



THE GLADSTONE EIGHT BALL ASSOCIATION **INC.**

BY-LAWS

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1. RULES OF PLAY

- 1.1 The Gladstone **Eight** Ball Association Inc. ("GEBA" or "the Association") adopt the ruleset utilised by the Australian Eightball Federation ("AEBF"), as amended from time to time.

2. APPLICATION OF BY-LAWS

- 2.1 These by-laws apply to all members and guests of GEBA, both in regular weekly fixtures and at any events where a member is representing GEBA.
- 2.2 Ignorance of the contents of these by-laws will not prevent their application, nor amount to a grounds for appeal of any decision of a committee established under the rules contained in the constitution of GEBA.
- 2.3 Members are required to familiarise themselves with the contents of these by-laws upon applying for membership and to ensure, to the best of their ability, that any guests attending the GEBA clubhouse comply with the relevant portions of these by-laws.
- 2.4 **Any changes to the By-Laws will be actioned as per the Constitution clause 40 By-laws (1) and (2).**

3. MEMBERS RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 Members have the following rights:

- a) Vote at any Annual General Meeting, General Meeting or Special General Meeting (except Junior Members);
- b) Be elected/appointed as a member of the Association Management Committee, or any other volunteer positions (except Junior Members);**
- c) Participate in events organised by the Association;
- d) Attend functions organised by the Association; and
- e) Trial for tournament representative positions for the Association, subject to meeting eligibility requirements.

- 3.2 Members have the following responsibilities:

- a) Respect the spirit of the game;
- b) Respect the decision of Umpire's;
- c) Respect other members by refraining from abuse, derogatory comments &/or actions and sexual harassment and misuse of Social Media;
- d) Treat all members equally regardless of sex, age, appearance &/or sexual orientation;
- e) Conduct yourself in a responsible manner relating to the consumption of alcohol;
- f) Respect the Association's assets;**
- g) Comply with any Code of Conduct, Tournament Rules or other published (including by way of signage in the GEBA clubhouse) directions; and
- h) Ensure that all fees owing to the Association are paid as and when due.

- i) **To ensure compliance with these By-Laws.**

3.3 Failure to comply with any of the responsibilities outlined at 3.2 above may result in disciplinary action being taken by the Association.

4. **PLAYER CONDUCT**

4.1 Games are to be played in a sportsman-like manner at all times.

4.2 Team captains have a limited responsibility for the discipline and conduct of their team members.

4.3 Team captains are responsible for reporting any incidents likely to reflect poorly on the good name of the Association. All relevant incidents are to be reported to, as soon as possible following the incident, to a member of the Management Committee.

4.4 All members are bound by the AEBF Member Protection Policy. Where the Management Committee become aware of any possible breaches of this policy, these breaches will be investigated and disciplinary proceedings initiated where appropriate.

4.5 Excessive bad language, violence of any kind, or abuse will not be tolerated.

4.6 Penalties and suspensions may be imposed at the discretion of the **Management** Committee. Members may be held responsible for costs and/or damages. The Queensland Eightball Federation may be advised to act in extreme cases.

4.7 The **Management** Committee has the right to terminate a player's membership, or impose any other penalty deemed appropriate, in the event of a serious breach of conduct or continuous "bad behaviour" as outlined in the AEBF Member Protection Policy.

5. **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

5.1 All members are bound by the AEBF Social Media Policy.

5.2 The following breaches of the AEBF Social Media Policy will incur penalties:

- (a) Using the Association's name, motto, crest and/or logo in a way that would result in a negative impact for the association and/or its members or without the prior consent of the Management Committee.
- (b) Posting or sharing any content that is abusive, harassing, threatening, demeaning, defamatory or libellous.
- (c) Posting or sharing any content that includes insulting, obscene, offensive provocative or hateful language.
- (d) Posting or sharing any content, which if said in person during the playing of the game would result in a breach of these by-laws or the rules of the Association.
- (e) Posting or sharing any content in breach of the AEBF member protection policy, anti-discrimination, racial discrimination, sexual harassment or other similar policy.
- (f) Posting or sharing any content that is a breach of any state or Commonwealth law.
- (g) Posting or sharing any material to our social media page/s that infringes the intellectual property rights of others.
- (h) Posting or sharing material that brings, or risks bringing GEBA, its officials/members/sponsors or the sport itself into disrepute. In this context, bringing a person or association into disrepute is to lower the reputation of that person or association in the eyes of the ordinary members of the public.

- 5.3 Members who have been reported as breaching this policy, will be advised of a meeting to be convened by the **Management** Committee and will be given the opportunity to present their case and show cause as to why a penalty should not be imposed.
- 5.4 Penalties imposed for breaches of the policy will be at the discretion of the **Management** Committee. Appeals from any decision of the Management Committee shall be in accordance with these by-laws and the Association's Constitution.

6. DRESS CODE

6.1 The dress code for the GEBA Clubhouse and any events held therein (subject to 6.2 below) is:

- (a) Neat and tidy attire;
- (b) **No singlets;**
- (c) No clothing containing offensive insignias;
- (d) No revealing clothing;
- (e) No excessively dirty work clothing or work boots; and
- (f) Footwear must be worn at all times.

