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Changes to the Playing Rules Proposals

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On behalf of the BWDA Committee the following potential rule changes were forwarded to the Playing Rules & BWDA Committee for consideration after the previous delegates meeting held on Oct 6th 2025. These proposed rule changes have since been discussed and assessed by the Committee's and subsequently to now be shared and put to a vote with delegates and playing members allowing playing rules to be updated prior to the commencement of the Summer Season.

7. PRC – playing rules discussion

7.1 PRC clause 16. Transfers - Fill in Players.

Proposals from Terry Bell, Steve Allan & Tim Anscombe were discussed at length. The following is summary of the discussion:

- a) After looking at the use of fill in players in B grade in particular it was evident that teams with low player registration <7-8 had used the fill in most. As the rules now allow up to 10 registered players, captains have an obligation to use the maximum registration of players (10) to avoid the need for fill in players.
- b) The fill in rule created significant work for the recorder (pre and post-game) checking details provided.
- c) in circumstance where a team is not able to field 4 players (minimum for a game to be played in B, C Grade then that team has to play short.

PRC Decision – Unanimous – That rule 16.2 - Transfers – Remove references to fill in players.



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Current Rule

16.1 No player may transfer between clubs once a season has commenced.

16.2 Any player can 'fill in' for another team within their club as many times as they wish provided that they play in the same grade or a higher grade and the 'fill in' player's average does not take the team's average over the grade or division limit as calculated at the beginning of the season. A fill-in player e.g., 'Quinns Grey 1' or 'Quinns Grey 2' will be used as the fill in players' name. The recorder must be notified within 24 hours of the game being completed of the fill-in players name and who he or she played for. Failure to do so will see all games played by said fill-in player being reversed and a 2-point deduction being enforced.

16.3 In the finals, a 'fill in' player will not be eligible to play for the team they have filled in for.

16.4 If the Recorder notes that, in any of the finals, a 'fill in' player has been used, that team will forfeit the match and be disqualified for the remainder of the final.

Proposed Rule

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7.2 Consideration of the Grade Structure

The PRC considered the current grade structure (A, B1, B2, C) and discussed a proposal from Steve Allan for (A,B,C,D). Given the removal of fill in players it was felt that the need to change the grade structure was no longer required. However, it was felt that team caps should be introduced for B and C grade. The proposal adopted was to have 280 cap between B grade and A grade, a flexible cap for B grade based on natural gap for the B1, B2 split (Range 245-255) and from B2 to C grade 220 cap.

Outcome – To retain current grade and division structure but add Caps between the grades.

Proposed add the following to the PRC

1. (i) The cap between B grade and A grade is to be set at 280 and the cap between B grade and C grade is 240.



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7.3 Attendance at Delegates meeting

The GC and PRC discussed the issue of Teams not attending the delegates meetings which require Team Captain's or Team delegate or Team nominee to be in attendance. Discussion centered around adding a 2-point penalty for non-attendance. The penalty to be applied in season or the beginning of the next season depending on timing of delegates meetings and season starts and finishes. The agreed outcome was for a penalty to be applied for non-attendance (captain, delegate or nominee) at a Delegates meeting.

Outcome: Add the following clause to section 9

(p) Delegates/Captains/Nominee to attend Delegates and Committee and AGM meetings. Failure to attend or offer a written apology will result in 2-point deduction on the grade ladder during the season or the beginning of a new season.



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7.5 Distance between Dart boards

Following the last Delegates meeting the proposal to set the distance between dart boards at 3m between centers was not accepted and the GC was requested to relook at the issue.

Outcome: The GC examined further and found there was a range of distances between boards at new facilities being planned and existing venues and decided to defer the issue.



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7.6 Financial status of players with nominating club

There is a need to ensure players are financial members of the club they play for. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Team Nomination and New Player Registration online Forms will be changed to capture the Club membership number the player is affiliated with, along with Team Captain endorsement prior to form submissions.

Outcome: Paul to initiate the update to online forms prior to the Winter Season 2026 commencing to capture required information prior to form submission.