

A.C.T. EIGHT-BALL ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

Current as at 4 July 2011.

Please read carefully, ignorance of these By-Laws does not constitute grounds for appeal. Breaches of these By-Laws will incur penalties at the discretion of the State Executive Committee.

GENERAL

1. Unless otherwise specified, all competitions, tournaments and functions conducted by the ACTEBA will be bound by the **Official Rules**, Regulations and By-Laws of the World Eight-Ball Pool Federation (WEBPF), as sanctioned and distributed by the Australian Eight-Ball Federation, (AEBF). The ACTEBA reserves the right to amend any, or all, of the Regulations and/or By-Laws, as it sees fit. The ACTEBA is not restricted to running tournaments that are bound by the Official Rules, Regulations and By-Laws of the WEBPF. From time to time the ACTEBA may conduct other tournaments (eg. 9 Ball) for which the official Rules and Regulations will be specified at the time.
2. The **Core Committee** consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Tournament Director. The Non Core Committee is comprised of the Assistant Tournament Director, Publicity Officer, Fund Raising Coordinator, Junior Development Officer, Assistant Junior Development Officer, State Head Coach and State Head Umpire. The State Executive Committee (hereafter referred to as the Committee) comprises of all the Core and Non Core positions detailed above.
3. Every Player and Team registered or nominated in any Association scheduled or sanctioned competition, tournament, or function is expected to conduct themselves in a **sportsmanlike manner** at all times and in accordance with the ACETBA Code of Conduct. Unbecoming conduct by word or deed will not be tolerated and any member of the ACTEBA officially reprimanded under this By-Law may be deemed ineligible for State Representative Squad selection (refer By-Law 59), have their membership of the ACTEBA revoked or other sanction as determined, at the discretion of the Committee.
4. Players must sit or stand in a **neutral position** whilst their opponent is at the table. Whilst a frame is in progress, players should not engage in communication (either verbal or non verbal), with any persons other than the umpire or their partner (in doubles). Players requiring pieces of equipment etc, should only acquire such with the prior approval of the umpire.
5. Any player(s) **barred** from entering any venue in which the Association has a scheduled competition, tournament, or function, should seek special dispensation from the Proprietor of that venue for the duration of that competition, tournament, or function. Failure to acquire the special dispensation will result in that player(s) not being eligible to compete in that competition or tournament, nor attend that function, for it's duration at that venue. It is the player(s) responsibility, not the Committee, to obtain the special dispensation, as required.
6. If a person under the age of **eighteen** years is entered in any Association event, prior approval must be sought from the proprietor of the venue at which the event is to be conducted. For the weekly competitions, it is the team captains responsibility, and for State Selection trials, the responsibility rests with the Tournament Director.
7. It is the responsibility of all players to ensure they meet the **dress standards** of any venue they are scheduled to compete in. This relates to the weekly competition and final series, state selection trials, or any other competition, tournament, or function sanctioned by the association. Failure to do so will result in the player(s) being deemed ineligible to participate in the event or attend the function. Players are expected to wear neat casual attire at all times and are specifically precluded from wearing singlets.
8. There is to be **no practice** for any player(s) on any tables designated for the competition or tournament, once that Competition or Tournament has officially commenced. Any tables not designated for that competition or tournament may be used for practice. Any player(s) found practicing on designated tables after the official commencement of the event may be disqualified from that competition or tournament, {see Rules: - (A) Spirit of the Game}.

