



# Southern Tasmanian 8 Ball Association

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## **STEBA By-Laws** **Amended (February 2016)** Previous By-Laws Null & Void

### **OBJECTIVES**

The Southern Tasmanian Eight Ball Association Inc. (STEBA) will normally play matches on Tuesday nights during the summer months. It also conducts a shortened Super Five's competition during winter months.

The STEBA will maintain financial membership of Eightball Tasmania Inc. and be supportive of that organisation in the advancement of the sport of Eightball in Tasmania. In addition, STEBA will make every effort to ensure that it has a representative on the Committee of Eightball Tasmania.

The Hobart Eight Ball Association is an affiliate of Eightball Tasmania normally conducting matches on Monday nights at venues generally within the city area. STEBA will maintain a close relationship with the HEBA for the advancement of the sport of Eightball in the broader STEBA catchment area.

### **TEAM NOMINATION / REGISTRATION**

- (a) All teams intending to field a team in the Summer Roster will complete a Team Nomination Form prior to commencement of each season, with the final due date being the date of Delegates Meeting, as advised.
- (b) Teams new to STEBA are required to list intending players and details of their former competition experience on the back of (or attached to) the form for Committee determination of the Division in which they should play (see Relegations, Promotions & Incoming Teams).
- (c) A valid Team Nomination form will include Team Name, Venue address/telephone/fax/email, Team Contact Person address/telephone/fax/email, and any other contact email addresses. This information will form the basis for the provision of official information regarding the rosters, ladders, newsletters, registration lists and relevant meeting dates and times. Updating of this information will be accepted by Player Registration forms and direct notification to the STEBA of any changes.
- (d) Official Information/Notices therefore provided by the STEBA to the Team Contacts/Venues based on this information is therefore deemed to have been given.
- (e) The principal method of official information delivery shall be via email. Teams unable to provide and/or maintain valid email addresses will have information delivered to their venue. It is the team's responsibility to ensure that they have proper lines of communication with their players and venue in place to ensure receipt of official information.

### **PLAYER REGISTRATION**

#### **(Part 1)**

- (a) All players must register with their team prior to (or on the first night of) playing for that team and that registration is valid until the completion of that season.
- (b) A valid registration will include the team name, player name, player date of birth, and player contact details (address/telephone/email) and be signed by both the player and the team captain. Registrations can be provided to the STEBA by email; however, these must be followed up with a signed registration form.
- (c) The STEBA will maintain a master list of registered players and will issue player registration numbers, providing each team with an updated list as soon as practicable after lodgement of the forms.
- (d) A player will retain their registration number, regardless of which team they play for, until the player retires or until the expiration of 3 seasons of not registering with STEBA.

#### **(Part 2)**

- (a) Every team must be in possession of their players' authorised registration numbers. A team is deemed to be in possession of their players' authorised registration numbers once STEBA has issued the player list to the team contact and/or venue, as per the Team Nomination/Registration process. (See Team Nominations/Registrations above)
- (b) Players may participate in an authorised Association match on the night that they are signed up provided that a signed registration form accompanies the score sheets from that match. A player who has signed with a team/club/venue becomes ineligible to play for another team at another venue unless transferred to that team/club/venue (see Transfers below). Therefore, if a player who has registered with another team/club/venue plays without Transfer Clearance, then the team is deemed to have played an unregistered player.

- (c) Should a player registration form not be received by the STEBA, then that player is deemed to be an unregistered player. (Notification by the STEBA to the team contact and/or venue that a registration form has not been received, including a player list showing the player as unregistered, is sufficient evidence that the player is unregistered.)
- (d) Playing an unregistered player may render the team ineligible for any points awarded for that match. (See Match Procedure below)

**(Part 3)**

The "Disputes Committee" shall have the power to cancel the registration of any player who, in their opinion, behaves in any way which is detrimental to the objectives of the Association.

**(Part 4)**

Any player who may be subject to Rule (c) of this Section of these by-laws shall have the right of attending such meeting to speak on his/her behalf.

Any player who has more than one registration number may be deregistered by the "Disputes Committee" under Rules (c) and (d) of this Section of these by-laws.

**TRANSFERS**

Any application for transfer shall be in the form of a letter of clearance from the team/club/venue with which he/she was previously registered, and accompanied by a registration form and a \$20.00 transfer fee. Player transfers close 14 days prior to the commencement of the finals series.

A transfer application and fee is not required for a player who transfers between teams of their own club/venue.

