

# EIGHTBALL TASMANIA INC



## BY-LAWS

### Alteration to By-Laws

These By-Laws may be changed at Eightball Tasmania Committee Meetings, which include Annual General Meetings, Delegates Meetings, Special General Meetings and Executive Meetings, by a majority vote.

### Table Specifications – For Australian Eight-Ball Federation Tournament Play

**Table:** 7ft by 3ft 6 inches (2134cm by 1067cm).

**Table Height:** 2ft 7.5 inches – 2 ft 9 inches (Floor to bed of Slate).

**Table Lighting:** Floor to top of slate approx 80cm/82cm, floor to bottom of light fixture approx 180cm.

**Cue Ball:** 1 7/8 inches (47mm approx) (Plain White or Red Spotted Cue Ball).

**Object Balls:** 2 inches (50 mm approx) 7 each of Red and Yellow Balls and 1 Eight Ball.

**Baulk Line:** A straight line from cushion to cushion, parallel to, and one fifth of the length of the table from the face of the cushion that lies the greatest distance from the cushion.

**Spot:** The spot shall be marked with a 'Spot' at the position where a straight line drawn diagonally from the centre of a side pocket to the centre of a corner pocket, would intersect with a straight line drawn diagonally from the centre of the opposite side pocket to the centre of the other corner pocket.

**Spacing Between Tables:** The minimum measurement of 6 feet [1.83 m] is required between tables.

The preferred measurement of 8 feet [2.44 m] is required between tables.

### Qualification for Open & Women's Tasmanian Championships

- 1 To qualify to represent a member Association at any Championships run by Eightball Tasmania a player must be \*18 Years of age or more and have played in at least 3 games of the relevant team competition conducted by that Association between the previous Championship and the current Championship.
- 2 Where a player has not played three games they may apply to the Eightball Tasmania Committee asking to be allowed to play, stating the reason why they have not qualified and if accepted to play, must play the minimum number of nights before the team attends that year's National Championships.
- 3 **\* Juniors**  
Junior players will be allowed entry into Open or Women's Singles and Doubles Championships on the condition they are sanctioned by the Junior Development Officer and / or meet the following criteria.  
  
From the Tasmanian Junior Championships the Winner and Runner Up will be allowed entry from the Under 15's.  
From the Tasmanian Junior Championships the first 4 placegetters will be allowed entry from the Under 18's.  
Players under 18, who qualify to play in Association Teams Event/s shall firstly be sanctioned by the Junior Development Officer to play.
- 4 **^ Association State Teams Event (June) & State Teams Event (March)**  
To qualify to play in the Association State Teams Event or State Teams Event Finals a player must have played in at least 1/2 of \*Scheduled Matches and played in at least 1 game (Frame) per Matches scheduled.

\*Byes do not count as a scheduled Match

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### Dress Code

#### Players and Officials

- Males: Trousers (Slacks), Shirt and Shoes.  
Females: Trousers (Slacks) or Skirt, Shirt or Blouse and Shoes.

#### Definitions:

- Slacks: Do not include Jeans and Track Suits, etc.  
Shoes: Do not include Running Shoes, Sandals, Moccasins, etc.  
Shirts: Do not include T-Shirts or Tank Tops, etc.

Any player not in correct dress code may be omitted from playing. Players and Officials not in correct dress code will be subject to any penalty as decided by the Eightball Tasmania Committee.

