



BY-LAWS Revised August 2015

The name of the Incorporated Association shall be the
Toowoomba 8 Ball Association Incorporated
(In these rules called the "Association").

14. Protests and Disputes

a) Informal protests and disputes

If the Captain intends to lodge a protest, the Captain must inform the Umpire/Opposing Captain when the incident occurs, but is to continue the game. Captains should attempt to reach an agreement on the matter under consideration and if they do so, they may replay the game without formally protesting.

b) Captain's responsibilities

Those disputes which cannot be settled by the two teams in collaboration should be referred to the Competition Coordinator by forwarding a written protest with phone numbers, address of both Captains, the addresses of the both players concerned and the Venue where the match was played. This must be done within 48 hours of the match been played. Protests can only be made on what is considered to be the umpire(s)/captain(s) disregard or lack of knowledge of the rules.

c) Executive Committee responsibilities

The Executive Committee must formally consider every protest/dispute filed in accordance with procedures that are deemed appropriate. The Executive Committee shall have the power to:

1. Dismiss the Protest/Dispute
2. Alter the result of a game/games in question
3. Order a replay of a game/games in question
4. Order other appropriate relief.

15. Finals Matches

The Semi-Final, Preliminary Final & Grand Final shall be played at the association headquarters. The Executive Committee will be responsible for Umpires at all finals Matches.

Any Team participating in any type of finals match must only play with the maximum permitted number of players which is 6 (4 players & 2 reserves).

a) Additional rules for finals

No players will be permitted to play in any Final unless:

1. Such player(s) has been registered in accordance with the rules of Australian 8 Ball, (within 6 clear weeks of the final round).
2. Such Player(s) has played in at least one third (33.33%) of all nights of play with the team the player is registered with.

17. Master Trophies

a) Master break

A player who breaks and pots all of their nominated coloured balls (plains or stripes) plus the black ball, (without the use of a penalty shot) shall be eligible to win a master break trophy. Verification must be by both captains at the time it was won. In doubles, only the player who breaks and pots all of their nominated coloured balls will be eligible to win this trophy.

b) Master shot

A player who, on their first visit to the table, pots all of their nominated coloured balls (plains or stripes) plus the black ball, (without the use of a penalty shot) shall be eligible to win a master shot trophy. Verification must be done by both Captains at the time it was won. In doubles, only the initial player who, on their first visit to the table, pots all of their group of coloured balls will be eligible to win this trophy.

18. Catering

Home teams are responsible for the supply of suitable tables, lighting and also refreshments and catering (if supplied). This is not essential but an accepted amenity.

19. Nominations to Trial for City Vs Country

No player can nominate for any City Vs Country Trial or Game unless they have played 50% of all matches from the previous season. New players must have played four (4) nights of the Association's Competition for the current year, and they can only nominate for the Grade they are currently listed with the Queensland 8 Ball Federation. If they have not played in the City Vs Country Tournament for two(2) years, they can be registered and trial in the grade in which they are currently playing.

20. City Vs Country Selection Process

a) Player Selection Process

All players will play attend play-offs to ensure their spot within the City vs Country team. The Executive Committee shall decide the format for play-offs. Play-offs will only take place should there be more than the required amount of players for any given City Country team as determined by Queensland Eight Ball at that particular time.

b) Captain and Manager Selection Process

The committee of the Toowoomba 8 Ball Association Incorporated will be the sole selector of ALL captains and Managers (after discussions within each and every team) of all Toowoomba Representatives Teams.

21. Representative Sponsorship

Commencing from 2007 there is a limit of \$500.00 only that can be paid to any Toowoomba Representative Player who has been selected as a Queensland or Australian Player or Official. This \$500.00 can only be claimed once during that year and that \$500.00 is the total amount paid to any one person in that current financial year.

22. Committee Membership

No new member of the Toowoomba 8 Ball Association Incorporated will be eligible to become President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer of the Association until they have been a financial member of the Association for a minimum of 2 consecutive years. New members may be elected to the committee at any time.

23. Standing Committee

There will be 2 standing committees of the Toowoomba 8 Ball Association Incorporated and those will be:

1. Judiciary Committee
2. Appeals Committee

24. Judiciary Committee

The Judiciary Committee shall be comprised of 3 or 5 persons (to avoid a tied vote) each of who shall not be a member of the Executive Committee. The appointment of the members of the Judiciary Committee shall be made by the Executive Committee.

The Judiciary Committee shall be under control of a Chairperson, who shall be elected by and from the appointed members and will be responsible to the Executive Committee for the conduct of Judiciary Committee meetings in accordance with the By-Laws and the Constitution. In the absence of the Chairperson one of the members of the Judiciary Committee (appointed at such meeting) shall act as Deputy Chairperson.

