

# CANTERBURY 8-BALL ASSOCIATION INTERCLUB AND TOURNAMENT RULES

(Updated 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2024)

The Canterbury 8-Ball Association shall provide a draw for Interclub Competition to eligible clubs wishing to participate.

Teams are placed in Divisions based on their previous year's results and the number of Teams entered to play.

Each Team in a division shall play each other in their respective divisions on a home and away basis.

Teams receive 1 point for each frame its players win.

The Teams with the most points at the end of the last round shall be the Championship Winners of their respective Divisions.

New Clubs entering the competition or existing Clubs entering additional Teams will have their Team/Teams entered in the Lowest Division, or at the discretion of the committee.

If for any reason the season is unable to be completed the following criteria will be applied:

1. The season will be deemed operational if the first round is completed
2. If more than 50% of the second round is completed, the final results will be as of the last completed match
3. If less than 50% of the second round is completed, the final results will be as of the end of the first round.

Please note any exceptions to the above criteria will be considered at the discretion of Canterbury 8-Ball

## A ELIGIBILITY.

1. Only MEMBER CLUBS of the Canterbury 8-Ball Association are eligible to enter teams.
2. All players must be financial members of the Club they play from and represent.
3. All Division Teams to consist of EIGHT PLAYERS and reserves.
4. All teams are required to register their team names annually. Only registered team members are eligible to play.
5. Clubs may add to their teams during the year, but players who have played for any other Club in the Canterbury Interclub Competition in that year are excluded. A club may make application for dispensation in extenuating circumstances.
6. The MAXIMUM permissible number of transferring players from one team to another shall be equal to the number of teams that Club has entered in Interclub that year. "IE" FOUR Open Teams = FOUR Transfers in Open Division; ETC. Players can only transfer within the same division or to a higher division.
  - (a) If a player wishes to change to a lower division, they can drop no more than one division from their last season of play. Any exceptions to the above rule will be considered on a case-by-case basis and at the discretion of Canterbury 8-Ball
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  - (a) Transferring players must register the transfer and must then remain in that team for the rest of the year.
  - (b) Transfers MUST be notified to the Interclub Recorder.
  - (c) A new or transferring player MUST HAVE THEIR REGISTRATION ON THE BOTTOM OF SCORE/RESULT SHEET OF THE TEAM THEY ARE INTENDING TO PLAY FOR AND THEIR CLUB CARD MEMBERSHIP NUMBER.
  - (d) Players DO NOT become automatically registered for a Team because they played for that Team when unregistered. A players Registration must be completed at the bottom of the score sheet.
8. Players cannot play for two teams in the same week.
9. Clubs must register their teams at the AGM. Registration fees and any outstanding accounts paid at or by the MARCH MEETING.
10. Any team not complying with Rule 9 shall not be eligible to play in that year's competition without the prior approval of the Canterbury 8-Ball Association.
11. Any player, who holds one or more Chartered Club membership and places their name on more than one Club Noticeboard for Team selection at any one time, shall be suspended from Interclub Competition for up to one year. Such suspension to be for a period at the discretion of the Rules and Disciplinary Committee's decision. This decision to be blanket suspension on all Chartered Club Interclub competition including being Reserve.

12. Players MUST not place their name on ANY CLUB BOARD FOR SELECTION INTO A TEAM unless they are a bona fide current Club Carrying Member or under membership application. In the event of a Clubs Pool Sections knowingly allowing a person to play, who is not a full Club Member that Section shall have that Clubs Executive informed by this Association.
13. Junior Club members must abide by the Host Club Rules governing Junior Members.
14. Respectable and non-offensive standard of attire must be worn and shall be at the Team Captains discretion. This does not override any Clubs Ruling on Dress Standard required.

## B PLAYING RULES.

1. All games of InterClub shall be played to current Clubs New Zealand National 8-Ball Playing Rules.
2. All games are to be played on the stated date, if possible, but may be played at an alternative time in the same week if acceptable to both teams. Premier and Open Division 1 teams to play on Tuesday, Open Division 2 & 3 to play on Wednesday.
3. A minimum of two tables must be used for all games, but other available tables may be used, if agreed to by both captains and the host club.
4. Premiers to play best of nine frames, Open Division 1 to play best of 7 frames, Open Division 2 & 3 to play best of five frames.
5. Both Team Captains to have their team listed on paper and handed to the other captain just prior to writing on the board used for scoring during the match.
6. Reserves must be nominated on the list as above and may be substituted on the Board for any player on the list who failed to arrive on time. Any player who arrives after the reserve has been substituted can no longer play that night.
7. Play must commence at 7.00pm.
8. For Teams travelling to or from Ashburton, a 7.15pm start is allowable, but only THREE hours play is permissible.
9. Apart from the above rule, GAMES not broken by 10.00pm cannot be played. If a host club closes the tables before all games are completed, the score at that time shall apply. A game consists of those frames as set in B4. Games not broken by 10pm and not played, will receive 0 points.
10. All times are to be taken from the nearest clock available in the host club.
11. Teams default all frames, if within FIFTEEN Minutes of the start time, they are unable to muster a minimum of THREE players for Premier Division Teams, THREE Players for Open Division 1, 2 & 3 Teams.
12. When a team defaults, it receives no points; the winning team receives maximum points.
13. Players cannot play twice.
14. Host club must supply correct score/result form for emailing and are responsible for sending the email. EMAIL RESULTS MUST BE RECEIVED IN A READABLE CONDITION.
15. RESULTS FORMS MUST BE FILLED IN WITH FIRST AND FULL SURNAMES AND SCORES IN THE ORDER THEY APPEAR ON THE RESULTS BOARD ON THE NIGHT OF PLAY.
16. Host captain is responsible for emailing the scores to canterbury8ball@gmail.com. Any score sheet not received by 5pm the following day will be in breach and have a 5-point PENALTY applied to the club at fault. This penalty may be increased for repeated offences at the discretion of the Rules and Disciplinary Committee.
17. Teams playing ineligible players will forfeit the points earned by that player and will default **that game** to the other TEAM for each infringement.
18. The captains of the two teams playing shall be the Referees during play. If a CNZ NATIONAL 8-Ball Referee is present and available, and they are asked for a decision, their decision is final and overrides any Team Captain's decision that may have been given.
19. Players may consult with their Team captains at any time during play for advice on Rules of Play or interpretation but may not in any way be coached by ANYONE. ANY INCIDENT OF COACHING SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE RULES AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE.
20. a) The winning team of each Division at the end of year of Interclub shall be promoted up to the next Division. The lowest team shall be relegated to the lower Division unless rule 20 b applies.  
b) The Committee can use, at its discretion the Promotion and Relegation system to modify the draw for the following year to make all the Divisions even in numbers of teams.
21. If teams tie for any Promotion/Relegation position in their divisions, they shall play a deciding match at a neutral club.