### **Eightball Tasmania Championship Format**

#### General

- 1 All Games are to be played under the Official Playing Rules of Eight Ball as authorised by the Australian Eight Ball Federation Inc and the World Eightball Pool Federation.
- 2 Times may be altered throughout the Tournament, at the discretion of the Tournament Official/s. Tournament Official/s will be announced prior to the commencement of the tournament and where practical all player/s / official/s / spectator/s will be notified of time changes).
- 3 Player/s must sit/stand in a neutral position whilst their opponent is at the table. They should not engage in communication, either verbal or non-verbal with persons other than Umpire's, Opponent/s or Tournament Officials during play. A Player/s desiring a beverage, piece of equipment, etc, should only obtain same with approval and observation of the Umpires or Tournament Official/s.
- 4 Any time out granted by the Umpires shall be in the Umpire's good judgement that the player/s are not abusing the privilege as a means of unsettling their opponent/s.
- 5 Crowd Control: It is expected that team members and spectator/s will give the players the respect and consideration deserved. The Management may remove unruly spectators/ from the premises.
- 6 Any player who fails to complete the full tournament (which he or she is involved in) without permission granted by the Tournament Official/s will be subject to penalty as decided by the Eightball Tasmania Committee.
- 7 Format for Singles and Doubles: Format will be set prior to the event starting, but will normally be round robin with competitors playing each other once over a set amount of frames; this all depends on amount of entries received, time allocated for the event and tables available.  
Once the Format has been set: All Competitors will be notified prior to the commencement of play.
- 8 Format for Open Singles Round Robin Stage (South and North) will be determined prior to the event starting, but will normally be a round robin of 2 or 3 times in a single frame format. Once the format has been set all competitors will be notified prior to the commencement of play.  
In the event of a tie for last available position, the players will play a round robin to determine the last position, this round robin will be played in single frame format, with a 3<sup>rd</sup> frame being played if necessary.

All other positions will be determined by who beat who and frames will be counted if more than one position is tied to establish finishing position, in the event of players still being tied, a single frame format, with a 3<sup>rd</sup> frame being played if necessary to establish the finishing position.

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The Split for the South and North Open Singles last 24 positions will be decided on a pro rata basis of entries received in each area, with the largest amount of finishing players in an area having the greatest number of entries in the last 24.

The Area that has produced the most State Open Players from the previous Years Last 24 Play-Offs (The Top 9 / 10 Players of the State Open Side) will be given extra players in to the current Round Robin Play-Offs on the following basis

5 - 6 Players from the Previous Years State Side - 1 Extra Player

7 Players from the Previous Years State Side - 2 Extra Players

8 Players from the Previous Years State Side - 3 Extra Players

9 / 10 Players from the Previous Years State Side - 4 Extra Player

\* See Note at bottom of Last 24 State Team: For players being granted automatic selection to the last 24

- 9 Format for Open Singles Last 24 State Team: Full Round Robin, players playing each other 2 times in a single frame format, with the top \*9 or 10 making the State Open Team (As determined by Committee) (\*See by-law wild cards for extra Team Members)

In the event of a tie for 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> position, the tied players will play a round robin to determine the 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> position, this round robin will be played in single frame format, with a 3<sup>rd</sup> frame being played if necessary

All other positions will be determined by who beat who and frames will be counted if more than one position is tied to establish finishing position, in the event of players still being tied, a single frame format, with a 3<sup>rd</sup> frame being played if necessary to establish the finishing position

If at the same time as the Round Robin Stage Rounds (North & South) are being held any player who would normally be eligible to enter these rounds and is part of the Australian Eight-Ball Federation touring party competing at World Eightball Pool Championships may be granted automatic selection in to the last 24

Players seeking such inclusion in to the last 24 must be received by Eightball Tasmania 1 month prior to the date of the first round robin round, outlying the reason/s why they should be included in to the last 24 as an automatic selection

The Committee will then make a decision if the player is to be granted automatic selection in to the last 24 and the committee decision will be final

\*Players who make the Australian Open & Under 18 Junior Team (Original Team Only) from the Australian Eight-Ball Senior / Junior Nationals in the previous Year to the current Eightball Tasmania Open Singles Team Play-Offs will be granted inclusion in to the last 24 for that Year only

\*Any Player / s must advise Eightball Tasmania one month prior to the first round robin round that they wish to enter that Years Last 24 Play-Offs

