalty for failing to comply with this by-law will be as follows.

1. First offence: A written warning will be issued
2. Second offence: 2 premiership points taken away.
3. Third and each subsequent offence: 2 premiership points taken away and the executive committee have the right to apply any other penalty it thinks is appropriate.

3. Coaching

Coaching in the Murray Bridge & Districts 8 ball Association is not permitted. (See Coaching Fouls below).

3.1 Coaching in Lower Division

Is permitted in the first round of the new season in divisions 3 and 4 but only as follows -

Should a player require advise/coaching, he may call for his/her ***captain once per game*** but only after he advises the umpire of his/her intention. NO time out will be given for this request. The player must use the above procedure each and every time he requires advice/coaching. At no time during this coaching is the Captain permitted to touch the table. Should the player neglect to follow the above procedure the umpire shall be impelled to call "foul, two (2) visits" on the offending player, should any team member/s other than the captain be deemed to be coaching, a foul shall be called. (See coaching fouls below).

3.2 Coaching Fouls

Coaching - During a frame, a player is required to play without receiving any advice from other persons, relating to the playing of the frame. Should a team member or bona fide supporter of a player offer advice, the Referee will issue a first and Final Warning to that person that a repetition will result in the player being penalised via a [Standard Foul](#). Because it may not always be possible for the Referee to hear if a statement made to a player is advice, the Referee may issue the First and Final Warning on the grounds that any statement made to a player, other than general barracking, is

deemed to be coaching. In a tournament setting, a first and Final Warning may be given once only, before the commencement of the days play, as a block warning to all players and spectators.

4. Umpiring Decisions

An Umpire shall be a registered player of the Association, unless otherwise stipulated by the executive committee.

Should a player disagree with an umpiring decision, he/she can request an immediate stop to the game to enable the respective captains to be called. If an agreeable outcome cannot be reached after the captains have been called, the umpire/s original call shall stand.

Captains can only be called if two umpires are officiating during each match. If an umpire calls a foul then the other umpire cannot overrule he/she's decision. The umpire can withdraw the foul if he/she believes an error has been made after discussing with the other umpire. There is to be no outside interference.

5. Final Matches

1. At the end of the minor round, a premiership table will be collated with the positions decided by the number of matches won, or if matches are equal the higher percentage used. The executive committee shall decide the venue if an extra match has to be played to decide the finalists if two teams tie on the same number of matches, percentage games for and against.
2. The final matches shall consist of :
First Semi Final- Third v Forth team
Second Semi Final- First v Second team
Preliminary Final- First Semi final winner v Second semi final loser
Grand Final- Preliminary final winner v Second semi final winner
3. All finals matches shall be played on as neutral grounds as possible and determined by the executive committee.
4. A player to be eligible to play finals must have physically played at least 5 different matches, as a fully financial member for the same team during that current season. (playing as a causal does not count)
5. Umpires for the finals shall be appointed by the Executive committee.
6. If a team is nominated to umpire by the executive committee it must have at least three team members present to umpire on the night. If any team doesn't supply efficient numbers then the executive committee has the right to impose a penalty it thinks appropriate.
7. Any teams participating in finals are not permitted to practice on the table they are designated to play a finals match for 24hrs before the match is to start.

6. PLAYER CONDUCT

6.1 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.

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

6.3 Team Captains have a limited responsibility for the discipline and conduct of their team Members.

6.4 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 in writing, as soon as possible following the incident to a member of the Executive Committee.

6.5 Action will only be taken by the Executive Committee following the receipt in writing of a breach of conduct.

6.6 Bad language, violence of any kind, or abuse will not be tolerated.

6.7 Penalties and suspensions may be imposed at the discretion of the Executive Committee and their decision is final.

Members may be held responsible for costs and/or damages.

7. Registration and Transfer of players

1. Registration for a team must be paid on the first night that a player wants to play.
2. After a player has physically played in one match for a team, that player is registered for the rest of the season for that club.
3. A casual player can play up to three different matches for any team in any division in one season. A cost set at the agm per night is applied and the captain must write on the score sheet that this player is a casual. Casual matches do not qualify as matches for final qualification for that player. After a player has played three matches as a casual, if this player wishes to continue playing he or she must decide on a team and must pay the full registration fees set at the agm.

