



CENTRAL DISTRICTS EIGHT BALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED BY-LAWS



Conduct of Matches

- 1 (a) Fifteen singles will be played
- (b) Two (2) referees must be used. A team failing to provide a referee/umpire for any game when requested will have Two (2) minutes to provide an umpire, or will forfeit that game.
- © Prior to the commencement of each match, the opposing captains will exchange a list of players (using Christian and Surnames No Nicknames) numbered from, 1 to 5 or A to E and play in that order.
- (d) ***Five names must be written on the playing sheet and filled in by 7.30 pm. With the first three signed (fourth and fifth must be signed before they play).***
- (e) After the first round has been played, the captains, will write in their second round line-up. Players who have played in the first round can only play next to the same number, or letter, they were next to in the first round.
- (f) Prior to the start of the 3rd round captains will write in their 3rd round line-up; Player/s can only play in the 3rd round in the position they played at in the 2nd round. Substitute players can only play in the position of players sitting out in any round.
- (g) In the event of a team playing an un-registered player, or forging a players' signature in any match, the opposing team will be credited with a 9-6 win (or their final score- whichever is higher) the offending team will be penalized with a 0-15 loss. Unregistered players include players who are registered, but un-financial. In a situation where both teams are guilty of this offence, both teams will be penalized with a 0-15 loss.
- (h) Match results will be recorded on "Match Results Forms" as prepared and supplied by the Association. Personal signatures of all participating players are to be signed on the opposing team's match result form
- (i) A team with (3) or more players has the right to play a match.
- (j) ***A team must forfeit if (3) players are unavailable by 7.30pm. Both Captains may consent to delay the start of the match.***

2 Teams Forfeiting

- (1) In the event of a team not showing up for a scheduled match the opposing team will be credited with a 9-6 win. The forfeiting team will be penalised 0 -15 loss. Names and signatures of at least 3 players must be on the match results sheet in order to claim the forfeit. Match results sheets must be lodged within 72 hours.

- (2) Team/s folding during either half of a current season will have their match results deleted from all team/s in the division as if they had never existed, and the player/s on those teams will be ineligible for any best player/s awards.
- (2) If a forfeit is called prior to the match the opposing team/s attendance is not required. A 9-6 win will be credited to the non-forfeiting team; the forfeiting team will be credited with a 15-0 loss. The non forfeiting captain must lodge match results sheets within the 72 hour time frame
- (3) Captains must inform the Secretary of any planned team forfeits as soon as they become aware of them, or no later than 6pm on the day of the scheduled match.
- (4) *Catch-up match/s can only be played when both captains are in full agreement to play one.*

There is no obligation for the non requesting captain/s to agree to the catch up match.

Where agreement is not reached then the issue is deemed closed.

Where agreement is reached the requesting captain must inform the Secretary that a catch up match has been agreed to and inform the Secretary when it is to be played.

- (5) The match may commence earlier or later by the agreement of both captains.
 - 1) Teams forfeiting for the fourth time in a current season will be expelled from that season, and all scores will be adjusted and the expelled teams match results scores deleted from either the beginning of the season or from the start of the next round and their
 - 2) Acceptance for future seasons will be subject to committee approval
- (6) The association takes no responsibility for the programming of matches at venues from which player/s have been barred. Captains should be aware of such a situation before playing any player/s and to replace him, or her, on the night by another with another registered financial player/s.
The opposing captain may agree to play the match at a suitable neutral venue.
- (d) If any player unscrews their cue or puts their cue away during a frame, the referee will ask such player "Are you conceding the Frame?" 1. If the player is not conceding the frame the referee shall issue a blanket warning to both teams, that if this offence occurs again a "Spirit of the Game" foul shall be called and the offending player will lose the frame. 2. If the player is conceding the frame, the opposing player shall be awarded the frame without any further play.

