



Changes to the Playing Rules

PROPOSAL FORM

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I wish to bring the following potential rule changes forward to the Delegates and AGM of the Blue Water Darts Association for consideration.

PREAMBLE: The Playing rules of the Bluewater Darts Association are an instrument to ensure the smooth running of the Association and playing conditions under 17(9) of the Constitution. The sub- committee responsible for the Playing Rules is the Grading and Fixtures sub-Committee.

Background: The current playing rules committee consisting of a member from each club has proven to be ineffective in ensuring rule changes do not have unintended consequences on other playing rules and there has been limited participation from some members in terms of feedback on proposed changes.

Proposal: To disband the current playing rules committee and make the two elected general committee members along with the recorder as chair to oversee and propose playing rule amendments to the Delegates and AGM. This role will be incorporated within the Grading and Fixtures sub-Committee for the winter 2025 season onward. This effects current rules pertain to the makeup of the Grading and Fixtures sub-Committee 1(1) and selection of members 1(2) and functions of the sub-Committee 1(3) and 1(4).



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Existing Playing Rule

1. GRADING AND FIXTURES SUB-COMMITTEE

- (1) The Grading and Fixtures Sub-Committee will be made up of the Association Recorder (Committee Chair) and a minimum of two (2) other members of the Association. No two (2) members of the Sub-Committee shall come from the same Club. It is preferred each club will submit a nomination at the beginning of the year with the Sub-Committee to be named at a General Meeting. The Association Committee will negotiate with the Clubs regarding nominations if it is felt one (1) grade is over-represented.
- (a) The Grading and Fixtures Sub-Committee members will remain on the Sub-Committee until the next Annual General Meeting. If a Sub-Committee member needs to resign for any reason prior to the next Annual General Meeting, it is anticipated they would be replaced (in order of preference):
 - (i) by another member of the same team
 - (ii) another member of the same club
 - (iii) another member of the same grade.
 - (b) Any new Club joining the Association shall be requested to nominate a representative to the Grading and Fixtures Sub-Committee upon acceptance of that Club's nomination to join the Association.
- (2) The Grading and Fixtures Sub-Committee will determine:
- (a) The number of home and away rounds to be played each season
 - (b) The format for the final's series if any.
- (3) The Grading and Fixtures Sub-Committee will attend to:
- (a) Collecting the team nomination forms when they called for by the Association Committee.
 - (b) Determining the team average based on the highest six (6) averages for A, B and C grades (6-player team format) of all the players nominated for that team. Highest four (4) averages for A grade (if the 4-player team format is being used) of all the players nominated for that team. If the number of teams in any grade is too high, this grade can be split into two divisions. The two divisions will be known as the Grade letter followed by a 1 or 2. The division with the 1 will have the teams with the higher team averages. Example B1 & B2.
 - (c) Determining the team average based on the highest six (6) averages for A, B and C grades (6-player team format) of all the players

Proposed:

1. Grading and Fixture sub-Committee

- (1) The Grading and Fixtures Sub-Committee will be made up of the Association Recorder (Committee Chair) and two (2) Association General Committee members as elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Grading and Fixtures Sub-Committee members will remain on the Sub-Committee until the next Annual General Meeting. If a Sub-Committee member needs to resign for any reason prior to the next Annual General Meeting, it is anticipated they would be replaced:
 - (a) By extraordinary AGM called to fill the vacant General Committee member position

- (2) The Grading and Fixtures Sub-Committee will determine:
 - (a) The Association Playing Rules and amendments as agreed by the Delegates and members at the AGM.
 - (b) The number of home and away rounds to be played each season
 - (c) The format for the final's series if any,
 - (d) Proposing playing rule changes to the Committee and Delegates
 - (e) The number of home and away rounds to be played each season
 - (f) The format for the final's series if any.

- (3) The Grading and Fixtures Sub-Committee will attend to:
 - (a) Collecting the team nomination forms when they called for by the Association Committee.
 - (b) Determining the team average based on the highest six (6) averages for A, B and C grades (6-player team format) of all the players nominated for that team. Highest four (4) averages for A grade (if the 4-player team format is being used) of all the players nominated for that team. If the number of teams in any grade is too high, this grade can be split into two divisions. The two divisions will be known as the Grade letter followed by a 1 or 2. The division with the 1 will have the teams with the higher team averages. Example B1 & B2.
 - (c) Determining the team average based on the highest six (6) averages for A, B and C grades (6-player team format) of all the players



Proposed Change – Add clause regarding Complaints process

The current playing rules do not have a complaints process available or formal policy to be guided by when submitting a complaint.

Proposal is to add the following clause to 9 at 9.16

16. Complaints are to be lodged via the web portal and as described in the complaints policy on the web site.