- 10 Format for State Women's Team: Normally a Full Round Robin, players playing each other 2 or 3 times in a single frame format, with the top \*7 making the State Women's Team (This may change due to entries and tables, notice will be given prior to start of event) (\*See wild cards for extra Team Members)

In the event of a tie for 7<sup>th</sup> position, the tied players will play a round robin to determine the 7<sup>th</sup> position, this round robin will be played in single frame format, with a 3<sup>rd</sup> frame being played if necessary

All other positions will be determined by who beat who and frames will be counted if more than one position is tied to establish finishing position, in the event of players still being tied a single frame format, with a 3<sup>rd</sup> frame being played if necessary to establish the finishing position

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### **Disputes**

If a player disagrees with an umpiring decision during a match at an Eightball Tasmania Championship, the following procedures applies

- 1 The player should instantly ask the match umpire to stop the game and the umpires must do so
- 2 The match umpire must then call an Adjudicator
- 3 The Adjudicator will attempt to make a decision based upon all available information, which may include asking the players and captains from both sides for their opinions. However the players or captains must wait to be asked for their opinion and are not to enter the playing area unless requested
- 4 The Adjudicator may make a final binding decision, or decide to call in the other 2 members of the Adjudication panel, who after deliberation will make a final binding decision by majority vote
- 5 Harassment of Umpires or Adjudicators at any stage of the aforementioned dispute process is a reportable offence

### **Registration of Competitors**

All players wishing to participate in events organised by Eightball Tasmania must fill in registration forms, as distributed by the Eightball Tasmania Secretary, this form along with any fee payable must be returned to the Eightball Tasmania Secretary by the due date on the registration form or Calender of Events for Eightball Tasmania

### **Results**

- 1 All copies of results sheets from any completed Match/Game between Teams or Individuals must be correctly filled in and handed to the Tournament Official/s (as notified prior to the commencement of the Tournament) immediately at the completion of the Match/Game and signed by the Captain or Individual attesting that the scores are correct
- 2 Results sheets that are not signed, by the Team/Individual will have no course of appeal as to the correct result for the Match/Game in question
- 3 Any appeal for what a team / individuals believe is an incorrect score and have followed point 2 above will have 10 minutes to lodge any appeal from the time the results are made public to competitors. Any appeal must be presented to the Tournament Officials

### **Adjudication Panel**

- 1 The Adjudication Panel will consist of the current Eightball Tasmania Rules and Umpiring Director where possible and 2 assistant Adjudicators, elected by the Eightball Tasmania Committee / Executive Committee prior to the Tournament
- 2 Prior to the start of the first day's play, a member of the Adjudication panel will issue a 'Block Warning' to all competitors and spectators, on the following day's play a member of the Adjudication panel will remind all Players and Spectators that the 'Bock Warning' is in effect
- 3 The Adjudication Panel will have the 'Fishing Line' and the 'Dummy Cue Ball' method of Foul Snooker or Total Snooker determination available for use if necessary

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### Playing Format Teams Event (March Long Weekend)

- 1 Qualification for Teams Event: Team/s entered must consist of players who play in that particular team in their Association roster (No mix of teams allowed)
- 2 Associations may enter 2 Teams on the following basis – They have 100 or more players registered in 1 Season, ie Winter Roster
- 3 The Format will normally be a Round Robin fixture consisting of 30 single frames (5 rounds of 6 single frames) between Member Associations (other formats 6 rounds of 6, 4 rounds of 6 may be used or home and away format), the committee will decide the format prior to the event based on amount of teams entered.
- 4 The breaking order will be as per score sheet
- 5 Substitutes can be used in rounds 2,3,4,5 & 6. The opposing team must advise the opposition team of any substitutions before the commencement of the first frame of the next round
- 6 A player cannot be replaced in a round and then brought back in to the match in the same round Any player who is replaced must remain out of the match for at least one round
- 7 Frame 1 will be played on table 1 and Frame 2 will be played on table 2. All subsequent frames are to be played on the next available table until the match is complete; this includes situations where a break between rounds has been taken
- 8 Teams may, if necessary take up to 5 minutes between each round to make any substitutions
- 9 Finals – Finals will be made up of normally the top 2 teams, but this will depend on the amount of teams entered and teams will be informed of the finals make up prior to the start of play
- 10 The Home Team for the Grand Final will be decided by the Team who finishes on top of the Ladder at the completion of the round robin. The Team who finishes on top must notify the Tournament Officials 15 minutes after being notified they have finished on top of the Ladder, if they are the Home or Away Team
- 11 In the event of a draw in the Grand Final, each team will submit 5 players in playing order. Using 2 tables, single frames will be played in order until one team has 3 wins

