



THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICTS EIGHT BALL ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

NAME

1. The name of the Association shall be: - "Central Districts Eight Ball Association" (hereafter referred to as "The Association").

USE OF NAME

2. No person, or persons, may use the name of nor purport to represent, the Central Districts Eight Ball Association without prior written approval of The Association's Committee.

OBJECTS

3. The Objects of The Association shall be: -
 - 3.1 To operate as a non-profit organization, free from discriminatory practices.
 - 3.2 To provide a structured eight ball competition for the benefit of The Association team/s and member/s.
 - 3.3 To reward achievement within that competition.
 - 3.4 To co-operate with other bodies for the benefit of eight ball generally.

MEMBERSHIP

4. The membership of The Association shall comprise: -
 - 4.1 The Committee elected in accordance with provisions of this Association.
 - 4.2 Teams registered in accordance with the provisions of this Association.
 - 4.3 Players registered in the teams of The Association.
 - 4.4 Interested persons wishing to serve The Association in a beneficial capacity.

COMMITTEE

5. Structure, Election, Meetings, Duties.

5.1 **Structure**

The Committee shall consist of the Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, with a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of nine (9) Committee members. At their first (1st) meeting following the Annual General Meeting the Committee shall elect a Chairperson, and a Deputy Chairperson from within their ranks.

5.2 **Election**

- 5.2.1 The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.2.2 All Association members may vote in elections for the Committee.
- 5.2.3 All committee nomination forms must be signed by two (2) financial members, and be received at the Central Districts Eight Ball Association office fourteen (14) days, prior to the Annual General Meeting. All nominations must be accompanied by a written statement that the nominee/s are prepared to accept the position nominated for if elected. If insufficient nominations are received, the Annual General Meeting shall have the power to fill any vacancies.
- 5.2.4 Any vacancies that occur on the Committee between Annual General Meeting's shall be filled by the Committee.
- 5.2.5 Committee members who fail to fulfill their duties may be removed from office by the Chairperson with concurrence of the Committee.

5.3 **Meetings**

The Committee shall meet at least once per month, and the quorum for such meetings shall be six (6) Committee members.

5.4 Duties and Penalties

- 5.4.1 The Committee shall manage the affairs of The Association in accordance with the Constitution.
- 5.4.2 The committee shall be empowered to interpret the rules of The Association, and their decision/s on any interpretation/s made will be mindful of the wishes of the majority of the members affected by their decisions.
- 5.4.3 The Committee shall resolve disputes that occur within The Association.
- 5.4.4 The Committee may impose penalties on team/s and player/s that are found to be in breach of the provisions of this Constitution. Penalties incurred may include the loss of Premiership points, forfeiture of matches, or expulsion from the current league season.
- 5.4.5 Team/s and or player/s incurring penalties may appeal in writing to the Secretary, within seven (7) days upon receipt of the notification of the penalty/s.
- 5.4.6 The Committee shall raise funds to pay the debts and expenses of The Association.

TEAMS

6. Team Provisions

- 6.1 The Secretary shall forward nomination forms to all teams that were members of the Association in the previous season, and to any other teams that the Committee deems appropriate.
- 6.2 Teams will comprise of a minimum of five (5) players and a maximum of ten (10) players.
- 6.3 Any team wishing to rejoin, or enter The Association, must forward their completed nomination form together with the appropriate fee to the Secretary, or Treasure by the advised date.
- 6.4 The subscription for Teams and Players shall be determined by the Committee and presented to the Annual General Meeting or Delegates Meeting (whichever applies) for approval.
- 6.5 Teams can register Players until the halfway point of the season. Any other registrations will only be approved under extenuating circumstances.
- 6.6 Teams must nominate a delegate, and the Delegate (or proxy) must attend Delegates Meetings.
- 6.7 Teams found to be in breach of the provisions of this Constitution may be penalised by the committee. Penalties may include loss of premiership points, forfeit of matches, or expulsion from the current league season.