6.2 All league finals will be played under the Queensland Eightball Federation ("QEBF") dress code, being:

- (a) A collared shirt;
- (b) **Entirely black shoes;** and
- (c) Black dress pants or black skirt.

6.3 **All championships and other tournaments shall be in accordance with 6.2 above.**

6.4 **The above dress codes may be relaxed at the discretion of the Management Committee.**

7. MEETINGS

7.1 Management Committee Meetings and General Meetings will be held as per the rules of the association. Details of these can be found in the Constitution of GEBA.

7.2 **With respect to general meetings these can be called for the second Sunday of every third month.**

7.3 All Meetings will be conducted in accordance with the Association's Constitution and in a civil and responsible manner. Any member causing a disturbance may be ejected and penalties imposed.

8. FIXTURES

Main season

8.1 The main season of the Association shall be a team event played out of the GEBA clubhouse or other approved venue over **three** nights: **C grade division on Monday Nights, B grade division on Wednesday nights and A grade division on Thursday nights.**

- 8.2 All matches for **all three** divisions shall commence at 6:30pm on their respective nights, with team captains being responsible for ensuring that matches start on time or as close to as possible.
- 8.3 Teams shall comprise of no less than 4 members and no more than 8 members.
- 8.4 Each match will consist of 16 frames. All 16 frames shall be played.
- 8.5 The main season shall be played in a round robin format or such other format as may be determined by the Management Committee, based upon the number of nominated teams.
- 8.6 Finals shall be played in the manner and at the time as determined by the Management Committee.

Crossover season (Memorial Shield)

- 8.7 A shorter season shall be played between main seasons, referred to as the crossover season or Memorial Shield, with matches being played on Wednesday nights commencing at 6:30pm. All matches will be played at the GEBA clubhouse.
- 8.8 The number of team nominations to be accepted will be determined by the Management Committee, having regard to the timeframe available for the season to be completed.
- 8.9 Clauses 8.3 to 8.6 shall apply equally to the crossover season.
- 8.10 The Management Committee may determine not to hold a crossover season in any year.

Junior training

- 8.11 **Junior training nights will be held at the GEBA clubhouse each Tuesday night, commencing at 6pm. In the absence of junior numbers, it will then be a training night.**
- 8.12 The format of the training, and any matters concerning the junior training nights generally, will be at the discretion of the Junior Development Officer or the Management Committee, should there be no Junior Development Officer currently in office.

Other fixtures

- 8.13 Other fixtures may be scheduled at the discretion of the Management Committee, including but not limited to: social competitions, singles tournaments and doubles tournaments.
- 8.14 The rules of these fixtures, the format and any prizes to be awarded will be at the discretion of the Management Committee or any person delegated by that committee to arrange and run the fixture.

9. TEAM/PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 9.1 Team and player registrations will be accepted in the manner and by the date determined by the Management Committee and advertised on the GEBA social media page/s.
- 9.2 New registrations of team members will not be accepted **when there are only 10 nights left** of the relevant fixture **to be** played.
- 9.3 All registrations for team members must be completed by no later than the second night of play for the member, including the payment of any associated fees.
- 9.4 **Players are responsible for their own registration and payment within the PlayHQ portal.**
- 9.5 The grading of any nominated team will be at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- 9.6 Members may register with only one (1) team in each division, provided the member is not ineligible for the division as a result of their individual GEBA grading.

- 9.7 A member of any individual grade may nominate and play for a team in the A grade division.
- 9.8 **No more than one (1) member with an individual GEBA grading of A may play in a B grade team.**
- 9.9 No more than one (1) member with an individual GEBA grading of B may play in a C grade team.
- 9.10 Teams will not be graded for the crossover season and the competition will be open to teams consisting of members of any individual GEBA grading.
- 9.11 Players may be transferred during the season upon written request being made by the player to the Management Committee. The decision as to whether to permit the transfer will be solely at the discretion of the Management Committee and any decision reached shall be final.

10. GRADING

- 10.1 The method of determining a member's individual GEBA grading will be as follows:
- (a) Each member's grading will be determined with reference to Poolstat;
 - (b) The gradings will be determined based upon each member's entire history as recorded in Poolstat and the data provided by Poolstat to the Association;
 - (c) The individual GEBA gradings will be assessed by the **Management** Committee each year, based upon the data provided by Poolstat, any known ability, comparative performance within their proposed grade, whether exceptions should be made for a particular member based on their personal circumstances and any other matter the **Management** Committee considers relevant; and
 - (d) **Gradings will be assessed by the Management Committee and released by 31st December of that year.**
- 10.2 The individual GEBA grading of each member will be published on the Association's social media page/s and/or posted in writing in the GEBA clubhouse within 7 days of the gradings being finalised in accordance with 10.1 above.
- 10.3 Members wishing to dispute their individual GEBA grading may do so by providing notice of the dispute in writing to a member of the Management Committee. Any dispute as to gradings will be determined by the Management Committee within seven (7) days of the receipt of the written notice.
- 10.4 The method of grading may be varied by the **Registrar** and Management Committee at their discretion. Any change to the grading method will be published on the Association's social media page/s and/or posted in writing in the GEBA clubhouse.
- 10.5 Gradings for representative events (City vs Country, QLD Cup and QLD Country Cup) shall be undertaken by the entity responsible for that particular event. These gradings for GEBA members will be published on the Association's social media page/s and/or posted in writing in the GEBA clubhouse once they are received from the responsible entity.
- 10.6 **Where a player's grading from the responsible entity differs from or is lower than their current GEBA grading, the Management Committee retains discretion to review the player's eligibility and will determine and advise the player of the grade or grades for which they are permitted to trial.**