### Playing Format Teams Event (June Long Weekend)

- 1 Qualification for Teams Event: Team/s entered must consist of players who play in that particular Association
- 2 If less than 6 Associations enter, the spare positions will be made available to the associations at the committee discretion
- 3 A Round Robin fixture consisting of 32 single frames (4 rounds of 8 single frames) between Member Associations or 24 single frames 3 rounds of 8 will be used
- 4 The breaking order will be as per score sheet
- 5 Substitutes can be used in rounds 2,3 & 4. The opposing team must advise the opposition team of any substitutions before the commencement of the first frame of the next round

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- 6 A player cannot be replaced in a round and then brought back in to the match in the same round Any player who is replaced must remain out of the match for at least one round
- 7 Frame 1 will be played on table 1 and Frame 2 will be played on table 2. All subsequent frames are to be played on the next available table until the match is complete, this includes situations where a break between rounds has been taken
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- 11 In the event of a draw in the Grand Final, each team will submit 7 players in playing order. Using 2 tables, single frames will be played in order until one team has 4 wins

### Teams Event Trophies

- 1 The Winning Team Members of the State Teams Event (March) and Association Event (June) will each receive Medallions
  - 2 The Winning Team will be presented with a Perpetual Shield
  - 3 \*The Player of the Carnival will receive a Trophy
  - 4 \*\*The Best Player in the Grand Final will receive a Trophy
- The Player of the Carnival will be decided by percentage, with players having to have played 75% of Single frames
  - The Best Player in the Grand Final will be decided by 3 people, who will be elected by the Eightball Tasmania prior to the Final

### # Open & Women's State Teams Selection

Open Team will consist of the first 9 players from the Open Singles Qualifiers (Note wild cards may be used to increase team number)

Women's team will consist of the first 7 players from the Women's Singles Qualifiers (Note wild cards may be used to increase team number)

### Wild Cards

The only exception for granting a wild card will be on the following basis:

If at the same time as the Australian National Championships the Australian Team is playing a tournament ie World Cup, which a Tasmanian Player/s is part of, then that player/s will be granted automatic inclusion in to the Tasmanian Team for that year on the following criteria

The player/s concerned notify the committee at least 2 months prior to that years Tasmanian Championships that they wish to be given automatic entry in to the Tasmanian Team that year

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### **Australian Singles Positions (16 Open & 9 Women)**

Where there are extra spots in the Australian Singles for Open and Women these positions will be offered on the following basis:

The 3 or 4 Masters Team Players, State Doubles Winners, and the remaining positions will be selected as per below\*

In the event of a wild card taking a spot they will take the next available spot after the Masters reps

\*If we still have spare entries available they will be offered to the players who played in that years Team selections, in finishing order

All people who take these extra spots will be responsible for all costs incurred in attending the Australian National Championships

### **Doping Policy**

The Doping Policy used by Eightball Tasmania will be that of the Australian Eight-Ball Federation Inc All Players, Officials of Eightball Tasmania are subject to the Doping Policy as used by the Australian Eightball Federation Inc and adopted by Eightball Tasmania Inc and as such may test Players and Officials of Eightball Tasmania at any official events organised by Eightball Tasmania Any Player or Official returning a positive test will be subject to disciplinary action as laid out in the Australian Doping Policy