PLAYERS

7. Player Provisions

- 7.1 Multiple registrations are permitted within The Association, and any member/s who participates in such memberships must pay for all nights they play.
- 7.2 Once a season has commenced, players may transfer between teams only after a written request by the player has been approved by the committee. Players may transfer between teams until the halfway-point of the season. Any further transfers will only be approved under extenuating circumstances.
- 7.3 Players must have played at least three (3) matches in a season to be eligible to play for that team in the finals series in that season.
- 7.4 Players found to be in breach of the Provisions of this Constitution, or found guilty of offensive behaviour, may be deregistered by the Committee.

BY LAWS

- 8. The Committee shall be empowered to enact By-Laws for the administration of The Association.
- 8.1 By Laws must be consistent with, and sub-ordinate to, this Constitution.
- 8.2 The Secretary shall advise all teams in writing of any changes to The Association's By-Laws. Advice to teams will be deemed to be advice to all players within that team.

- 8.3 Teams and/or Players found by the Committee to be in breach of the By-Laws of this Association may be penalised.

FINANCIAL YEAR

9. The Financial Year of The Association shall be from 1st of July to the 30th of June inclusive.

ACCOUNTS

10. The Financial Statements by the Treasurer shall be made up, balanced, and audited before the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall appoint an auditor for the inspection and verification of the Financial Statement. All monies received shall, as soon as practicably possible, be paid to the credit of the Association at a bank approved by the Committee. All cheques or withdrawals must be signed by two (2) of the following: Treasurer, Secretary, or Chairperson.

NON-PROFIT CLAUSE

11. The assets and income of The Association shall be applied solely in furtherance of its objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to its members except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of The Association.

MEETINGS

12. The Annual General Meeting, Delegates Meetings, Special Meetings.

The Secretary shall give at least twenty one (21) days notice to all Teams within The Association of any of the above meetings. All Association members may attend, and vote on any issue at, any of the above meetings.

12.1 Annual General Meeting (or A. G. M.).

12.1.1 The A. G. M. will be held during the month of August each year.

12.1.2 The Chairperson, Secretary, and three (3) Committee Members to be elected for a Two (2) Year term, Assistant Secretary and Three (3) Committee members for a One (1) Year term. At all ensuing A. G. M.'s all vacancies will be filled for a Two (2) year term elected by the members.

12.1.3 The A. G. M. will receive, discuss, and approve (or otherwise) the Financial Statement.

12.1.4 The A. G. M. will consider and (where possible) determine any business arising from the meeting.

12.1.5 Failure of a Team Representative to attend an A. G. M. will result in the loss of Two (2) Premiership Points for that team.

12.2 Delegates Meetings

12.2.1 Delegates Meetings will be held prior to the commencement of each new league season.

12.2.2 The Delegates Meeting will consider and (where possible) determine any business arising from the meeting.

12.3 Special Meetings

Special meetings will be called by the Secretary not more than twenty eight (28) days after receipt by the Secretary of a notice in writing, by not less than five (5) teams (each team must be from separate venues) stating the purpose of the meeting.

LIFE MEMBERS

13. Any financial member may propose another member for Life Membership provided that the nominated member has given at least five (5) years outstanding service to The Association. Such nominations must be in writing to the Committee who have the right to refuse or accept such nominations. Nominations accepted will be put to the A.G.M. for approval.

DISSOLUTION

14. In the event of The Association being dissolved, the amount which remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, shall be paid and applied by the Committee in accordance with their powers to any fund, institution or authority, which is a non-profit organisation.

ALTERATION TO THE CONSTITUTION

15. This Constitution shall not be added to, altered, repealed, or rescinded, except at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special Meeting convened for this purpose. No motion or alteration shall be submitted to a vote at the A. G. M. unless written notice is presented to the Secretary at least fourteen (14) days prior to the A. G. M.. Any motion must be signed by a proposer and seconder who both shall be members of The Association and must be carried by at least a two-thirds majority of those present at such meetings who are entitled to vote.