11. UMPIRES/TIMEKEEPERS

- 11.1 Umpires and Timekeepers are discretionary.
- 11.2 The decision as to whether to utilise a timekeeper **and or umpire** is to be made by the captains of the two teams

playing in the particular match or the individuals playing in a singles match. Discussion regarding the use of a timekeeper should be had prior to the start time for the match.

- 11.3 If there is no agreement between the captains then the team/person seeking the timekeeper may choose to time keep the match themselves. There is no obligation on the opponent team/person to assist in this situation but that team/person may also not dispute the other team's/person's decision to time keep.
- 11.4 In the event that a timekeeper is not utilised, neither team/persons will have the right to lodge a protest pursuant to clause 12 of these by-laws.
- 11.5 A timekeeper may not be called for during a frame once that frame has commenced.
- 11.6 If a player disputes the umpires/timekeepers ruling, the two (2) captains of the teams/persons involved shall discuss the rules and the decision before the game continues. If after such a discussion there is still a dispute, then the umpire must make a ruling (whether right or wrong) and the game must continue. A protest can then be lodged as per rules 12.1 to 12.9.
- 11.7 If a person volunteers their time to umpire during a championship, ranking event or during finals for fixtures then they will be entitled to a \$10 club voucher per day.

12. PROTESTS

- 12.1 If a player wishes to lodge a protest with respect to any game the player has played, his/her captain (or the player in the event of a singles match) must put such protest in writing to the Management Committee within 48 hours of the game having been played. **There is also the option of lodging a protest on Poolstat before the match can be finalised in the comments section which will be viewed by the Registrar.**
- 12.2 If a protest is lodged then the 2 captains (if relevant) and both players of the game in question shall present themselves to a meeting of the Management Committee which will be convened by the Secretary within seven (7) days of the written notice being received. When the protest has been heard the Management Committee members present shall make a ruling and this ruling shall be final.
- 12.3 If a protest is lodged but none of the persons concerned present themselves to the meeting, all game results and points shall stand as is unless the reason for the protest is blatantly obvious and the Management Committee can reach a decision without discussion with the people concerned in the protest. In this case, the Management Committee members shall make a ruling and this ruling shall be final.
- 12.4 In the event that some, but not all, of the persons concerned in the protest present themselves at the meeting then the Management Committee members shall make a ruling to the best of its ability with the information on hand.
- 12.5 The Management Committee members shall and do have the power to call for a re-match of the game or games in question. The re-match shall be held at the time and place determined by the Management Committee, but no later than fourteen (14) days following the hearing of the protest.
- 12.6 If the Management Committee members deem it necessary to hold a re-match, the results and points scored as a result of the re-match shall be deemed the correct results and points. These points and results shall be entered into the results book accordingly.
- 12.7 If a player fails to present himself/herself at the appointed time and place for a re-match, the game and points shall be awarded to the player who does present himself/herself. However, there shall be a period of grace of either or both players. This period of grace shall be 10 minutes from the scheduled start time for the re-match.
- 12.8 The umpire for a re-match shall be a member of the Association who is a qualified umpire, if available, or one of the members of the Management Committee.
- 12.9 Any ruling made by the Management Committee that is made in accordance with any of the rules in this section shall be final and there is no right of appeal.

13. UNREGISTERED PLAYERS

- 13.1 Any team may play a player who is either not a registered member or who is a member but not registered to a team in that division on one (1) fixture night.
- 13.2 Prior to commencing their second night of play, the unregistered player must register/register with a team and pay any associated registration fees.
- 13.3 Unregistered players must pay the stipulated games fees on nights where they play **and register on PlayHQ**.
- 13.4 Teams that fail to ensure that the unregistered player has registered will lose any points received for games won by that unregistered player.
- 13.5 Teams may play more than one unregistered player throughout the season and on any given night, subject to compliance with clauses 13.2 to 13.4 above and maximum team numbers.
- 13.6 Repeated breaches of this section by a team/an unregistered player may result in the Association taking disciplinary action.

14. TRANSFER & DE-REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 14.1 The transfer of players between teams shall be accepted/declined by the Management Committee after the written application of the said player to the Management Committee.
- 14.2 A de-registered player cannot re-register within any other team or with the team the player was deregistered from.
- 14.3 A player can only be de-registered when both the captain and the player sign a form confirming that they have agreed to be de-registered from that team.
- 14.4 If under special circumstances, ie team folding, a player may join another team of equal or higher grade subject to Management Committee approval.

