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ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

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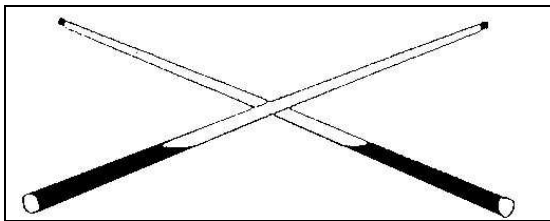
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BY-LAW 1 - SCORE SHEETS

- 1.1 Match results shall be forwarded on official M.S.B.A. Score Sheet.
- 1.2 Both Captains must fax results to the fax number shown on the Score Sheet before close of business the next day.
- 1.3 The home team captain must supply a Score Sheet for the visiting captain.
- 1.4 Score Sheets are to be completed clearly in black or blue pen, be legible and show all scores, and breaks of twenty and over.
- 1.5 Players shall play off handicaps as shown under appropriate date on the Handicap Sheet as prepared by the M.S.B.A.
- 1.6 Before the commencement of any match, team captains shall complete details of their team on the Score Sheet including names and handicaps, then add their details to the opposing teams Score Sheet.
- 1.7 Players are to play in order of handicaps but with players 1 and 2 interchangeable and players 3 and 4 interchangeable.
- 1.8 Calculating match results - match scores are to be calculated using the appropriate method as shown on the official Score Sheet.
- 1.9 When match is completed both captains shall verify both Score Sheets details. Captains are to sign both Score Sheets.
- 1.10 Any alteration to Score Sheet shall be agreed to and initialled by both captains.
- 1.11 If any alteration is related to by-laws 2.1 through 2.7 and both captains have initialled and signed the Score Sheet, it shall be deemed that the alteration has been accepted by both captains and treated accordingly.

BY-LAW 2 - CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- 2.1 Official commencement time for all snooker and billiard matches shall be 7.30 p.m. on the date as designated by the Board of Management and published in the season fixture.
- 2.2 If all players of any team arrive more than fifteen (15) minutes late, an automatic team walkover shall be awarded to the opposing team, or



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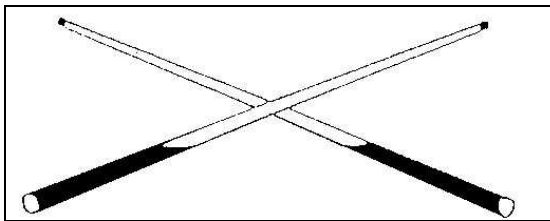
- 2.3 If any player rostered to play in the first round has not arrived by the commencement time, a two (2) frame walkover (snooker) or game walkover (billiards) shall be awarded to the opposing player, or
- 2.4 If any player rostered to play in the second round has not arrived by the completion of the first round, a two (2) frame walkover (snooker) or game walk over (billiards) shall be awarded to the opposing player, unless
- 2.5 If any team member contacts the host team not later than 7.45 pm indicating that they will arrive late due to unforeseen circumstances, then by-law 2.8 may be applied.
- 2.6 Players 2 and 4 as listed on Score Sheet shall play first and players 1 and 3 shall play second.
- 2.7 Five (5) names (team of four (4) and emergency if available) shall be recorded on both Score Sheets with captain's name indicated. If any player listed to play has not arrived by the commencement time of their game, the emergency as listed can take that player's position provided by-laws 1.7 and 1.10 are adhered to.
- 2.8 By mutual arrangement between captains whereby by-laws 2.1 through 2.7 may be modified to facilitate the completion of a match. If a satisfactory agreement cannot be reached, by-laws 2.1 through 2.7 shall be adhered to.
- 2.9 All matches are to be played in accordance with the game rules as provided and amended from time to time by The International Billiards & Snooker Federation (I.B.S.F.).

