

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2009

## **NOTES FOR TEAMS / PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN FINALS**

Whilst all the relevant rules & by-laws are contained within the current Hand-book it is felt a summarised outline of those areas commonly asked about would be worthwhile especially for team captains who have a fairly stressful & heavy workload on the night of play.

The notes given below are in no specific order of importance and do not replace those specific by-laws detailed in the current Hand-book.

- 1) All players (and umpires) are required to be at the venue no later than 6-45pm. Captains to report to control desk as soon as they arrive at venue.
- 2) Current Dress-Code is applicable to all players and umpires.
- 3) Team Captains are required to provide a list of team members (in playing order) to Committee Member Organiser at least 15 minutes prior to play commencement. A reminder of this will be announced on the night. This list is to include any/all substitutes, if being used, and emergencies.
- 4) The Home Team is responsible for lodgment of scoresheet on conclusion of match. Home Team will be determined by toss of a coin prior to any matches commencing.
- 5) Pre-match "official" practice will be available in accordance with times/teams being announced by Organiser. Practice begins at 6:30pm with 15 minutes being allowed for each team competing on the night. This is another reason to be there early.

Depending on arrangements made by the EDPL with the venue, Teams may be able to arrange their own practice sessions for earlier in the day by contacting the venue management directly. The allocation of tables to each division for actual matches will be announced after 6:30pm. Don't ask earlier!

- 6) A specific allocation of time for team meetings will be announced by the Organiser prior to matches commencing so don't go off and do your own thing in this regard. Experience shows you will miss an announcement when your team is off in a quiet corner having that motivational chat.
- 7) Captains are not permitted to be called-in, except in the case of a dispute.
- 8) Players who feel that an umpires call is incorrect should call in the head adjudicator for a ruling. This must occur at the time of the disputed call. The Head Adjudicator's decision is final!

- 9) In the event of a draw, team captains are required to submit to the Organiser a list of players (in playing order) who will participate in the play-offs.

This list is to be given to Organiser within 5 minutes of draw being determined. Players must be from the original team and is at the Captain's discretion.

The format to be used in the event of a draw is:-

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Divisions – 7 singles frames

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Divisions – 2 singles & 1 doubles frames

A toss of the coin determines who breaks for each frame. All games to be played concurrently with play ceasing as soon as a winning team is decided.

- 10) Eligibility of players for selection in a finals team is the Club's responsibility. Committee Organisers are not in a position to rule on any queries raised on this subject on the night. Players found to be ineligible after playing, will be treated as "un-registered" and standard penalties applied.
- 11) Club support of teams is encouraged however "over the top" barracking or intimidating behaviour towards opposing team members will not be tolerated. The Head Adjudicator & Umpires are empowered to impose the "loss of frame" rulings (unsportsmanlike behaviour) should the situation arise. Lets also not forget that the venue management and the EDPL Executive Committee has the right to eject any person not behaving correctly from the premises.
- 12) All current By-laws, playing rules and the Constitution apply.
- 13) Any questions, queries or concerns should be referred to the organisers.
- 14) Any disputes other than on playing rules will be resolved on the night in accordance with By-laws.
- 15) Listen to all announcements made by the organisers as they probably will affect you! This includes all players.
- 16) A "Block Warning" will be given at the start of each match. LISTEN TO IT!
- 17) Grand Finalist Teams may be asked to sit for team photographs after their games. Trophies and player medallions will be presented on grand final night.
- 18) Only players and umpires actually involved in a game, along with officials, are permitted in the playing area.
- 19) If your team wins the night please express your enjoyment away from the tables as others will be still trying to win their games.

Failure to comply with points 18 & 19 could see your team loose a frame or another penalty imposed.

***CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CLUBS WHO HAVE MADE IT TO THE FINALS IN WINTER 2009. BEST OF LUCK TO YOU AND YOUR TEAM!***