For a copy of the doping policy please contact the Secretary, for a list of banned or allowed substances please phone the Drugs in Sport Hotline on 1800 020 506 or visit the web site at <http://www.asda.org.au/default.htm> or Contact the Eightball Tasmania Secretary

### **Behaviour Reports**

At any fixture, competition, tournament, meeting or other function organised by Eightball Tasmania, a behaviour report can be lodged by any Official of Eightball Tasmania, Association or Person/s, reporting alleged misbehaviour by any player, official or member of Eightball Tasmania

A Meeting will be convened to hear the report in the presence of the person/s lodging the report and the person/s on report OR regarding a behavioural incident during an Eightball Tasmania Championship, a meeting will be called of the 3 Adjudicators plus a minimum of 2 committee persons. This meeting is to decide what action is to be taken unless the incident is deemed serious enough for a full committee meeting

Any such report lodged will carry a \$50 lodgement fee and if the meeting deem it was an frivolous report, the official of Eightball Tasmania, Association or Person/s lodging the report will forfeit the lodgement fee

### **Behaviour at Playing and Accommodation Venues**

Players, Officials and Supporters are to act in such a way as to bring credit to the Associations and Eightball Tasmania at all venues used for a State event

The aforementioned persons must treat the management, staff and non-associated house guests with the utmost respect and consideration

Foyers and other areas not specifically set aside for the event must not be used as areas for team meetings. Alcohol must not be consumed in any area not specifically licensed for that purpose

### **Player Disqualification – Reciprocal Agreement**

- 1 Any Player/Official disqualified from competition by Eightball Tasmania will be ineligible to represent Eightball Tasmania in any events until as such time the disqualification is lifted
- 2 Eightball Tasmania may notify all Member States and Territories of the AEBF informing them of the disqualification
- 3 Eightball Tasmania may notify all member Associations of Eightball Tasmania informing them of the disqualification

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**NOTE:(2&3) NOTIFICATION** to Member States and Territories of the AEBF and Member Associations of Eightball Tasmania will be to ask them where the Committee of Eightball Tasmania believe is warranted to disqualify the Player/Official from competing in that competition

### **Access to Eightball Tasmania Inc Meetings**

Any delegate or member of Eightball Tasmania may be denied access or entry to Eightball Tasmania meetings if, in the opinion of the majority, his or her presence may be detrimental to the objects, future or security of Eightball Tasmania Inc

### **Eightball Tasmania Official Correspondence**

Correspondence of Eightball Tasmania shall include the Eightball Tasmania logo and any relevant sponsor's logos that has been passed by the Eightball Tasmania Committee

All Committee shall receive via hard and soft copy, the Eightball Tasmania letterhead which is relevant to their position on the committee and they shall conduct only business relevant to their position on this letterhead

### **Eightball Tasmania Address**

The Official address of Eightball Tasmania is P.O. Box 275, Prospect, 7250

## **Standard Procedure for Hearing of Notices of Motions**

- 1 The motion is read and the mover announced
- 2 A Secunder is required. If there is no seconder the motion lapses
- 3 The Chairman has the discretion to terminate any of the speakers that follow if he believes that the speaker is repeating himself or moving into areas not relevant to the motion under discussion
- 4 The Mover speaks in support of the motion
- 5 The seconder may speak now or reserve this entitlement until after any other speakers for or against
- 6 The Chairman asks for any persons who wish to speak for or against the motion to raise their hands. The names are taken and listed for or against
- 7 The persons for are then allowed to speak in the order that their names were taken
- 8 The persons against are then allowed to speak in the order that their names were taken
- 9 Once all persons for and against have spoken the seconder will be allowed to speak if they chose this option in 5 above
- 10 The mover is then allowed to have a final say if they wish
- 11 The motion is then put to the vote
- 12 At no time during 7 and 8 above can more than one person hold the floor. Each speaker, with the exception of the mover, is granted only one turn to speak