15. SCORING/POINTS FOR TEAM EVENTS

- 15.1 Scoring shall be undertaken by teams utilising the Poolstat Livescoring application. Captains shall be provided with their team login prior to the commencement of the first match of the season.
- 15.2 Teams will receive one (1) **frame** point for every frame won during a match, two (2) **match** points for each match won and one (1) **match** point for any matches resulting in a draw.
- 15.3 The results of each fixture night will be published to the Gladstone Eight Ball section of the Poolstat application. The Registrar shall be responsible for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of all results.
- 15.4 In the event of a forfeit, the team not forfeiting the match will receive **nine (9) frame points and two (2) match points** and be recorded as winning the match. The forfeiting team shall receive zero (0) points for that match. In order to receive these points, the team not forfeiting must ensure that game fees for the four (4) playing members are paid on the night the match was scheduled to be played and also log their team for that match into Poolstat Livescore.
- 15.5 Individual frame wins will not be recorded for players from either team in the event of a forfeit.
- 15.6 A team having a bye scheduled on a fixture night will receive zero (0) points for that night.

15.7 Captains of both teams playing a match are responsible for ensuring that the correct results are recorded **and finalised** in Poolstat Livescore and are also encouraged to ensure correct results are recorded in Poolstat following the publication of the weekly fixture results.

16. FORFEITS

16.1 Forfeits may be called if a team cannot field the minimum number of players after 15 minutes has elapsed after the set time for the start of the match. The team captain of the opponent team may agree to allow additional time at their discretion.

16.2 Teams cannot be forced to forfeit if they are able to field a minimum of two (2) players registered to that team.

16.3 Any team that forfeits for two (2) consecutive weeks will be contacted by a member of the Management Committee and asked to explain the reason/s for the forfeits. In the event that the Management Committee are not satisfied that the reasons are genuine or that the forfeits will not continue, that committee may consider whether the team ought to be de-registered.

16.4 Should the Management Committee determine that a team ought to be de-registered, the Secretary shall provide the team captain with written notice of the decision and invite the captain to provide a written response within seven (7) days.

16.5 Should no written response be received or if the Management Committee is not satisfied of the ongoing stability of the team from the written response, the Management Committee may then make a final decision regarding de-registration. That decision will be final and there is no avenue of appeal available.

17. CHAMPIONSHIPS

17.1 Nominations will close at 8pm on the Thursday prior to the championship taking place. No late nominations will be accepted. Nominations will only be accepted by the lodgement of an online **Jotform** nomination form, the link to which shall be provided on the social media page/s of the Association.

17.2 A briefing is to be conducted prior to play to ensure all players are clear as to the format and rules for the championship. The format and rules of any championship shall be as outlined in the Tournament Rules or as otherwise determined by the Management Committee and advised on the Association's social media page/s and at the briefing.

17.3 All members participating in championships will be required to comply with the GEBA championship dress code as outlined herein.

17.4 The format will be at the discretion of the Management Committee and as published in the Tournament Rules.

17.5 For graded championships, eligibility is based on a player's individual GEBA grading at the time of nomination for the given championship. If a player does not have a grading, then the Management Committee will determine the player's eligibility/grading. A player may only play in a singles championship that their individual GEBA grading allows **or that** player can **instead** choose to play in a graded championship where the grade is one higher than their individual GEBA grading, e.g. A player graded B may play in an A grade championship or a C grade player may play in a B grade championship but will not be eligible to play in an A grade championship.

No player may nominate for or play in a graded championship where the grade is below their individual GEBA grading, e.g. an A grade player may not play in a B grade championship.

17.6 Men may play in the Open Singles and the relevant graded singles championship that their grading allows. Ladies may play the Women's Singles Championship, the Open Singles Championship and the relevant graded singles championship that their grading allows.

17.7 To be eligible to play in any championship a player must be a registered member of GEBA and have played five

(5) nights in a single fixture. A member may seek that they be granted an exemption from this requirement by putting their request in writing and providing it to a member of the Management Committee. The granting/refusal of such a request is at the discretion of the Management Committee and any decision will be made within 48 hours of the request being received and communicated to the player concerned in writing.

17.8 If a nominated player fails to attend or complete a championship (for example, doesn't return to play the second day or walks out at any stage) **without prior notification being provided to the Tournament Director, or other person appointed to run the championship, the following shall apply:**

- a. **The Management Committee shall attempt to make contact with the nominated player by email and telephone, to determine the reason for the player failing to attend/complete the championship. If the Management Committee find the reason to be legitimate, no further action will be taken;**
- b. **If a reason is provided but is not considered legitimate by the Management Committee then the Management Committee will consider appropriate action to be taken.**

17.9 A player who is not at the venue before the posted start time will be given until the end of the first round to be at the venue without penalty. After this time, the player's matches will be recorded as abandoned unless they have made contact with the Tournament Director, or other person appointed to run the championship. They will however begin forfeiting frames/matches at this time. Day 2 start time has the same conditions with the first round being the first round scheduled to be played on that day.