8. Protests

1. Protests can only be made on what is considered to be the Umpire's disregard for, or lack of knowledge of the rule, and not on their inability to see every supposed foul shot.
2. If both umpires can't agree on a matter then the two captains can help with the judgement. However in no way can a captain overrule an umpire on a decision.
3. If a captain intends to lodge a protest, they must inform the opposing captain and the umpire before the commencement of the next game. The rest of the match is to continue and be completed (including the game in question). If the captain then intends to proceed with the protest, he must NOT SIGN the match result forms.
4. Captains should attempt to reach an agreement on the matter under consideration and, if they may replay the game without formally protesting. If captains reach an agreement, the game in question should be replayed after the rest of the match has been completed.
5. The coaching of or interference with players during the progress of an event shall be considered to be grounds for a protest.
6. Protest must be lodged in writing by the team's captain to the Association Secretary within three clear days after the match. The executive Committee's decision will be final.

9. Table standards

All tables used for competition play must be within the following requirements:

1. Table Size: The playing area within the cushion faces shall measure between 2350mm and 2000mm long by 1100mm and 950mm wide.
2. Table heights: The heights of the table from the floor to the top of the cushion rails shall measure between 950mm and 800mm.
3. Pocket Openings: the widths of the pocket openings shall be between 100mm and 70mm

4. Pool Balls: the pool balls shall be of equal size and weight of a diameter of 51mm within manufactures tolerance. All 14 balls should be of same configuration (7 reds and 7 yellows or 7 solid coloured numbered 1 to 7 and 7 stripped balls numbered 9 to 15).
5. Cue ball: The cue ball shall have a diameter of 48mm within manufactures tolerance and may also be spotted.
6. Table Speed: (to be left to the discretion of the executive committee).
7. Table Lighting: (to be left to the discretion of the executive committee).
8. Fall of Pocket: (to be left to the discretion of the executive committee).
9. Cushion Resilience: (to be left to the discretion of the executive committee).
10. The white ball must be 1' 7/8 red spotted as of October 2012.

If a team wishes to complain about a table it must do so by writing a letter to the executive committee describing the issue.

If the executive committee finds a table to be unsatisfactory to compete on it has the right to move a team to a different location if the table issue can't be solved.

10. Outside Disturbances

If any ball or balls are disturbed other than by the player, the umpire shall replace the ball or balls as near as possible to their original position and the player in control of the table shall not be penalised. This rule also covers the case where someone or something other than the player in control of the table causes that player to touch or move any ball or balls. The player also shall not be responsible for any disturbance of the ball by the umpire. A player should not be penalised if when using the rest (spider jigger or goose-neck) the rest head fall off and touches any balls. The umpire shall replace the ball or balls as near possible to their original position.

11. Association Team Selections

Selected players must be a registered player for either or both winter and Summer Competitions. Must have played a minimum of 5 matches for a team within a season. A season being from one carnival to the next.

12. Variation to By-laws

Any of these by-laws are subject to variation by the Executive Committee. Written application from any registered club or member to amend these by-laws will be given due consideration by the executive committee.

13. Powers of the Executive Committee

1. Any team failing to have their Delegate attend a Delegate meeting will immediately incur a two premiership point penalty.
2. Nominations from teams or clubs owing monies from the previous season will NOT BE ACCEPTED unless dues are met.
3. The Executive committee has the full power to manage the affairs of the association; arrange the grading management of the association and for the management of their own proceedings but consistent with the Special General meetings; interpret the rules contained in the constitution and by-laws and the committee's decision on the construction placed on them shall be final; impose fines and/or reprimand, suspend or disqualify any member or team who, in it's opinion has been guilty of a breach or any provision of the rules of the association or disorderly or offensive behaviour likely to reflect on the good name of the Association and or Association members including postings on social media websites ; fine,

and/or reprimand to and/or suspend a member who has accepted an invitation to represent the association in a special event and who has not attended or has not made a reasonable effort to notify the executive committee that they shall not be able to attend the event; manage matters arising out of the special purpose for which it was appointed; fill any casual vacancy among members of the committee; fix it's own meeting dates.

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