The Judiciary Committee will limit its jurisdiction to matters pertaining to the Sport of 8 Ball.

a) Scope of Authority

The Judiciary Committee must hear every charge of misconduct against any Venue, Team, Sub-Association, Player, Referee or Member.

The Judiciary Committee has the power to:

1. Dismiss the charge.
2. Impose a fine, or to admonish, suspend or disqualify and Venue, Team, Sub- Association, Player, Referee or Member against whom the charges were laid.
3. Apply a combination if the penalties mentioned above if deemed appropriate.
4. Apply these charges to any witness failing to attend a schedule hearing without reasonable Cause as the Judiciary Committee shall see fit.

b) Procedures

A charge of misconduct may be made by the report of a referee, by the report of a games Director, Any Official of the Executive Committee of referral of a matter from the Executive Committee, where a report of Misconduct is made by the report of a referee, it may be in writing of the Result form or by a written report. Any other report must be in writing to the Executive Committee.

When such a report is received, the Chairman of the Judiciary or his/her Deputy shall, within three (3) days of the advice being offered, hold a meeting of the Judiciary Committee which will determine the penalty, if any, that shall apply.

Every reasonable effort shall be made to schedule the meeting before the player's next schedule fixture match.

The Chairman of the Judiciary Committee shall notify the Venue Team member or Sub-Association that is the subject of the charge, or whose players or member is the subject of the charge and Referee/s or person's making the charge of the time and place of the Hearing.

If the person/s charged fails to appear before the Judiciary Committee at the appointed time without reasonable cause, he/she or them is suspended until such time as he/she or them appear before the Judiciary Committee.

If the Judiciary Committee is unable to meet for some good reason prior to the next Match /Game, then the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee may at his discretion appoint some other time for hearing of the charge. In that circumstance the Club/Hotel player/s, Sub-Association, Team, referee or member against whom the charges were brought shall continue to participate in games until the hearing is held.

No member of the Judiciary Committee other than the Chairman shall adjudicate on any Charge or sit on the Judiciary Committee when investigating any charge in respect of any Games or incident involving the Venue with which he/she is associated or any member of this Venue.

A person charged will not be permitted to be present when other person/s including referee, give evidence.

The Judiciary Committee may entirely on its own discretion hear evidence from Persons other than the person making the charge and Representatives of the Venue, Sub-association, or team or player/s Referee, or member/s charged.

The Chairman of the Judiciary Committee shall notify representatives of the Venue Sub-Association, or team or player/s, Referee/s member/s charged.

The Chairman shall record in writing the findings of the Judiciary Committee and will notify these findings to the President/Secretary within the 24 hours of the Hearing.

The President/Secretary of the Association within the 24 hours of the findings of the Judiciary Committee will notify the following of the penalty imposed.

c) Possible offences and suggested penalties

* The penalties listed below are a guideline only and may vary as the Judiciary Committee see fit.

Offense Type

Penalty

- Verbal Abuse to another player and/or venue patron 4 match suspension

- Physical Abuse to another player and/or venue patron 4 match suspension

- Failure to show at organized play offs Suspension from that team or comp

- Failure to show at City Country

Suspension from City Country
for the following year

d) Notification of Judiciary Committee outcome

The representatives of the Venue, Sub-Association, or team that is the subject of the charge or that of which any affiliated bodies whose members are the subject of the

charge. Any person required attending and answering any charge of misconduct or Infringement of these By-Laws shall be allowed the right to have the Captain or Vice Captain of their team accompany them and assist in their defense of such Charge.

Any appeal against a decision of the Judiciary Committee must be made to the Appeals Committee in accordance with the By-Laws and Constitution of the Toowoomba 8 Ball Association Incorporated.

25. Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee shall consider appeals from the Judiciary Committee and Executive Committee sitting as a Committee on the whole.

a) Scope of Authority

The Appeals Committee shall hear appeals from any decision handed down by the Judiciary Committee or Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws.

A Decision by the Appeals Committee shall be **final**.

b) Procedures

An appeal shall be made in writing and will be accompanied by the sum of One Hundred Dollars(\$100.00). This appeal and fee must be in the hands of the Chairperson of the Appeals Committee, for the President/Secretary of the Toowoomba 8 Ball Association Incorporated no later than three days following the date of notification of a penalty imposed. This fee will be refunded only if the appeal is wholly successful.

An appeal made to the Appeals Committee will be heard no later than five(5) days after the lodgment of such an appeal.

The Appeals Committee shall use its discretion to determine whether it will accept oral or written evidence from any person. Should the Appeals Committee decide not to accept any further oral or written evidence, then it shall determine the appeal on the basis of the matters contained in the written

findings of the Judiciary Committee or Executive Committee and upon the grounds raised in the appeal.

c) Outcomes from Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee shall have the power to:

1. Dismiss the findings
2. Confirm the decision of the Judiciary Committee / Executive Committee
3. Alter the severity of the sentence imposed by the Judiciary or Executive Committees.