WEEKLY COMPETITION

9. The **weekly competition** (Summer and Winter) will occur on Wednesday nights with an 8pm start time. Each match will consist of 24 singles matches, divided into 4 Rounds of 6 Frames. The weekly competition shall be a scored event with points awarded for wins, draws, losses and other justifications as determined by the Committee prior to the start of each season.
10. Each match will require 2 tables, therefore a venue will require a minimum of two tables for a team to be able to participate in the weekly competition. A venue can host up to 2 teams for every two tables under the home-and-away round-robin format of the weekly competition. Any venues fielding **2 or more teams** in the same division are advised that the matches between these teams will be scheduled on, or before, the third week of scheduled competition, where possible.
11. Both of the Weekly competitions are **trophy** competitions with the recipients of trophies to be at least the winner of each division (additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Committee). A Presentation Night Dinner shall be held annually after the completion of the Winter Competition. Trophies will be presented for the previous Summer and Winter Competitions, and any other competitions sanctioned and approved by the Committee.
12. The **perpetual trophies** will be the responsibility of the captain of the winning team or the individual identified on the trophy. Trophies will be returned no later than December of any year to allow engraving for new winners. Failure to provide trophies by the December meeting will result in the full cost of a replacement trophy being incurred by the person responsible for the trophy.
13. Every effort will be made to ensure each weekly competition will consist of **2 full rounds**. Each team in each division will play every other team in their division once at their home venue, and once at the opposing team's home venue. To ensure 2 full rounds exist in the most divisions, the allocation of byes shall occur in the lowest division possible. Scheduled byes are not to occur in the highest division.
14. A **Team Registration Form**, detailing the team name, players contact details (in full), and venue name and address, is required for each weekly competition. Each team can consist of a minimum of 6 players, up to a maximum of 9 registered players. Players joining teams after the lodgement of the team registration form must be registered with the Tournament Director before playing their first match, and the applicable fees paid at the next scheduled Committee Meeting. If the applicable fees are not paid, all frames played in that competition will be declared forfeits, and that player declared ineligible to compete until the outstanding monies are paid. Any frames forfeited will not be re-instated upon payment of the said fees, nor will they count towards an individual player's ranking points (refer By-Law 30). Teams with 9 registered players may only register additional players with a corresponding deregistration of existing players.
15. The **fees** for the Weekly competitions will be set at the Annual General Meeting. All other fees or levies will be set at the discretion of the Committee. The fees for the weekly competitions are currently \$45 per player, per competition. This fee must be paid no later than the Committee meeting after round 4 of that competition, or a date determined by the Committee. Failure to do so will result in unpaid players from that team being charged a \$10 **late fee** per player. The full fee (ie. \$55 per player) must be paid before the commencement of round 8. Failure to do so will result in player or team expulsion, with the results from the first half of the competition to stand. Players will then be declared ineligible to compete until the outstanding monies are paid.
16. Prior to the commencement of round 8, any registered player that has played no more than two (2) matches in the Weekly competition for which they are registered, will not be liable for the weekly competition fee. After round 7, any registered player that plays at least one (1) match in the weekly competition will be liable for the weekly competition fee (refer By-Law 15).
17. If a member of a team is to be unavailable for the Weekly Competition, for an extended length of time, (not less than 4 weeks), but will be returning to resume at a later date, then a **temporary replacement** may be used (at no charge). This temporary replacement may also be in the form of a temporary transfer, if agreed to by both team captains. Teams wishing to transfer or replace players must do so prior to the commencement of round 8. Transfers or replacements after this time must be approved by the Committee. (refer also By-Laws 14 and 37)
18. Any team, or player, in the Weekly Competition, that has **outstanding monies** owing to the ACTEBA, will have all matches **declared as forfeits**, until such time as the outstanding monies have been paid. Once the outstanding monies have been paid, then that team, or player, will be eligible for normal points and awards for all future matches, however any previously forfeited matches will not be reinstated (unless otherwise directed by the Committee).
19. Any Players or Teams with outstanding debts at the completion of a season will be deemed **ineligible** for trophies and/or awards, and state representative squad selection. In addition they will not be permitted to compete in any future ACTEBA sanctioned events, until such time as the Outstanding Debt has been cleared.

20. Should a team incur a **debt** with the ACTEBA and not clear that debt prior to the conclusion of the event in which the debt was incurred, then each player registered in that team will become responsible for an **equal share** of the team's debt. Each player will be listed on the Association's Debtors Register, and will not be permitted to participate in any Association competition, tournament, or function, until their share of the debt has been paid. Should a team be able to provide evidence to the Committee to the effect that specific team members are responsible for incurring that debt, then those team members not responsible may be cleared of their obligation with regard to the team's outstanding debt.

21. Should a team or player submit a **cheque** for payment to the ACTEBA, which is subsequently **dishonoured**, then that team or player will be required to repay the amount (and any related dishonour charges) as soon as possible, either by cash or money order. No future cheques will be accepted from that team or player in relation to the debt.

22. The weekly competitions will be **graded** into divisions by the Tournament Director. The winning team from the previous competition in each division will be promoted to the next division, and the last placed team in each division will be relegated to the division below. Teams will then be split into divisions, based on the individual players rankings of the top 6 players in each team. The Tournament Director shall make every effort to ensure there are no less than 6 teams in each division.

23. Teams that qualify for the Final Series (refer By-Law 38) shall not be eligible for relegation to a lower division the following season, regardless of ranking points. Similarly, teams that fail to qualify for the Final Series of any division shall not be eligible for promotion to a higher division. A team is considered the same if 50% or greater of the registered members from the previous season remain. No team shall be promoted or relegated more than a single division in one season.

24. **Official Scoresheets** should be completely filled in, giving the full name of each player, (not nick names). Players competing in the weekly competitions should ensure that they sign their team's Official Scoresheet prior to departure. Any games played by a player who has not signed the Official Scoresheet may be declared as forfeits. Matches are to be played strictly in the order in which they appear on the Official Scoresheet.

25. Teams must **submit all Official Scoresheets** for each competition to the Tournament Director at the Committee meetings. If any team does not submit ALL Official Scoresheets, this will result in no players from that team receiving any ranking points for that entire competition.

26. Once **names** on the Official Scoresheets have been **exchanged** prior to the commencement of a match, or substitutes exchanged after each round, further changes can only be made at the completion of each round via a substitution, except when agreed to by both captains.

27. The Home Team Captain is responsible for ensuring that the tables to be used for the match are opened at 7.30pm for **free practice** and remain open for free play until the conclusion of that match. Both captains are required to complete their scoresheets and exchange names BEFORE 8pm, so that play can commence on time.

28. The Home Team Captain is responsible for ensuring that the tables scheduled for their match are **brushed and blocked** prior to the commencement of competition each night. Failure to do so can result in the home team forfeiting the match. For matches scheduled at neutral venues each team is responsible for brushing and blocking a table each.

29. Venues are expected to have available the **correct equipment** on competition nights, which includes:

- (a) One regulation sized spotted cue ball;
- (b) One triangle;
- (c) One table brush;
- (d) One table block;
- (e) One bridge fitting; and,
- (f) One spider fitting.

Any venue not having the required equipment available will not be considered as a suitable venue for any Finals Series matches, nor Selection Trials matches, and may not be considered for any future competitions until such time as the equipment is made available.