17.10 Results for players not attending or advising the Tournament Director, or other person appointed to run the championship, that they are leaving/not attending before the end of the first round will be removed from the draw entirely, ie: no points/frames/wins awarded to the remaining players in the draw.

17.11 Results for a player leaving a championship/tournament prior to completion will be removed from the draw entirely.

18. GRADED TOP 16 EVENTS

18.1 Eligibility for the Top 16 requires a player to have played 50% of the available frames in the relevant grade for the main season. The Top 16 will be the top 16 finishers only. If a player cannot play from the list then their spot will not be filled. **Players who are graded higher than the grade they made the Top 16 will not be eligible to play. Players who make the Top 16 in a higher grade than what they are graded as can play.**

18.2 The format for the Top 16 events will be as for championships as outlined in the Tournament Rules.

18.3 All players in the A grade division will be eligible for the A Grade Top 16 event (subject to 18.1 above), regardless of their individual GEBA grading.

18.4 **All players in the B grade division will be eligible for the B Grade Top 16 event (subject to 18.1 above), however players who are graded A grade are not eligible to play.**

18.5 **All players in the C grade division will be eligible for the C Grade Top 16 event (subject to 18.1 above), however players who are graded B grade are not eligible to play.**

18.5 A player who chooses to play in both divisions will be eligible for the A Grade Top 16 event and the Top 16 event that they are individually graded for, provided all other eligibility criteria outlined at 18.1 above is met.

19. REPRESENTATIVE TEAM TRIALS

CQ City vs Country

19.1 There will be one (1) trial event held for each team, being a Masters Over 50's team, a Women's team, a Men's team, a B grade team and a C grade team.

19.2 A player must be a registered playing member of the Association to be eligible to trial.

19.3 Nominations will close at 8pm on the Thursday prior to the team trial taking place. No late nominations will be accepted. Nominations will only be accepted by the lodgement of an online nomination form, the link to which shall be provided on the social media page/s of the Association.

19.4 Eligibility to trial is as follows:

(a) Men:

1. Men may nominate to trial in the grade for which they are graded by the CQ Zone Committee.
2. Where a player's CQ grading differs from, or is lower than their current GEBA grading, the Management Committee retains the discretion to review the player's eligibility and will determine and advise the player of the grade or grades for which they are permitted to trial.
3. A player graded A Grade is eligible to trial for the Men's Team only and is not eligible to trial for any lower grade.
4. A player graded B Grade may be eligible to trial for either the Men's or B Grade teams, subject to Management Committee approval.
5. A player graded C Grade may be eligible to trial for either the B Grade or C Grade teams, subject to Management Committee approval.
6. If a player does not successfully trial for their approved graded team, they may, with Management Committee approval, trial for another team for which they are deemed eligible.

(b) Women:

1. Women may nominate to trial for the Women's Team.
2. If a player does not successfully trial for the Women's Team, they may trial for another team for which they are eligible under their CQ Grading.
3. Where a player's CQ grading differs from, or is lower than their current GEBA grading, the Management Committee retains the discretion to review the player's eligibility and will determine and advise the player of the grade or grades for which they are permitted to trial excluding the Men's Team.

(c) A player of either gender may trial for the Masters Over 50's, provided they are turning the relevant age prior to the commencement of the CQ Carnival of Pool for that year and also that they meet all other relevant eligibility criteria.

(d) Withdrawal Requirement:

1. Where a player successfully trials for, and is offered a position in any team, that player must formally withdraw from that team before permitted to trial for any other grade or team.
2. A player may not hold, accept, or trial for positions in multiple teams concurrently.
3. Any withdrawal must be communicated in writing to the Management Committee prior to approval being granted for any further trial.

(e) To be eligible to trial for any teams, players must reside within the Central Queensland Zone and have played in (or be capable of playing) no less than:

- (i) For new members - one third of any available fixture nights in a single fixture or 5 nights in a single fixture (whichever is greater) in the time since the member has registered with the Association. Main and crossover season nights will be counted for this purpose.
- (ii) For existing members – 50% of all available fixture nights in a single fixture between the previous and upcoming CvC tournaments.

(f) Final Authority

Notwithstanding any other provision of this bylaw, the Management Committee retains absolute discretion in determining player eligibility for trials and team nominations. The Management Committee's decision is final and binding, and no appeal shall be available in relation to grading, trial eligibility, or team placement decisions.

19.5 The trials will be played in a round robin format which will be scheduled for two (2) days per trial, depending on the number of nominations. Players will play 3 frames per match.

19.6 Placings will be determined by the number of frames won. If players are tied on the same points after the round robin, then a best of 3 frame play-off will be played to determine finishing positions.

19.7 **Once a player has qualified to represent GEBA, the player must decline that offer before attempting to qualify for another Association. If the player trials for another association without withdrawing from the GEBA representative team the player made, their place in that team will be forfeited automatically and the player next in line from the relevant ranker will be offered their place in the team.**

19.8 The **Men's** team trial will be played first, then the **Women's** trial, then the B grade trial, then the C grade trial, with the Masters team trials being last.