**RELEGATIONS, PROMOTIONS AND INCOMING TEAMS**

- (1) After the Finals Series of our Major Summer Roster, relegation and promotion of teams should be decided as follows (Super 5's roster has no bearing on Promotion or Relegation:
  - (a) The team winning the Grand Final in each Division shall be promoted to the next higher Division for the following season should there be a position available.
  - (b) The team holding the last position in each Division on the competition ladder shall be relegated to the next lower Division for the following season at the committee's discretion.
- (2) Any team registered for the first time with the Association shall be required to submit a player list providing previous competition experience to the Committee prior to the issue date of the roster, for determination by the Committee of the Division in which they should play (See Team Nomination/Registration above.)
- (3) Where any team demonstrates just reason not to be promoted or relegated, the Committee reserves the right to select the next appropriate team or to have less than 2 relegations or promotions.

**WITHDRAWAL OF A TEAM FROM COMPETITION**

- (a) If any team withdraws from the competition during the rostered playing period, all matches and frames in which they have participated shall be declared null and void. Points and percentages will be recalculated as if the opposing teams had a bye, and all future rostered matches will become a bye for the opposing teams.
- (b) Any team which withdraws from competition shall not be eligible for registration the following season, unless that team can provide good and sufficient evidence to the Committee that a similar withdrawal will not occur.
- (c) Players registered with a team that withdraws will be required to pay a transfer fee of \$20.00 prior to (or on the night of) registering with another team (a letter of clearance will not be required under these circumstances).

**FINALS, CHAMPIONSHIPS AND AWARDS**

**(Part 1)**

- (a) No player shall play in any team final unless he/she is registered and has played in at least 50% of roster matches with that team; and
- (b) Once a player has played with one team in a final, they are ineligible to play for another team in that final series.
- (c) No player shall participate in any organised Association Championship/Event unless he/she is registered and has played in at least 25% of roster matches as at that date of the event.

**(Part 2)**

In determining Best Player awards, only registered players who have played in 70% or more of possible frames in the same Division with the same Team will be considered (i.e. frames are not amalgamated over divisions or teams as a player is registered & listed on the results spreadsheet under their name & team).

For the purposes of Rules (a), (b) & (c) above,

- (a) Any player playing one or more singles frames on one roster night shall be counted as having played one roster match; and

- (b) Each frame won by forfeit will count as a frame played (for the purposes of qualifying under the 70% & 25% rules), but not as a win in determining win percentage (i.e. for Top Dog).

### (Part 3)

The Association Singles and Doubles Championships will be played during the season, depending on there being sufficient entries. The winner will be determined as:

- (a) The player with the most matches won (in the situation of playing a round robin with the possibility of winning a match e.g. best of 3), or
- (b) The player with the most frames won (in the situation of playing a round robin of only one or two frames). If more than one player has the same number of wins, the placing's will be determined by the highest percentage of frames won against frames played. In the event of a tie, a playoff will be held.
- (c) The STEBA Championships will use the following format and award free entry to STEBA & Eightball Tasmania events as set out below:
  - (i) All STEBA Championships will use the following playing formats regardless of the size of the field competing in the event.
    - a) Round Robin with a Home & Away format (Best of Two Frames).
    - b) Semi Finals will be Best of Three (3) Frames:
      - i. Semi Final 1 - No 1 Qualifier vs No 4 Qualifier
      - ii. Semi Final 2 - No 2 Qualifier vs No 3 Qualifier
    - c) The Final will be the winners of Semi Finals 1 & 2, played as Best of Five (5) Frames.
    - d) Entry fee to all events will be \$10.00 per player.
  - (ii) **Division 2 & 3 Championships:** The winner of the each of these event will be awarded free entry into the event of their choice and depending on their eligibility to either the Open Singles, Masters Singles or Ladies Singles Championship.
  - (iii) **Junior Championships:** The winner of the independent age groups in our Junior Championships will be eligible for free entry into that year's Open Singles Championship.
  - (iv) **Open Singles Championship:** All four (4) Semi Finalists of the STEBA Open Singles will receive free entry into that year's Eightball Tasmania Men's Team Qualifiers.
  - (v) **Ladies Singles Championship:** The winner of the STEBA Ladies Championship will receive free entry into that year's Eightball Tasmania Ladies Team Qualifiers.
    - a) If more than ten (10) ladies compete the losing finalist will also will receive free entry into that year's Eightball Tasmania Ladies Team Qualifiers.
    - b) If sixteen (16) or more ladies compete then all the semi-finalists will receive free entry into that year's Eightball Tasmania Ladies Team Qualifiers.
  - (vi) **Masters Singles Championship:** The winner of the STEBA Masters Championship will receive free entry into that year's Eightball Tasmania Masters Team Qualifiers.
    - c) If more than ten (10) players compete the losing finalist will also will receive free entry into that year's Eightball Tasmania Masters Team Qualifiers.
    - d) If sixteen (16) or more players compete then all the semi-finalists will receive free entry into that year's Eightball Tasmania Ladies Masters Qualifiers.
- (d) Free entry offers are not transferable (either to another person or another event if an event is not played) and will not be extended to lower placegetters if original offers are refused.
- (e) All players are expected to be of neat attire during championships, to the discretion of the Tournament Director.