Commencement of Matches

- 2. (a) Each match will be finished on the night programmed unless under circumstances beyond anyone's control. Captain of the Home Side /Team must notify The Secretary on The Night. All /Any remaining Frames of the Match will be rescheduled for another night at a Venue and on a Date agreed upon by Both Captains. If Agreement cannot be reached then the Committee will adjudicate the matter

- (b) The order of play may be changed with the opposing captain's consent, otherwise a player that is unavailable when due to play will forfeit their game.
- © In the event of a player (who has already signed the match book) being unable to play their game due to illness, injury, or other reason, may, with the opposing captain's consent, be replaced with another player who must have been present at the commencement of the match. IE.: 7.30pm.
- (d) The home team must supply the correct equipment i.e. 7' x 3' table, rest, spider, and set of Object balls, 1 7/8" cue balls, if red and yellow used they must be 50mm's with a 1 7/8" Cue Ball. If numbered (Spots and Stripes) then they must be 2" with the Cue ball still 7/8" (Captain to communicate with venue if not)

Conduct of Matches

- 3 (a) At the conclusion of matches, captains will check each other's sheets, signing both when the result has been verified
- (b) Match results forms once checked and agreed by both captains must not be altered in any way.
- © Such match results shall stand unless varied by a contravention of the Association rules. Winning Captains are responsible for telephoning the results of their match to the Association within 24 hours after the match. This is a blanket warning. Failure to comply with the blanket warning will result in a loss of two premiership points.
- (d) Winning captains are responsible for sending in score sheets within the 72 hours time limit. This is a blanket warning.
- (e) Failure to comply with the blanket warning will result in the loss of two premiership points.

Premierships Ladder

- 4. (a) Where teams finish on the premiership ladder will be governed by;
 - (b) Accumulated premiership points {2} {Two points for each match won} less any premiership penalty points imposed on a team then based on frames won and lost
 - (c) At the conclusion of the minor round, the top team in each league shall play a
 - home final against the second team on the ladder;*
 - and the third team will play a home final against the fourth.*
 - (e) The winner of the third and fourth teams shall play the loser of the first and second teams in the preliminary final. The loser of first versus second will play a home final.
 - (f) the winner of the 1st and second teams shall be the home team in the Grand Final and the Grand Final shall be played at a neutral venue decided by the committee/ Secretary
 - (g) Minor Premiers shall be the team with the most accumulated premiership points less any penalty points followed by frames won and lost.

- (h) Second, third and fourth shall be decided the same way. If there is a draw (i.e. Teams are drawn equally on accumulated points and frames won and lost; the equal teams will play another match, on neutral ground as decided by the committee.
- (i) Player/s will not play in the final unless such player/s are registered in accordance with the Association rules, and must have played in at least three matches in his/her league / Division to be eligible to play in a final for that league / Division.

Team Registration Fees

- 5 (a) Team registration forms for the next season are to be received by the end of the last minor round match of the previous season.
- (b) Player(s) fees are to be paid no later than Six (6) weeks after commencement of the new Season.
- (c) The Team Captain is responsible to ensure that all players and the team are financial by no later than the six –week period.
- (d) Team(s) failing to meet the required fees after the Sixth (6th) week of competition will incur a two-premiership point penalty, for each week of competition team(s) or player/s are unregistered, commencing from the 7th (Seventh) week of the season until the required fees are met.
- (e) Team/s and player/s will be considered unregistered if the requirements of the above 4 d are not met by the Seventh (7th) week of each current season
- (f) Un-registered team/s player/s for non-payment of fees may incur a National Ban; Deeming them to be ineligible to register with any Affiliated 8 ball Association: Player/s may also be unable to play in any of the Associations finals series until all outstanding fees are paid to the Association
- (g) Un-financial team(s) or player(s) will be notified in writing seven (7) days prior to their pending disqualification.
- (h) Team(s) player(s) will have the right of reply to any imposed disqualification or loss of premiership points, provided written notification is received by the Secretary of the Association within seven (7) days of the penalty being imposed (Effective December 1, 2005)
- (i) The team captain is responsible to ensure that all players and the team are financial by no later than the six-week period.
- (j) Team or players failing to pay registration fees, at the halfway point of the season will be disqualified.
- (k) Disqualification of a team or a player for non-payment of fees will incur a national ban, deeming the team or player ineligible to register with any affiliated eight ball association, until such outstanding fees are paid to the C. D. E. B. A.
- (l) Un-financial team or players will be notified in writing 21 days prior to their pending disqualification.