19.9 Teams will be comprised as follows:

- (a) **Men's** team will comprise of the top 5 placed **males** from the trials.
- (b) Women's team will comprise of the top 5 placed females from the trials.
- (c) B grade team will comprise of the top 5 placed players of either gender from the trials.
- (d) C grade team will comprise of the top 5 placed players of either gender from the trials.
- (e) Masters team will comprise of the top 4 placed players of either gender from the trials.

Zone trials

19.10 There will be a separate ranking event for the Women's over 50 and Open over 60 zone trials.

The top 3 qualifying players from the Women's Over 50 and Open Over 60 zone trials will play in the Zone Trials at the CQ Carnival of Pool. The format for the zone trials will be that outlined above for City vs Country team trials.

QLD Cup & QLD Country Cup

19.11 There will be one (1) trial held for each of the QLD Cup, Country Cup, **Masters and Junior** teams. A player must be a registered playing member of the Association to be eligible to trial.

19.12 Clauses 19.2, 19.3, 19.5, 19.6 and 19.7 apply to trials for the QLD Cup, Country Cup, **Masters and Junior** teams.

19.13 Eligibility to trial is as follows:

- (a) Men may trial for either the QLD Cup Men's team, QLD Country Cup team **and/or the QLD Masters team if they are age eligible.**
- (b) Women may trial for either the QLD Cup Women's team, QLD Country Cup team **and/or the QLD Masters team if they are age eligible.**
- (c) **Juniors may trial for either the QLD Cup Men's team, QLD Women's team, QLD Country Cup and/or the QLD Juniors team.**
- (d) **For any Junior event they MUST be UNDER that age at the event:**
 - U12: must be under 12 at the event**
 - U15: must be under 15 at the event**
 - U18: must be under 18 at the event**
 - U18G: must be under 18 at the even**
- (e) To be eligible to trial for any teams, players must have played no less than 10 fixture nights (or be capable of playing those 10 nights) in the time between each either the QLD Cup tournaments or the QLD Country Cup tournament. Main and crossover season nights will be counted for this purpose.

19.14 Teams will be comprised as follows:

- (a) The QLD Cup Men's team will comprise of the top 6 placed men from the team trials.
- (b) The Qld Cup Women's team will comprise of the top 4 placed women from the team trials.
- (c) The Qld Country Cup team will comprise of the top 6 placed players from the team trials, whether they are male or female.
- (d) **The QLD Cup Master's team will comprise of the top 4 placed players from the team trials, whether they are male or female.**
- (e) **The QLD Cup Junior team will comprise of one U12, one U15, one U18G and one U18.**

19.15 **The Masters and Junior QLD Cup teams will be played first**, Women's QLD Cup team trial will be played **next**, then the Men's QLD Cup team trial, then the Country Cup team trial will be played last.

19.16 A trial fee of **\$25.00** will be payable per trial that players are eligible to play with respect to any representative tournament. **Player's who make teams will be invoiced for any other entry fees applicable plus representative team shirt/s.**

19.17 If a player is in arrears with any fees or monies outstanding to the Association, they will not be eligible to nominate and play in any trial or any of the representative events for which they may have made teams, until the outstanding monies are paid in full.

19.18 All decisions relating to any team representing GEBA will be at the discretion of the Management Committee.

19.19 Team Captains will be selected by the Management Committee at the conclusion of all trials for a particular event.

19.20 Teams may elect to have a team manager for all representative teams. That team manager will be permitted to play only if a need arises due to a player who qualified for the team being unable to play during the event.

19.21 **Players who seek fundraising assistance can approach the Management Committee in writing requesting assistance required.**

20. REPRESENTATIVE TOURNAMENTS – PROTESTS/COMPLAINTS

20.1 Members who are representing the Association in any tournament away from the Gladstone region must have any protests/complaints resolved at the venue they are playing at.

20.2 Tournaments are managed by Tournament Directors at their respective venues so any protest and/or complaint arising during the tournament must be resolved by the Tournament Director involving both the person who has put forward the protest/complaint and the person who the protest/complaint is against.

20.3 The Association will only become involved if the Tournament Director has deemed it necessary to advise the Secretary that an offence has occurred, in which case disciplinary may be taken by the entity responsible for the event or by the Association.

21. COMPLAINTS GENERALLY

21.1 If a member wishes to lodge a complaint, it must be put in writing and provided to a member of the **Management** Committee. The Secretary will convene a meeting of the **Management** Committee to be held at the earliest possible time to resolve any complaints, where possible prior to the next match of the following week.

21.2 Both the complainant, the person the subject of the complaint and any witnesses either party wishes to call

shall attend the meeting. Both parties will have their opportunity to present their case and have their witnesses provide evidence. The **Management** Committee will debate the points argued and advise the parties of the decision at that meeting. If the **Management** Committee deem further action is required, then the procedure for disciplinary action as set out in these by-laws shall be followed.