30. The Tournament Director will maintain a list of ACTEBA **State Rankings**, in a manner determined by the Committee. The rankings will be adjusted after the completion of each weekly competition, with the previous 4 weekly competitions (ie. the previous 2 Summer and 2 Winter competitions) and the preceding 2 State Selection Trials contributing, plus any other competition the Committee feels necessary. The finals series' of the weekly competitions shall not contribute to a players ranking (ie. only the preliminary rounds contribute).

FORFEITS

31. If a team has **no players** present at the scheduled starting time of 8pm, then that team must forfeit the match. If a team cannot field a team (ie. they have less than 3 players present) at 8pm, they may complete an official scoresheet, in the knowledge or hope that more players will arrive (refer By-Law 32). If, at 8.30pm, they are still unable to field a team, then the match is forfeited.

32. If a team can **only field 5 players** on a competition night, then that team must forfeit 1 frame from each round of the competition, (i.e. 4 frames out of the total 24). If a team can only field 4 players, then they must forfeit 2 frames each round and if a team can only field 3 players, then they must forfeit 3 frames each round.

33. The Team Captain is permitted to **place the bye(s)** where-ever he/she wishes, (or he/she may list a player(s), hoping that they will show up late), and the forfeit for that frame takes effect immediately when the Team Captain places the bye or forfeit on the Official Scoresheet, or when that player's game is ready to commence and that player has not appeared at the venue to compete. If both teams must forfeit frames, due to a lack of players, then the forfeits **must be listed last** on the Official Scoresheet.

34. If any player plays one or more frames on a night, and must **forfeit a frame** for any reason during the night, that frame shall still contribute to their rankings (refer By-Law 30). For example, if a player wins 2 out of 3 games and then leaves early, with no reserve to substitute into the team, that player will be credited with 2 out of 4 for the match.

35. If a team **forfeits a match** during a Weekly Competition, then that team will have a 24-0 loss recorded against them. The team to which they have forfeited will receive 2 points for the win, and their frames for and against will be adjusted at the end of the preliminary rounds of that competition, based on the average frame percentage achieved by that team. The frame adjustment will be determined via the following scale: -

(a)	0% to 54.167%	13 - 11 Win,
(b)	More than 54.167 % to 58.333%	14 - 10 Win,
(c)	More than 58.333 % to 62.500%	15 - 9 Win,
(d)	More than 62.500 % to 66.667%	16 - 8 Win,
(e)	More than 66.667 % to 70.833%	17 - 7 Win,
(f)	More than 70.833 % to 75.000%	18 - 6 Win,
(g)	More than 75.000 % to 79.167%	19 - 5 Win,
(h)	More than 79.167 % to 83.333%	20 - 4 Win,
(i)	More than 83.333 % to 87.500%	21 - 3 Win,
(j)	More than 87.500 % to 91.667%	22 - 2 Win,
(k)	More than 91.667 % to 95.833%	23 - 1 Win,
(l)	More than 95.833 % to 100.000%	24 - 0 Win,

36. If a team has a match forfeited by the Committee, due to the **lack of payment** of outstanding fees, then that team will have their original result for that week(s) changed to reflect a 24-0 loss against them, but the team(s) which they played in the affected week(s) will receive no change to their original result.

FINALS SERIES

37. Only players who were registered in a team **prior to round 9** of a seasons' weekly competition, can play for that team during the Finals Series.

38. The Finals Series in each division will be conducted using an **elimination** format, with the top 4 teams competing, (unless otherwise directed by the Committee), and the top 2 teams receiving a 'second chance'. Week 1 of the final series sees teams finishing 1st playing 2nd (first semi), and teams finishing 3rd playing 4th (second semi). The winner of the first semi goes straight through to the grand final. In week 2, the winner of the second semi plays the loser of the first semi, with the winner of this match also progressing to the grand final.

39. If, at the completion of the preliminary rounds a Weekly Competition, there are teams in **equal positions** in any of the first four places (for example 2nd and 3rd) on matches won and frame percentages, then a **playoff** shall take place to determine final finishing positions. The playoff shall take place on the Monday prior to the Wednesday commencement of the finals series. The match shall be played in the format used in finals matches (refer also By-Laws 9 and 43).

40. For the first week of the Finals Series, the **venue for each match** shall be the home venue of the team that finished higher on the competition ladder after the completion of the preliminary rounds. If the venue is unsuitable for a Finals Series match (refer By-Law 30), then the match shall be played at a neutral venue, or a venue agreed to by both captains. For the purposes of the official scoresheet, the team playing from their home venue will be the designated Home team for the match

41. The venue for the Preliminary finals shall be neutral venues wherever possible, or a venue agreed to by both captains. The venues for the **Grand Finals** shall also be neutral venues wherever possible, and be determined by the Committee. For these matches, a coin toss shall determine the Home team.

42. In the situation where the number of tables in a venue prevents the application of By-Law 40 (eg two teams warrant a home final, but the venue **only has two tables**), the team that finished higher on the competition ladder at the end of the preliminary rounds will be granted use of the tables. If they finished in equal positions, then the team from the higher division will be granted use of the tables. The other team may nominate a preferred venue to the Tournament Director, but must do this no later than the Saturday before the match is scheduled.