BY-LAW 3 - TEAMS

- 3.1 All competing players shall be registered members of the M.S.B.A.
- 3.2 Teams shall consist of a minimum of five (5) and not more than eight (8) players.
- 3.3 Captains wishing to make alterations or additions to teams already registered for the current season, must notify the Secretary not less than twenty four (24) hours prior to the commencement time of the match.
- 3.4 Any player having participated in one or more matches during the current season, cannot be replaced, alterations as per by-law 3.3. are only acceptable prior to a specified date as shown on current Handicap Sheet. These conditions may be altered under special circumstances upon application to the Board of Management.
- 3.5 Any club which enters a team to play in association inter-club matches and withdraws less than seven days prior to season commencement date, shall be liable for the full affiliation fee for such club.

BY-LAW 4 - FINALS

- 4.1 End of season finals will consist of Semi-Finals, a Preliminary Final and a Grand Final, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Management.
- 4.2 The Semi-Finals shall be played between the teams that finished first and second (1st Semi-Final), and the teams that finished third and fourth (2nd Semi-Final) on the end of season ladder.
- 4.3 The Preliminary Final is to be played between the loser of the 1st Semi-Final and the winner of the 2nd Semi-Final.
- 4.4 The Grand Final is played between the winner of the 1st Semi-Final and the winner of the Preliminary Final.
- 4.5 Semi-finals matches are to be played at the home venue of the teams that finished first and third on the end of season ladder or at a venue determined by the Board of Management.



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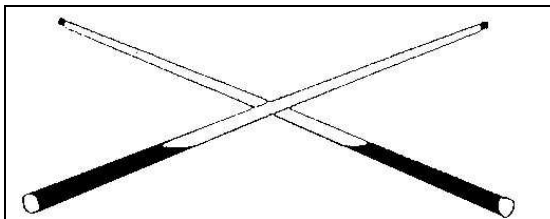
- 4.6 The Preliminary final is to be played at a venue determined by the Board of Management.
- 4.7 The Grand Final will generally be played at a venue that is large enough to accommodate spectators, unless otherwise agreed to by participating teams or the Board of Management.
- 4.8 Before the commencement of any finals match the team captains shall complete the Score Sheets as per by-law 1. No alteration to players or order of play shall be permitted after the Score Sheets are completed.
- 4.9 Where the result of the last game (billiards) or frame (snooker) will not have any bearing on the final match result, and it is agreed by both captains, the said match can terminate. The Score Sheet is to be marked accordingly showing unfinished games or frames.
- 4.10 In the event of a drawn final match, the number one (1) players listed on the Score Sheets shall play an additional play-off frame in snooker, and for billiards a short play-off game to 100 points. Billiards handicaps for the play-off game are to be proportionately adjusted by reducing to one third. The player to break first in a play-off will be determined by the toss of a coin.
- 4.11 Match results for all Finals are to be faxed as per by-law 1.2.

BY-LAW 5 - SINGLES TOURNAMENTS

- 5.1 All registered M.S.B.A. members provided they are members of an affiliated club, shall be eligible to participate in any singles tournaments or other special matches conducted by the M.S.B.A.
- 5.2 Tournaments will be governed by certain rules as published when tournament entry forms are made available.
- 5.3 Match results are to be communicated in writing to the advertised official within twenty four (24) hours after the completion of the match.
- 5.4 Results are to include point scores and high breaks twenty (20) or above.
- 5.5 Players who withdraw from any tournament once they have reached any final will only be awarded any runners-up prize at the discretion of the Board of Management.
- 5.6 Players who have been disqualified from any tournament are ineligible for a prize.

BY-LAW 6 - MARKING AND OFFICIATING

- 6.1 Home & Away Matches - during the home & away seasons, teams will mark and officiate their own matches, usually alternating non-playing players for active games, unless otherwise mutually agreed by captains.
- 6.2 Semi-Final Matches - as per by-law 6.1, or as otherwise arranged and as agreed by the Board of Management.
- 6.3 Preliminary Final Matches - the team that will provide the venue for this match will also provide officials and markers, unless otherwise arranged and agreed by the Board of Management.
- 6.4 Grand Final Match - as directed at the time by the Board of Management. Primarily this will be the team eliminated in the Preliminary Final, alternatively players from another affiliated non participating team, or qualified referees, but are always to be unbiased officials.