21.3 The person the subject of the complaint must be provided with a copy of the written complaint upon it being received by the **Management** Committee.

21.4 No complaints will be actioned if they are not submitted in writing by signed, hand written letter or by email. Verbal notification and text messages will not be actioned.

21.5 From the date of publication of these by-laws, all complaints must be received within seven (7) days of the incident occurring from which the complaint arises.

22. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

22.1 All matters potentially requiring disciplinary action will be determined by the Management Committee. See the Constitution clause 10A Grievance Procedure, clause 10B Grievance procedure not continued in particular circumstances, clause 10C Appointment of mediator, clause 10D Conduct of mediation and clause 10E Representation for grievance procedure for guidance.

22.2 For guidance consult a Management Committee member.

23. CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

23.1 Team captains are responsible for:-

- a) Nomination of their team via Jotform prior to the start of the season;
- b) **Collection of players game fees can either be paid via direct deposit or lodged over the bar in cash at the clubhouse;**
- c) The conduct of their players at all times, so far as is reasonable and practicable;
- d) Lodging of/checking of results on Poolstat via the Livescoring app;
- e) Fees must be paid prior to match commencement. If paying by direct deposit, then proof must be supplied;
- f) Should results not be finalised on Livescoring Poolstat on the night of play, then the team will forfeit the match points won;
- g) Discussing the use of timekeepers **and umpires** with the opponent captain, where relevant;
- h) Ensuring that the team roster each week does not result in any player playing more than four (4) single frames, playing the same opponent player more than once or playing frames consecutively;
- i) Ensuring that the members of the team are aware of the contents of these by-laws, the Code of Conduct and any other written directions relevant to gameplay during Monday, Wednesday and Thursday night fixtures;
- j) Having the Umpire 8 Ball app (or similar) on their phone so that they have the relevant rules with them at each night of play or a paper copy.

24. FINALS

- 24.1 At the end of the published draw the 4 top teams in each division of the main season and the top 4 placed teams from the crossover season shall play off in the finals.
- 24.2 The order in which teams shall play off shall be 1 vs 2 and 3 vs 4 in the semi-finals. The winner of 1 vs 2 shall go into the Grand Final. The winner of 3 vs 4 shall play the loser of 1 vs 2 in the qualifying final and the winner shall play the winner of 1 vs 2 in the Grand Final.
- 24.3 Positions for the finals are determined from the points table on Poolstat. The top 4 teams from each grade are eligible for the finals.
- 24.4 All finals will be played as a 16 frame match but as a race to 9 frames. If the final ends as an 8 frames each draw then the result will be determined by a best of 3 frames playoff. Captains will each choose three (3) players if this occurs. The three players must be comprised of players who played at least one (1) frame during the remainder of the final.
- 24.5 To be eligible to play in any of the finals from the main season, a player must have played a minimum of ten (10) nights for the particular team.
- 24.6 To be eligible to play in any of the finals from the crossover season, a player must have played a minimum of 50% of the available playing nights from that season. Byes will not be included as an available playing night.
- 24.7 For finals in all fixtures, players will not be eligible to compete in the event that they have any fees owing to the Association by the date on which the finals match is to be played.
- 24.8 All finals shall be played on the Saturday following the conclusion of the round robin draw for the relevant fixture.

25. PRIZES & TROPHIES

- 25.1 All prizes or trophies to be awarded will be at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- 25.2 The following prizes or trophies will be awarded, unless determined otherwise at a meeting of the **Management Committee**:
- (a) Tuesday night (Juniors) fixtures – trophy will be awarded to the Best Junior Player and Encouragement, Most Improved and Recognition awards will be awarded.
 - (b) **Monday**, Wednesday and Thursday night fixtures - each player of the teams that finished in first place after the last round of play within their respective grades will be awarded a minor premiers trophy.
 - (c) The winning team of each grade's grand final and the grand final of the crossover season shall be awarded a perpetual winner's trophy and each eligible player of each winning team shall be awarded a non-perpetual trophy.
 - (d) The runners-up team in each grade's grand final and the grand final of the crossover season shall be awarded a perpetual runner-up trophy and each eligible player of each runner-up team shall be awarded a non-perpetual trophy.
 - (e) Champion's trophies shall be awarded to the player/s who wins a championship competition, 1 perpetual and 1 non-perpetual trophy per person.
 - (f) Runners-up trophies shall be awarded to the player/s who comes second in a championship, 1 perpetual and 1 non-perpetual trophy per person.
 - (g) Recognition trophies shall be awarded to the player with the most wins from the team's event in each division. A small token trophy will be awarded to each male and female player as recognition of the most wins for this event. **Players graded higher than the grade which the trophy is for, will be ineligible for this award.**

(h) Master Class:-

Master Break definition – From the Break, a player legally potting the entire group of coloured balls plus the black in their initial visit and without the use of a penalty shot.

Master Shot definition – After the Break but either no balls were potted or the breaking player misses a shot but does not foul, the incoming player legally potting the entire group of coloured balls plus the black in their initial visit and without the use of a penalty shot. (Foul – 2 visits or 1 visit with ball in hand does not apply).