43. In the **event of a draw** during a Finals Series match, each team Captain will list 5 of their players (registered on the official scoresheet for that night's match), in any order they wish. Once both captains have listed their players, 5 additional frames will be played, strictly in the order in which the players are listed. The additional frames must be included on the final score when it is reported to the Tournament Director.

SELECTION TRIALS

44. State Representative Squad Selection Trials (hereafter referred to as Selection Trials) must be completed **at least 12** weeks prior to the scheduled commencement of that year's National Championships.

45. **Fees** for Selection Trials are set as follows:-

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| (a) Singles events | - | \$30 per player per event |
| (b) Doubles events | - | \$15 per player per event |
| (c) Masters events | - | \$15 per player per event |
| (d) Juniors events | - | \$10 per player per event |

46. A **nomination form** for the Selection Trials will not be accepted unless **accompanied by full payment** of the associated entry fees (unless otherwise directed by the Committee). Similarly, a nomination form will not be accepted if that member has an outstanding debt to the Association, (refer By-Law 19)

47. The Tournament Director, when **seeding** ACTEBA sanctioned Tournaments and/or Competitions, may consult with other members of the Committee before finalising the seedings. The Tournament Director will seed all players in the first round of all State Championship events, based on the latest available ACTEBA Rankings. Once a Championship and/or Tournament has been seeded, those seedings will be maintained throughout each subsequent round of the event. Where no rankings exist (for example Masters), seeds will be based on the previous two years results for that event.

48. The **format** of the selection trials events shall be determined by the Tournament Director, and every effort shall be made to ensure that the format is consistent across all events. Whilst the final format will be determined based on the number of entries, venue availability, and time constraints, players will generally be split into groups for a round robin format with the top 4 progressing to the next stage of the event. In the event of a tie, the final top 4 shall be determined via a playoff (minimum race to 2).

48. Each event of the Selection Trials will have a scheduled **Commencement Time**. Any player not present at this scheduled Commencement Time, for whatever reason, will be disqualified from that event, unless prior approval has been granted by the Tournament Director. In such an event, that player's scheduled matches will be recorded as Byes with no results for matches or frames awarded to any players in that group. Should the non-appearance of one or more players from one group lead to the situation where another group at the same venue on the same day has at least 2 more players, then the lowest ranked player from the 'larger' group shall be moved to the 'smaller' group.

50. Any player(s) who **fails to complete** their scheduled frames or matches on any given day of the Selection Trials (except if By Law 51 applies), will have all of their previous frames/matches for that day's play recorded as Byes, as though they didn't show up at all (refer By-Law 49). Players who are penalised under this By-Law will be automatically disqualified from the event and may also be deemed to be ineligible for nomination in future Selection Trials at the discretion of the Committee (refer By-Law 59).

51. Any player(s) who fails to complete their scheduled frames or matches on any given day of the Selection Trials, but has played every other player(s) the same amount of frames/matches (e.g. not turning up to the second day of the top 16 playoff where exactly half of the total frames were played on the first day), will be disqualified from that event, however the original results from frames/matches played will stand. Players penalised under this By-Law may also be deemed to be ineligible for nomination in future Selection Trials, at the discretion of the Committee (refer By-Law 59).

52. Whilst the state selection trials are open to anyone, to be **eligible** for membership of the **State Representative Squad**, a member must have participated in at least 33.3% of the total matches (not including finals), in either of the two weekly competitions that were held immediately prior to the closing date for State Selection Trial nominations. If a player nominates for the Selection Trials who has not satisfied these requirements, but is participating in the current weekly Competition at the time of nominating, then that member will be deemed eligible for membership of the State Representative Squad if he/she has participated in at least 33.3% of that competition (not including finals), by the time the Selection Trials event is completed.

53. To be eligible for entry in the ACTEBA Masters event an entrant must be aged 50 or above on the day of competition. Proof of age will be required at the request of the Tournament Director or any other member of the Core Committee. Failure to provide proof of age upon request will result in ineligibility to compete within ACTEBA sanctioned events.

54. Should **junior** members of the Association, (under the age of 18 years), be successful in making the Senior State Representative Squad to compete in the Senior National Titles, then their representation is conditional upon them being accompanied by a parent, or a designated legal guardian, who is not scheduled to compete in those National Championships.

55. At the completion of the Selection Trials, the top nine (9) male players, the top seven (7) female players and the top five (5) masters players will be selected in the State Representative Squad. In the event that a female player makes the top nine (9) of the Open event, they will not be considered eligible for the Mens State Representative Squad.

56. A total of 16 spots for the mens **national singles event**, 9 spots for the ladies national singles event and 6 spots for the masters national singles event (or as offered by the home state for that years nationals) will be offered to players players finishing in that years Open top 16, Ladies top 12, or Masters top 8 respectively that were not selected in the state representative squad. Available places in the mens singles event will then be offered to players in the following order:

- (a) the winner of the ACT Masters title;
- (b) the winner of the ACT Under 21 title;
- (c) the highest ranked players from that year's Open selection trials top 32, in descending order; and
- (d) at the invitation and sole discretion of the Core Committee. The Committee may seek expression of interest for such positions.

The conditions for these additional spots are a) fully self funded b) only in extreme cases will these people be able to play in the National Teams event, such as injury or disqualification of selected state players. Invitations to compete in the National Mens Singles event shall only be offered to male players.