### DISPUTES COMMITTEE

- (a) The "Disputes Committee" shall consist of the Committee of Management duly elected at a General Meeting. A quorum of at least 3 is required to hear a dispute. A member of the Committee of Management cannot sit on a Disputes Committee if that member's team (or a player from that member's team) is involved in the dispute.
- (b) Any business to be brought before the Disputes Committee should be notified in writing to the Association Secretary, within 7 days of the incident which necessitates the intervention of the Disputes Committee.
- (c) Such notice of dispute shall include the name(s), contact details and registration number(s) of all person(s) involved, and be signed by the captain.
- (d) The dispute lodged will be acknowledged within 7 days of receipt by the Association Secretary.

### FINES (Score sheets and meeting attendance)

- (a) Any club that does not pay its fines within 14 days of notification shall render its team un-financial until the fine/s is/are paid, thus subjecting the team to the provisions of Item 4 (c) of the Constitution (Subscriptions). (A team fine is deemed to form part of a team's Subscription.)
- (b) A fine of \$10.00 may be imposed for the late/non-return of score sheets, increasing at \$10.00 each time thereafter during the season, excepting a reasonable excuse.
- (c) A similar fine may be imposed on any club not attending a General Meeting, increasing at \$10.00 each time thereafter during the season, excepting where reasonable excuse has been submitted.

- (d) A fine of \$10.00 may be imposed on any club that submits score sheets not completed in every detail, except where registration numbers have not yet been provided to the team (See Team Nomination/Registration regarding provision of information to teams). Full player names and registration numbers must be shown. Nick names are not to be used.

## MATCH PROCEDURE

### Part 1

- (a) Competition matches are played on designated nights commencing at 7.30 pm unless otherwise arranged by the Association or both captains, however the Association must be informed of & agree to any alternative arrangements.
- (b) The home team is responsible for providing tables and supper at no cost to the visiting team.
- (c) All possible frames must be played on two (2) tables throughout the night, with each team responsible for providing umpires for one table (to be agreed by Captains prior to commencement) - Exception: in a Finals match where the frame being played may decide the result, both captains may agree to play each remaining frame on one table only until a result is forthcoming, and responsibility for umpiring is therefore alternated on that table.
- (d) A team will consist of a minimum of 5 players with the balance of frames being forfeited by the offending team. No player shall play more than 1 frame per set.
- (e) A roster match consists of Four (4) Sets of Eight (8) Singles for Division 1, and Four (4) Sets of Six (6) Singles for the Other Divisions.
- (f) Unlimited substitutions are allowed for each set, with the incoming player/s taking the position (i.e. the number or letter) of the player that he/she is replacing for rotational purposes. The names of all players playing the first set shall be written on the score sheet prior to 7.30pm on match night. Before commencement of the first frame of each subsequent set, all substitutions shall also be recorded and passed on to the opposing team. Captains should ensure minimal wastage of time between sets, preferably by starting the next set before the completion of the previous set (unless waiting on result to determine substitutions for the following round). Both captains must agree on any alterations to the score sheet (not including simple error corrections) once the set has commenced.
- (g) The home side breaks in the first frame, then players will break alternately in the order written on the score sheet. The break order is reversed for even sets. Players play in written order (unless agreed to by both captains after consultation with their teams & due to unforeseen circumstances) and play their frame on the next available table.
- (h) Individual Player Frame Forfeit's
- a) When a team has **ONLY** seven (7) players in Div 1 or five (5) in Div 2-3 present at the official match start time of 7.30pm and they have a player who will be turning up late, due to outside commitments, that player can be included on the team sheet, but **MUST** be placed on the score sheet in:
- (i) The number eight (8) spot for Div 1 or the six (6) spot for Div 2-3 if they are the home team.
- (ii) The spot assigned as position H in Div 1 or position F in Div 2-3 if they are the away team.
- b) The match will then commence and when the player arrives those missed games can be caught up and played without penalty. However, if the player has not arrived when the:
- (i) The first frame of the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) set has started, the two (2) frames from set 1 & 2 are forfeited.
- (ii) If the player turns up during the 3<sup>rd</sup> set he can play his 3<sup>rd</sup> set match without penalty, however if he has not arrived when the 1<sup>st</sup> frame of the fourth and final set has commenced he shall forfeit his third set frame also.
- (iii) If the player arrives before the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) frame of the last set is scheduled to start he may play his match, however if the third frame has started (Div 1) or scheduled to start (Div 2-3) the frame is forfeited.
- c) If a player other than that named arrives or a player can be obtained from the venue they can be substituted at any time but the penalties as set down in this rule still apply up until you substitute the player. The team requesting the substitute **MUST** inform the opposing captain before doing so.
- d) Individual players will not receive the win/loss statistics for forfeits on their personal averages as per; STEBA By-Laws – Finals, Championships Awards - Part 2 – (b).
- (i) During finals, the highest placed team has the choice of being 'home' or 'away' & must inform the opposing captain & STEBA committee 48 hours' prior the final of their choice.