Master Breaks and Master Shots prizes - the Association will donate \$1 for each one recorded on Poolstat for each division in the Main Season, also including Championships and finals. The player with the most points accumulated for each division will receive the cash prize.

25.3 Perpetual trophies shall not be allowed to be kept by the recipients. They will be returned after all trophies have been awarded on presentation night.

26. FEES

26.1 Membership and game fees will be as determined at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

26.2 Membership fees will be payable as follows **through the PlayHQ portal**:

AEBF 4 Tier Payment System:

\$35 State Player: (who has played State in the last 5 years; Opens, Women's, Master's, Over 60's, Over 50's Women, Juniors and Australia Cup)

\$15 Ordinary Member

\$11 QEBF Fee

\$2 CQ Zone Fee

Association Registration Fee

- (a) Ordinary member - \$50.00 per player, payable by their second nights play. **If the member has played State in the last 5 years then their fee is paid out as follows: \$35 for AEBF, \$11 for QEBF, \$2 for CQ and \$50 for GEBA through the PlayHQ portal. If the member has not played State in the last 5 years their fee is paid out as follows: \$15 for AEBF, \$11 for QEBF and \$50 for GEBA through the PlayHQ portal.**
- (b) Life/Honorary members - **\$30.00** per player, payable by their second nights play. **If the member has played State in the last 5 years then their fee is paid out as follows: \$35 for AEBF, \$11 for QEBF, \$2 for CQ and \$30 for GEBA through the PlayHQ portal. If the member has not played State in the last 5 years their fee is paid out as follows: \$15 for AEBF, \$11 for QEBF and \$30 for GEBA through the PlayHQ portal.**
- (c) Pensioners - \$30.00 per player, payable by their second nights play. A pensioner concession card must be presented to be eligible for this membership fee class. **If the member has played State in the last 5 years then their fee is paid out as follows: \$35 for AEBF, \$11 for QEBF, \$2 for CQ and \$30 for GEBA through the PlayHQ portal. If the member has not played State in the last 5 years their fee is paid out as follows: \$15 for AEBF, \$11 for QEBF and \$30 for GEBA through the PlayHQ portal.**
- (d) Juniors - **\$30.00** per player, payable by their second nights play. **If the member has played State in the last 5 years then their fee is paid out as follows: \$35 for AEBF, \$11 for QEBF, \$2 for CQ and \$30 for GEBA through the PlayHQ portal. If the member has not played State in the last 5 years their fee is paid out as follows: \$15 for AEBF, \$11 for QEBF and \$30 for GEBA through the PlayHQ portal.**

26.3 Game fees will be payable as follows:

- (a) Main season/crossover season fixtures - **\$15.00** per player, per night.
- (b) Junior/Training fixtures - **\$10.00** per player, per night.

(c) Life members – Free game fees for life, save for Junior/Training fixtures.

26.4 Fees for any other events or fixtures will be as determined and advised by the Management Committee.

26.5 Members who have monies outstanding to the Association for more than thirty (30) days shall be referred to the **Management** Committee for disciplinary action.

27. GENERAL

27.1 The headquarters of the Association shall be at the clubhouse situated at **Unit 3/14 Helen** Street, which is the home of the Gladstone **Eight** Ball Association Inc.

27.2 When or if the Association chooses to send any of its members away to sit for their umpires certificates, the members of the Management Committee shall be given first preference.

27.3 The Management Committee shall have the power to call on any member who is a qualified umpire to assist in giving a ruling if it is deemed necessary and any member, so called upon, shall to the best of his/her ability present himself/herself as requested.

27.4 Should any member/s of the **Management Committee** be found stealing or using the Association's funds in any way other than as designated, they will immediately be suspended/banned until the situation is investigated/resolved by **an independent third party** and charges may also be brought against the person/s involved.

27.5 In the event of a player/players being late, the captain shall advise the opposing captain prior to the team entry being completed on Poolstat, and the player/players who are late shall have until the first game of the last round to arrive to play their relevant frames, but cannot play them consecutively. However, if the team does have four (4) players to start the match, then the late player/players have until the **second** frame of the third round to arrive to play the frames available to them **to avoid playing consecutive frames**.

27.6 In the event of a player/players having to leave early due to work or family commitments, then the captain shall advise the opposing captain prior to team entry being completed on Poolstat, to play that players frames in an order where they can finish in a time necessary for their requirements, but not consecutively.

27.7 Mobile phone etiquette –players are prohibited from using their mobile phone whilst involved in playing a game. Mobile phones should be on silent or off during matches. Mobile phones should only be used if the player is umpiring/timekeeping a match and utilising their phone to timekeep or check rules.

27.8 The use of ear buds, ear phones, head phones or any other similar electronic device is prohibited during play at any event held at the GEBA clubhouse or while representing GEBA at an external event.

27.9 These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the **Management** Committee at any time.
Any amendments shall be advised to the members by post to the GEBA social media page/s and/or by a written notice being placed on the noticeboard at the clubhouse within 48 hours of such amendments being made.