57. A special "**wild card**" into either the mens or ladies State Representative Squad shall be granted to any player(s) selected in the Australian 8 ball team, and that player is unavailable to compete in the Selection Trials due to representative duties. The player(s) involved shall also be given the **same rankings points** as the previous years Selection Trials for any event that the player(s) is unable to contest.

58. All players who are successful in making the State Representative Squad **must pay a deposit** of \$300-00 to the Association within one month of their notification of their selection in the squad. Failure to comply may result in their being replaced by the first available reserve. Any reserve called into the State Representative Squad will have 2 weeks, from the date of notification, to pay their \$300-00 deposit to the Association.

59. Any player(s) **officially reprimanded** for misbehaviour, misconduct, or 'causing trouble' during the course of **any** ACTEBA sanctioned event may be considered ineligible for selection in the State Representative Squad.

60. All members of the ACTEBA who are successful in making the State Representative Squad must sit and pass the relevant **umpires exam** (as directed by the Committee), prior to their being eligible to participate in the National Championships. Failure to comply may result in their disqualification from the State Representative Squad for that year, and may also deem them ineligible for selection in future years, at the discretion of the Committee.

61. Any player selected for the State Representative Squad who **becomes unavailable** will be replaced by the first available reserve. Reserves may only be selected from players who finished in the top 16 positions in any Selection Trials event (unless otherwise directed by the Committee).

62. All Captains, Vice Captains, Managers and any other positions of the State Representative Squad, as deemed necessary by the Committee, will be **appointed by the Committee**. The Committee may call for nominations for these positions and will appoint people to these positions by way of a majority vote at a Committee meeting or sub-committee. The Committee is not necessarily restricted to any nominations received, and may appoint members to these positions at its discretion. The positions of Captain and Vice Captain are however, restricted to members of their respective teams/squad.

63. The Committee will then set a **cut off date** for ACTEBA funding of the State Representative Squad and each Squad members share of the available funds will be determined at this time. Should any additional funds be forthcoming after this date then reimbursement to State Representative Squad members will occur upon their return from the National Championships, with the allocation of these additional funds to be at the discretion of the Committee.

64. **Funding** for the State Representative Squad each year will consist of twenty percent (20%) of that years Summer and Winter Competitions player registration fees (including late fees if applicable), all entry fees collected from that years State Selection trials (excluding 9 ball events) and any fund raising or sponsorship organised for that years State Representative Squad.

65. The selection trials will also include the running of Open and Ladies State **Nine Ball Championships**. There is no state representative selection for this event and it does not carry points contributing to a player's ranking. Ladies are eligible to compete in the Open event.

66. The nine ball championships will be **prize money events**, with all of the entry fees returned to the players in the form of prize money. The number of prizes awarded will vary depending on the number of entries, however will generally be the top 4 in the Open event and the top 2 in the Ladies event. Prize money for the ladies event shall be the greater of the total ladies entry fees and 25% of overall entry fees. The tournament director shall make every effort to encourage as many ladies to participate as possible.

67. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, a list of members who have put in **extra effort to assist** the running the Selection Trials, have contributed sponsorship to any event, will be presented to the Committee. The Committee may reward these members for their efforts with free entry into the following years selection trials (Mens singles event only). Core committee members, life members and inductees to the ACTEBA Hall of Fame are granted an **exemption** for ALL state singles selection trials entry fees. This exemption is not automatic, but may be invoked whenever a core committee member wishes.

STATE OF ORIGIN

68. The **State of Origin series** between North Canberra and South Canberra will consist of one match for each division. The lowest division match will be first, followed by the 2nd lowest division and so on until the 1st division match. Each match will consist of 32 frames, divided into 4 rounds of 8 frames. In deciding the **venues** selected to host the series, every effort will be made to allocate matches to venues in both zones.

69. Players are selected to **represent each zone** based on the ACTEBA State rankings as at the completion of the previous years competitions (ie the 2010 series is based on the State rankings as at December 2009). A player's zone shall be determined on the most current postal address within ACTEBA records. To be eligible to compete, a player must be a registered member (within 12 months prior to the State of Origin series) of the association, and must not have any outstanding monies owing to the association.

70. The top 10 ranked players from each division are selected to represent their zone. Each team will contain a minimum of **two female** players, if available. If there is only one female in the top 10 ranked players, then the top 9 and the next highest ranked female is selected. Every player must play **at least two frames** of the match. Nominations will be called for the position of team captain for each zone and this will be voted on at a preceding Committee meeting.

71. The team with the **highest aggregate frame count** over the series of matches will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, the zone who won the series the previous year will remain holders of the Shield. Members of both teams will be presented with medallions on Presentation Night, and a Shield awarded to the victorious captain. Every effort should be made to have the Shield displayed at one of the venues of the victorious zone.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

72. The Champion of Champions tournament will be an annual **handicapped knockout competition** for the grand final winners of each division for the previous Summer and Winter competitions. This tournament shall take place after the completion of the Winter competition and prior to the commencement of the following years Summer competition.

For the purposes of this competition the Vice-President shall act as the Tournament Director. The tournament will be held at venues determined by the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director reserves the right to vary the draw if required.

73. Each match will consist of 25 frames, divided into 4 rounds of 6 frames, **plus 1 doubles match**. The format for the competition shall be the same as the Weekly competitions (refer By-Law 9), with the exception of the doubles match, played between rounds 2 and 3. For this match, any 2 players may pair up from the team without the need for substitution, i.e. player 8 may pair with player 9 for the home team, and player A with player H for the away team. Home and away teams for each match will be determined by a coin toss.