- (m) Team/s player/s will have the right of reply to any imposed disqualification or loss of premier ship points, provided written notification is received by the Secretary of the Association within 7 days of the penalty being imposed. Effective December 1, 2005

6. Protests

- (a) If Captains intend lodging protests, they must inform the Umpires and the opposing Captain when the incident occurs but must still complete the game.
- (b) Captains should try to reach an agreement on the protest, and if so may replay the Frame without formally protesting. If this is not possible, the match result form must not be signed.
- (c) If those disputes can-not be settled they should be referred (in writing) to the Associations Secretary, with a \$10.00 fee, phone numbers and addresses of both captains within seventy two (72) hours of the league / division match, or twenty four (24) hours of a finals match.

Protests after this time will not be considered.

- (d) Protests can only be made on what is considered to be a Umpires disregard for, or lack of knowledge, of the rules of the game of eight-ball, and not on their ability to see every foul.

7. Delegates

- (a) Failure of a team representative to attend a delegates meeting will result in the loss of two (2) premiership points for that team.
- (d) It is the delegates responsibility to inform the Association Secretary of any change of address and is also responsible for receiving and distributing information to his/her team

8. Association Knockouts

- (a) Knockouts will be arranged each season if possible to determine Association champions.
- (b) Any Registered/ Financial Members are eligible to compete in any Relevant Association Knockouts.

(9) Team Promotion and Contents

- (a) Team(s) finishing minor premiers and runner-up minor premier premiers will be promoted to the next higher division (Premier league excluded in promotion) Teams finishing bottom and second bottom maybe relegated to the next lower division.
- (b) Team(s) finishing minor premiers and runners up that do not want to be promoted to the next division, all players in those teams will be registered as the next higher grade player for the next season. Only (2) Two players may register with a team (1) One division lower than they are registered for that season. For example (any player from a promoted team will be permitted to play in another team as a higher registered player)
- (c) For a team to be promoted only two (2) players from the previous season must remain with that team. Teams may register (2) two players from (1) one division higher in a current season.
- (d) Players may only register (1) One Division lower than they played in, in the previous

Season. The only exception to this rule will be, a submission to the committee in writing stating extenuating circumstances, which will be considered at the next committee meeting?

- (e) Registration fees for any player who has played (1) One game or more games are not transferable to any other player. Any player who plays a match for the Association must pay the appropriate fee.
- (f) Any player(s) may transfer between team up to the half way point of the season, providing a written request accompanied by a \$5.00 transfer fee is received by the Secretary before transfer takes place.
- (g) Team captains who wish to register another player/s MUST contact the office or liaison Officer of the night, of the player(s) name and details.

11. Umpire Schools:

The Association will hold umpires schools where and when possible. (See 9 (b))

- (b) All teams must nominate one (1) player each season to attend the Umpires School. The player attending to represent one (1) team only i.e. if a player is registered in multiple teams, then the player can only represent one of the teams in which they play. All players who attend the Umpires Schools will be placed in a ballot to umpire at least one (1) final/grand Final match at the end of the season. This is a blanket warning. Failure to comply with the blanket warning will result in the loss of two (2) premiership points.

© Finals Umpires

The Association will supply two (2) umpires for every finals match.

Umpires will alternate their games with the team not having a break supplying a time keeper.

(d) Grand Finals Umpires

The Association will supply two (2) umpires for every Grand Final Match when requested by Captain/s.

Umpires will alternate the games between themselves.

12. Carnivals

- (a) Any affiliated player who qualifies for carnival selection will be ineligible to compete in players selections for the following years carnival if they bring the Association into disrepute. Players will have the right of reply to any imposed suspension provided notification is lodged with the Secretary of The C. D. E. B. A within 7 days of the said suspension. Effective from 13 March 1999
- (b) Any player is eligible to take part in the Open carnival play-offs, providing they are a registered member of The Association and pay a \$20.00 nomination fee. They must have played five (5) matches in the year from Carnival to Carnival that is June to June.
- © Any Lady player is eligible to take part in the Ladies Carnival play-offs, providing they are a registered member of The Association and pay a \$35.00 nomination fee. They must have played five (5) matches in the year from Carnival to Carnival.
- (d) Players qualifying for Carnival selection and making themselves unavailable for that team
Will be ineligible to nominate for the play-offs in the next carnival