### Part 2

- (a) An umpire's decision is final, but if a player disputes a decision, the umpire is obliged to consult with the 2 captains, prior to another shot being played, if it is necessary to resolve the dispute. The captains cannot overrule the umpire's decision but should assist the umpire to arrive at the correct decision. If the dispute cannot be resolved, the umpire must contact a member of the Executive for a ruling prior to another shot being played. The Executive can only overrule an umpire's decision on a point of law. (NB.)

- (b) A player playing in a frame where the umpire's decision has been disputed is not required to be involved in the ensuing pursuit of a resolution if they wish to maintain focus on their frame, apart from providing any appropriate information to the umpire, captain or Executive member regarding the dispute, if necessary/requested.)
- (b) Only the players participating in a particular frame can dispute an umpire's decision, and they must do so prior to another shot being played. If the team captain, member/s of the team or bona fide supporter/s offer advice the umpire will issue a "First and Final Warning" to the individual/s and a repetition will result in their player being penalised via a Standard Foul.
- (c) Score sheets are to be signed by both captains to verify their correctness, and it is the home team's responsibility to deliver them (and any attachments, including Registration or Entry Forms) to the Association Secretary's office or email address by 6.00 pm on the day after the match is played otherwise a fine may be imposed – see Fines above. (N.B) Delivery includes by fax or scanned document as an email attachment.)
- (d) Full player names and registration numbers are to be written in the columns provided on the score sheet (only necessary in first round and for subsequent new player substitutions, or to differentiate players of the same name).
- (e) Any comments on play are to be written on the back of or attached to the score sheet for the attention of the Committee.
- (f) All teams/clubs are requested to encourage their host venues to provide satisfactory 8 ball tables and equipment, and to keep background noise to an acceptable level during matches. Players are expected to be neatly attired.
- (g) Any team forfeits will be shown as a win to the opposing team, by the number of frames they won. e.g. Team A wins 20-12 (Div. 1) or 20-4 (lower Divisions) against Team B but Team A forfeits for not complying with by-laws - therefore, Team B wins the night 12-0 or 4-0.
- (h) If any team forfeits the night due to non-attendance or lack of numbers then the opposing team wins by the minimum needed to win the first set (Div 1, 8-0 other Divisions 6-0 while the teams forfeiting shall have a score of (Div 1, 0-32 other Divisions 0-24 registered).
- (i) In a drawn roster match, points are shared equally (2 pts each). In a finals situation another set of 7 frames will be played, with a toss for break, which will be done before the names have been filled out on the score sheets and the break alternating from that point on.
- (j) Whilst the match result stands, any team playing unregistered player/s may lose any points they were entitled to - i.e. in a situation where the match is tied, the team/s playing the unregistered player/s will not be entitled to receive the 2 pts; if the match result would be unaffected by considering the frames played by unregistered players as losses, the team retains any points to which they are entitled under normal match play.

#### **CHANGES TO BY-LAWS**

The Committee of Management is authorised to make changes to these By-Laws.

#### **LAWS OF THE GAME**

The Official Rules are the most recent authorised by the Australian Eight Ball Federation and used by Eightball Tasmania Inc. Any changes to the Official Rules would normally become effective from the commencement of the next season.



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