74. The **teams invited to compete** shall be those that were the divisional champions (i.e. winner of the grand final) for the previous Summer and Winter competitions, and a team representing the Junior competition. Should a team win 2 divisions in the year they shall play in the higher of the 2 divisions, and the lower spot shall be left void. Should a team win 1st division twice, they are only allocated one spot in the draw. Should a team **decline the invitation** to participate, that slot for the draw shall be replaced with a bye (i.e. another team will not be invited to take their place).

75. Teams will only be eligible to compete if they have a minimum of 4 members of their victorious team still playing in their current team. A player may only represent one (1) team during this competition.

76. The **Junior representative team** shall be selected by the Junior Development Officer, with the following selection criteria; a) at the time of the tournament players are still eligible to represent the state at the Junior National event, and b) players have in the last calendar year participated for at least 1 term of the Junior competition.

77.

The **handicap** shall be as follows:

- (a) 1st Division: +0
- (b) 2nd Division: +4
- (c) 3rd Division: +6
- (d) 4th Division: +8
- (e) 5th Division: +10
- (f) 6th Division: +12
- (g) Juniors team: +10

At the discretion of the Junior Development Officer, the handicap allocated to the Juniors team may be changed, depending on their assessment of the quality of players in the team.

78. At the completion of all 25 frames, handicaps shall be added to both team's score to **determine the winner**. For example, if a 1st Division team defeated a 3rd Division team 14-11, the winner would be the 3rd division team by a score of 17-14 after addition of 6 handicap points.

DISPUTES, COMPLAINTS and APPEALS

79. In the case of a dispute pertaining to a **frame in progress** the following procedure must be followed: -

- (a) Prior to the continuation of play, the player must approach the umpire and dispute the call, or lack thereof (disputes lodged after the continuation of play cannot effect the result of that game unless it relates to an umpires call (see By-Law 93),
- (b) If the umpire will not reverse their decision then the player may ask permission from the umpire to call in both team captains, In the event that a team captain is involved in the dispute or is otherwise unavailable at the time, then the player involved in the dispute may designate another team member to act as captain for the purposes of resolving the dispute.
- (c) If both team captains and the umpire cannot reach an amicable decision, then a member of the Committee should be called for adjudication, (1st - State Umpire, 2nd - Tournament Director, 3rd - anyone else on the State Executive Core Committee).
- (d) If a decision still cannot be reached then the game is declared a "No Result", re-racked and replayed, with the same player to break.

80. Captains and/or team members **are not** to enter into a dispute, unless requested to do so by the umpire. Any captain and/or team member entering into a dispute, or entering the playing area during a dispute, without the express permission of the umpire will **draw a foul** against the player from their team, (regardless of the nature of the dispute), and the opposing player will receive 2 visits.

81. Teams or Players may register a **complaint** against an opposing team or player or against a venue (eg. for unsportsmanlike behaviour or unsuitable facilities), or against any scheduled Association Competition, Tournament or Function. The complaint must be made to a member of the Committee **verbally** within 48 hours of the incident, and must then be formalised **in writing** within 7 Calendar days, and forwarded to the Committee for deliberation. Any decision made, or penalty imposed, by the Committee will be final and no further correspondence will be entered into (except if By Law 79 applies).

82. Where determined by the Committee a **Disputes and Disciplinary Committee** may hear the complaint and impose sanction as required. This Committee shall sit in accordance with Annexure relating to it.

83. A **roster for membership** of Disputes and Disciplinary Committee shall be prepared at each Committee Meeting, this roster shall include the President, Vice-President (or other Core members in the event that these member are unavailable). In addition, the roster shall include 2 captains (or their representatives) from each division. Any Disputes and Disciplinary Committee formed shall draw its members from this roster.

84. Any Team, Player, or Venue may **appeal** any decision handed down by the Committee, providing that the Appeal is submitted in writing to the Committee, within 7 Calendar days of the receipt of the notification of the decision. All appeals must be based on new evidence not previously presented to the Committee or relate solely to the sanction imposed. If the Committee agrees that an appeal should be heard, then this shall take place at the next scheduled Committee meeting.

UMPIRES DUTIES

85. During the regular weekly competition **two umpires** will control each frame in a match, including timekeeping. Each team shall supply one umpire for the duration of the match. The team captains will agree to designate the table for which they must allocate umpires and who will also act as timekeeper. Both umpires will be in control of the match with one designated the additional duty of timekeeping. Failure by a team to fulfil their umpiring obligations for any frame will result in that team forfeiting that frame, and any subsequent frames, until the umpire is supplied (unless prior arrangements have been made between the opposing captains). Captains may agree prior to the commencement of play, or any time prior to the completion of play, to utilise one umpire.

86. The Umpires shall **answer all questions** from players as outlined in the Official Rules, {see Rules:- (Z) Referees Guidelines and Duties Section (2)(a)(2)}. If the Umpires have any doubt concerning the legality of a players query they may confer with the the other umpire, if in use, otherwise the state head umpire for clarification prior to advising the player. If the umpire deems the players query inappropriate then they should advise the player that they decline to answer the query as it may be deemed as Coaching and, therefore not in the spirit of the game.