- (e) Player/s who have not arrived by the first break of balls will be ineligible to participate in that day/s play-offs, and there will be no refund.
- (f) If any player/s, play-off/play for the C. D. E. B. A, and qualify for a carnival team, that player/s cannot play-off /play for any other Affiliated Association. If they do, they will be penalized with a ban. They will not be allowed to play in any Affiliated 8-ball in any Association. (ban 1 year) Players will have the right of reply to any imposed suspension provided notification is lodged with the Secretary of The C. D. E. B. A. within 7 days of the said suspension. Effective December 2003.
- (g) No refund for any player(s) who forfeits by failing to arrive for day(s) play or who fails to finish all their scheduled matches
- (h) All player nomination fees from Carnival play-offs will be used to cover venue hire for play-off if required and remaining fees will be used to offset some of the costs of sending teams to Carnivals.
- (i) A raffle will be run to raise money to cover of teams attending Carnivals with all team members obligated to assist in raising funds to cover Carnival team costs.
- (j) The Association will cover outstanding costs (accommodation) for sending teams to Carnivals if raffle does not raise enough funds.

13. Code of Conduct for Carnival/Association Players

- (a) Players qualifying for Carnival selection must make themselves available for all team practices and scheduled practice matches programmed by Central Districts Eight Ball Association and participate in all fundraising efforts leading up to a carnival.
- (b) Team Captains will be responsible for the conduct of their players and representatives at all times.
- (c) Qualifying players and representatives of the Central Districts Eight Ball Association will behave in a manner befitting to the game of eight ball and must conduct themselves within the spirit of the game at all time, and will not in any way bring the Association into disrepute.
- (d) The Association will not tolerate any acts of violence, verbal, or physical abuse towards Association players, Representatives, Committee members, Umpires, or Venue Patrons. Anyone found acting in an offensive behaviour can face expulsion from the Central Districts Eight Ball Association and/or any Affiliated Eight Ball Association resulting in an Australian ban.
- (e) Any Affiliated player who brings The Association into disrepute will be ineligible to compete in players selections for the following year's carnival.
- (f) Players will have right of reply to any imposed suspension, provided notification is lodged with the Secretary of The Association within seven (7) days of said suspension.
- (g) If a player is barred from a venue whilst playing in a team registered within The Association, then, an automatic suspension from The Association for the same period time as the venue barring notice will apply.

14. Code of Conduct for all Committee Members

1. Committee Members shall at all times be mindful of the wishes of the members they represent
2. Committee Members shall at all times act in a manner that will not appear to members to be an act of abuse as to the position they hold
3. Committee Members are reminded that minutes relating to this Association are legal documents, and until the minutes have been posted on the notice board for all members to see, shall not be discussed outside of a Committee Meeting.
4. Committee Members shall not discuss issues of a sensitive nature outside of a Committee Meeting. Any Committee member found to be in breach of any of the above requirements, and any other requirements, that may be added to, from time to time, may be requested to vacate their position on the Central Districts Eight Ball Association Committee

5. Players Code of Conduct

1. The Association will not tolerate any act of violence; verbal or physical abuse towards Association player/s Representatives, Committee Members, Umpires or venue patron/s;
2. Member/s found guilty of acting in an offensive behaviour can face expulsion from This Association and/or any Affiliated 8 ball Associations resulting in a National ban
3. Player/s will have the right of reply to any imposed disqualification if written notification is received by the Secretary within 7 {Seven} days of any penalty imposed
{Effective as 4/9/2015}
{Effective as 11/1/2016}

15. Player Life Membership

- a) Player/s must be registered from 1st registration date and registered for 25 years continuously to qualify for player life membership
- b) If player/s leave, or have a season off their player life membership restarts from the date of returning

16. Executive Committee meetings

Executive Committee will meet on the second Friday of every month: However maybe {changed from time to time when needed}

(Effective March 27, 2008)