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BY-LAW 7 - CODE OF CONDUCT

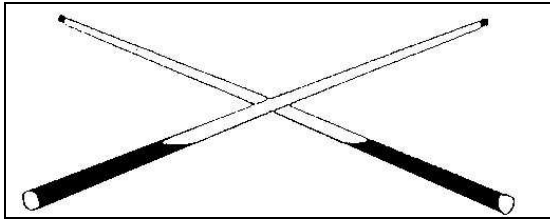
- 7.1 Before the commencement of the first game or frame, the home captain must ensure the tables are clean and in suitable condition for match play, ensure that players names and handicaps are written up on the score board after the Score Sheets have been completed, to make the visiting team welcome, and announce which players are to commence play.
- 7.2 To establish who breaks in each game of billiards, players will string for choice of ball and break. For snooker, the home team breaks in the first frame, visiting team breaks in the second frame.
- 7.3 At the conclusion of each home and away match, the home team shall, at their expense, provide supper for all participating players.
- 7.4 Players shall not take an unwarranted amount of time over shot selection. If the marker or referee considers a player is using time wasting as a tactic to distract the opponent, or the game is becoming protracted, the marker can instruct the player to desist and play his next shot without unreasonable delay. This equally applies where a player takes an extended amount of time to commence play in the second frame. Players are to play continuously without unreasonable delays between frames.
- 7.5 Players shall not unduly berate the marker or referee, or opponent during the course of a match. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
- 7.6 Players not on strike are to stand clear of the table so as not to distract the opponent. They should not stand in the line of vision or make any unnecessary noise so as to distract the opponent.
- 7.7 Players not on strike are not to engage in any unreasonable conversation with others present so as to cause the opponent to be distracted.
- 7.8 Mobile phones are to be turned off by all players before play commences.
- 7.9 Reported serious breaches of the Code of Conduct by-laws will be addressed appropriately by the Board of Management.

BY-LAW 8 - DRESS CODE

- 8.1 Home & Away Matches - players shall dress in appropriate casual attire. This does not include work apparel such as overalls or boiler suits, sports uniforms or costumes. Casual attire means slacks or dress jeans, collared shirt, jacket, vest, jumper or cardigan.
- 8.2 Semi Finals and Preliminary Finals - players are to dress in casual attire as per by-law 8.1 and can include club shirts but not sports shoes or runners.
- 8.3 Grand Finals - players are to wear formal attire which includes dark slacks, dark leather shoes, long or short sleeved shirt, bow tie and optional vest.
- 8.4 Failure to adhere to the dress code by-laws can result in disqualification from matches unless my mutual agreement of captains or the Board of Management.

BY-LAW 9 - HANDICAPS

- 9.1 The handicap system will be determined from time to time by the Board of Management.
- 9.2 New player handicaps will be determined by the Board of Management after appropriate enquiry has been made of the player's previous record, coaching and experience.



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- 9.3 The Board of Management has the right to adjust any handicap at any time based upon player's game results or any other information relative to a player's ability.
- 9.4 Handicaps for finals will remain at the level established as at the last home and away match of the season, unless otherwise determined and communicated by the Board of Management.
- 9.5 Handicaps at the beginning of the season will be adjusted to account for completed games in the previous seasons finals.
- 9.6 For billiards matches, where a player is on a negative handicap, captains are to use the official Billiards Handicap Adjustment Table and show original and adjusted handicaps on the Score Sheets.

BY-LAW 10 - PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF BY-LAWS

- 10.1. Failure to fax Score Sheet - breach of by-law 1.2 - If results are not received by 6.00 pm the following day, the offending team will be penalised one (1) match point.
- 10.2. Incorrect Score Sheet completion - breach of by-laws 1.5, 1.7 and 1.8 - Penalty of two (2) match points - applicable to offending team.
- 10.3. Failure to Officiate in Finals - breach of by-laws 6.3 and 6.4 may result in a financial penalty to the offending club or player, as determined by the Board of Management.
- 10.4. The Board of Management shall have the authority to impose such penalties as may be deemed necessary for a breach of any by-laws.