87. **As soon as a foul occurs** the umpire must announce "Foul - two visits to team A", or "Foul - one visit to team A". The umpire should not wait until the balls come to rest before making a foul call. An umpire may call more than one foul on a shot however the penalty imposed must be the one relating to the most serious infringement called. If an umpire is unsure as to whether or not a foul was committed then the benefit of the doubt must be given to the player in control of the table. If there is **any doubt** whatsoever in the umpire's mind, then no foul should be called.

88. When a player has completed the first visit after a foul, the umpire must announce "**Second visit**", or "One visit remaining". When the player has completed the second visit, the umpire says nothing – the onus is on the player to be aware of the state of the frame. If the player addresses the table for a third visit a foul must be called as soon as they touch the table or enter the playing area (after the 10 seconds has passed), and two visits awarded to the opposing player, {see Rules (K) Standard Fouls (10)}.

89. When an umpire makes a "**30 second warning**" or a "**One visit remaining**" call, they should move towards the table and raise an arm in the air, to indicate to the players that a call has been made.

90. The umpire is obligated to call a "**Touching ball**" when the situation arises, but is **not** obligated to call a "**Frozen Ball**", however the umpire must be aware of the situation. A player cannot be fouled under the "Touching ball" rule if the umpire has not made the effort to ascertain whether or not the cue ball is touching, {see Rules (T) Touching Balls}. Similarly a player cannot be fouled under the "**Frozen ball**" rule if the umpire has not made the effort to ascertain whether or not an object ball is frozen on a cushion, {see Rules (G) Legal Shot}. It is always in the players best interest to ask the umpire, prior to playing a shot, if a ball is touching or frozen.

91. It is in the umpire's own interest to ensure that a "**Block Warning**" is issued at the commencement of each match, with regard to coaching.

92. If two umpires are in use, one umpire **cannot overrule** the decision of the other, (except in the case of a Head Adjudicator). However, 'time out' may be called by either umpire or player, allowing the umpire to confer on the decision. The umpire may, if he/she wishes, change their decision prior to the resumption of play.

93. If an umpire admits to an **incorrect call**, or the umpire call is proven to be incorrect then, if the condition of the game has not changed, the correct call should be made and play allowed to continue. If the condition of the table has changed when the incorrect call is admitted or proven, then the game should be declared a "No Result", re-racked and replayed, with the same player to Break.

94. If an umpire **needs to retire** during the course of a Game or Match they must call for a 'time out'. The umpire must notify all players involved, and that umpire's Team Captain must find a replacement umpire prior to the resumption of play. All players involved in that Game or Match must also be notified of the replacement umpire.

95. Umpires are required to familiarise themselves with the situations under which they can award an additional visit, or disqualify a player from a game or Match, under the "**Spirit of the Game**" rule. Every incident where a player is fouled or disqualified under this rule is to be reported to the Tournament Director or State Head Umpire within 24 Hours of the infringement, and that umpire may be required to provide a written statement pertaining to the events that led up to the call. Any player fouled or disqualified under this rule has the right of appeal, as outlined in these By-Laws, (see By-Law 84).

96. A player **dismantling their cue** during the course of a game does not automatically lose that game. However if, in the opinion of the Umpire, a player dismantles their cue towards the end of a frame in a deliberate attempt to put their opponent "Off", then they may be fouled under the "Spirit of the Game" rule and the game awarded to their opponent.

97. Umpires should refer to the Rule Clarifications section of these By Laws, or the rules, (see Rules:- (Z) Referees Guidelines and Duties), for a more detailed outline of their duties.

RULE CLARIFICATIONS

98. If the cue ball is potted on a "Fair Break" it is a **non-standard foul**, with control of the table passing to the opponent, with one visit only. If the cue ball remains "off the playing surface", is "double struck" by the cue, or is fouled in any other way other than being potted, it is a **standard foul**, with the control of the table passing to the opponent and the opponent receiving two visits.

99. When timing a player the **time commences** once all the balls have come to rest {see Rules:- (I) Time Allowed Section (2)}. When the cue ball is potted the timing commences when the cue ball is replaced on the edge (or top) of the table by the umpire, or when the cue ball is handed to the incoming player. The departing player has 10 seconds to leave the playing area to the satisfaction of the Umpire, {see Rules: - {K} Standard Fouls Section (11)}. The incoming player gains control of the table as soon as the balls have come to rest from the preceding shot, {see Rules: (C) Definitions section (9)}. Therefore it is possible to have **2 players** in the playing area at the same time, (until the 10 seconds has elapsed). During the 10-second interval when the outgoing player is leaving the table and the incoming player approaching, both players are allowed to touch the table. Once the 10 seconds has elapsed the outgoing player would then be fouled {see Rules:- (K) Standard Fouls Section (10)}.

100. When the cue ball is **touching 2 object balls** of the players own combination the player can nominate one of those object balls as the Touching Ball, then fire directly at the other object ball. A cue ball can only be deemed to be touching one object ball of a player's own combination. {see Rules: - (T) Touching Balls section (2)(D)(i)}. Similarly, when the cue ball is touching an object ball of the player's own combination and also an object ball of their opponents combination then the player is deemed to be Touching the object ball of his own combination and can fire directly into their opponents ball without penalty.

101. Any **'time out'** granted by an umpire shall be under the proviso that, in the umpire's good judgment, the player(s) are not abusing the privilege as a means of unsettling their opponent(s). All time outs granted are at the discretion of the umpire, {see Rules:- (I) Time Allowed Section (5)}.

102. When **playing from baulk** the cue ball is deemed to be "in hand" until it is struck by the tip of the cue. Therefore any situation which permits the cue ball to be played from baulk by the incoming player, will carry over to the opposing player should a foul occur prior to the cue ball being struck by the tip of the cue.

103. The **"playing area"** is the area immediately surrounding the table upon which the Frame or Match is being played, as determined by the umpire(s).

104. In the event of a player **accidentally** moving an object ball with the Spider or the Bridge, a Standard Foul must be called, unless caused by an "Act of God", {see Rules:- (R) Interference Section (1)(C)(i)}.

105. When determining a **Foul Snooker** the straight sections of the cushion are to be ignored, (i.e. if a player could hit the side of one of his combination of object balls if the straight section of the cushion was not there then it is **not** a Foul Snooker).

When determining a **Total Snooker** the straight sections are to be taken into consideration, (i.e. if a player could not hit the side of one of his combination of object balls because of the straight section of the cushion, then it is a Total Snooker).

106. During a doubles match both players of a partnership are deemed to be **in control** of the table when it is their team's visit to the table, and are entitled to touch the table. Therefore, either player of either partnership may converse with their partner at any stage of the frame, even whilst either player is touching the table. Only the player who's turn it is to shoot, may strike the cue ball. Should the partner of the player who's turn it is, strike the cue ball a foul will be called immediately, {see Rules: - (M) Serious Fouls Section (1)}. If a player assists their partner in the actual playing of the shot, (i.e. placing his finger on the cushion to indicate where the cue ball should strike it, whilst his partner is actually playing the shot), the player may be fouled, {see Rules: - (K) Standard Fouls Section (12)}, or fouled for breaching the "Spirit of the Game", and the game awarded to the opponents, at the discretion of the umpire(s).

MEETINGS

107. A regular meeting of the Committee, (hereafter referred to as a Committee Meeting), will be held on the **first Monday** of every month, (unless otherwise directed by the Committee).

108. Each "Core" Committee member is entitled to cast 2 votes on any issues raised at these meetings and put to the vote. Each "Non Core" Committee member and team captain is entitled to cast 1 vote on any issues raised at these meetings and subsequently put to the vote. (Refer By-Law 2).

109. Any person attending a Committee Meeting in a **multiple capacity**, (i.e. as an "Core" Committee member and as a Team Captain), is entitled to the voting rights of both positions, so in the example listed this person would be entitled to cast 3 votes personally.

110. Each team is requested to ensure that they have at least **1 representative** at each meeting. If the Team Captain is unable to attend then they may pass their voting rights, via proxy, to another team member, or to any other member of the Association. Whilst the Team Captain is the only member of the team entitled to vote at Committee Meetings, (in person or by proxy), any member of the team may attend as an observer.

111. Additional weekly competition points (**bonus points**) shall be awarded for the following reasons at each meeting:

- (a) Every team that is represented in person by a team member at a Committee Meeting will receive one (1) additional point towards their match point score for the current season. Only 1 point may be awarded to any one team from any one meeting. The bonus point will only be awarded to teams that are represented within at least 15 minutes of the commencement of the meeting, have signed the attendance sheet at the completion of the meeting and have submitted the full number of scoresheets for the matches played before the current Committee Meeting.
- (b) Every team that has supplied the weekly result to the Assistant Tournament Director (or other party as determined by the Committee) for the full number of matches played between one Committee Meeting and the next shall receive one (1) additional point towards their match point score for the current season.

112. Any member continuously **speaking out of turn** or 'shouting people down' during Committee meetings will be issued with a warning. If that person requires a second warning they will be asked to leave the meeting. If a person is asked to leave a Committee meeting, they will automatically be banned from attending the next two Committee meetings.

113. In addition to an individual's own member vote at an Annual General Meeting, they may hold a **maximum of 8 proxy** votes from other members of the Association. This means that each member can hold a maximum of 9 votes for the AGM.

TABLE SPECIFICATIONS

114. For competition the table should be 2133.6mm x 1066.8mm, (7' x 3'6"), with 50.8mm, (2") Numerical Object Balls (or red and yellow balls), and a 47.5mm, (1-7/8"), Cue Ball. The **Jaws** of the Pockets should not exceed 2-7/8" in opening. The **Height** of the table should not vary from between 85 - 90 Centimetres. The **Table Lights** should be located approximately 800mm above the level of the bed of the table.

115. The **Baulk Line** should be a straight line drawn from cushion to cushion, Parallel to, and one fifth of the length of the table from, the face of the cushion that is the greatest distance from the **Triangle Spot**, (see By-Law 116).

116. The **Triangle Spot** should be marked at the position where a straight line drawn diagonally from the centre of a side pocket to the centre of a corner pocket on the opposite side of the table would intersect with a straight line drawn diagonally from the centre of the other side pocket to the centre of the other corner pocket at the same end of the table.

117. Notwithstanding the points noted under By-Laws 114 to 116 above, if it is the opinion of the Tournament Director that tables not meeting these requirements are fit for use in ACTEBA sanctioned events, those tables shall be considered suitable.

**Any of these By-Laws are subject to variation by the State Executive Committee.
Written application for variation, or inclusion, will be considered.**

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