## C COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE.

All complaints regarding Interclub play or Canterbury 8-Ball run Tournaments must be in writing within 7 (SEVEN) Days of the date of the game or tournament played, to:

Canterbury 8-Ball Association,  
Canterbury8ball@gmail.com

Any breach of these Rules or incidents of bad behaviour shall be dealt with by the Rules and Disciplinary Committee, whose decision shall be FINAL.

## D SMOKING, VAPING AND ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES POLICY

Canterbury 8-Ball has a zero-tolerance policy for the following

- 1) The Consumption of illegal substances at all Clubs NZ Venues (inclusive of grounds).
- 2) Vaping/Smoking inside. This is not in accordance with smoke-free legislation.

### 2A) **Interclub**

If a person is seen vaping/smoking inside during Canterbury 8-Ball Interclub, they are to be reported to the Host Club Management

### 2B) **Tournament**

If a person is seen by a member of the Canterbury 8-Ball Committee vaping/smoking inside at a Canterbury 8-Ball Tournament, they will be immediately removed from the Tournament.

If it is during section play, any points accrued by the offending player to that point will be null and void, resulting in a BYE.

If it is during Post-section, the opposition of the offending player will be awarded the match.

The offending Players entry Fee will be non-refundable.

This page forms part of the InterClub Rules of the Canterbury 8-Ball Association but is to be read SEPARATELY as it deals with only one specific CHAMPIONSHIP Event.

The Grand Finals Day is an addition to the Interclub Year, but only the Teams who have qualified during the current InterClub playing year are able to participate having WON THEIR RIGHT to compete.

PRESENTATION AND GRAND FINALS DAY.

This is a separate Event between the Top Six Teams of each Division contested, during InterClub for that year. IT DOES NOT REPLACE THE FACT THAT THE DIVISIONAL WINNER IS IN FACT THE WINNER OF THAT DIVISION FOR THAT YEAR.

PRE FINALS DAY PLAYOFF.

At the end of Interclub Competition, the Top Six Teams of each Division will play for their positions of play on Grand Finals Day. Playoff games to be played at the venue of the winning team of that Division, or if there are not enough tables available, then goes to the second place getter.

[In the event of a tie, the teams concerned shall play off at a neutral venue – format being the same as for InterClub competition (refer Rule B5).]

Playing format for Pre Finals Day Playoff shall be the same as for Grand Finals Day.

Play offs for Tuesday/Wednesday

<b>3 v 6</b>	Loser out
<b>4 v 5</b>	Loser out
<b>1 v 2</b>	Bye to Finals Day

Finals Day Format

	<b>Saturday AM</b>
<b>Semi Final 1</b>	Team 1 v
	Lowest ranked winner 3,4,5 or 6

	<b>Saturday PM</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Playoff</b>	Loser of Semi Final 1 v
	Loser of Semi Final 2

	<b>Saturday AM</b>
<b>Semi Final 2</b>	Team 2 v
	Highest ranked winner 3,4,5 or 6

	<b>Saturday PM</b>
<b>Grand Final</b>	Winner of Semi Final 1 v
	Winner of Semi Final 2

MATCH FORMAT FOR GRAND FINALS DAY TOURNAMENT.

1. The scoring and frames for these matches, all divisions shall be the same as Interclub.
2. Should any teams be tied on points, each team to select one player to play off, play being the best of five frames of singles.
3. Players must have played at least FIVE interclub matches for that team, to be eligible to play finals day. Team captains shall present Team selections to the Tournament Controller before each match.
4. All Team and Interclub Trophies will be presented at the conclusion of the Final day's play at the venue where the Grand Final is contested.

## Eligibility for Canterbury 8-Ball Tournaments

1. Entrants must be current financial members of a club belonging to Canterbury 8-Ball Association.
2. Entrants who have played Interclub competition during the current year will be selected before those who have not. (i.e. *When the field is full*).
3. Dress code shall apply.
4. Clubs from outside of the Canterbury 8-Ball Association are able to pay a \$50 annual membership fee, in order to be eligible to play 'Champion of Champions' and Canterbury 8-Ball tournaments.
5. Entrants to 'Champions of Champions' must be the current respective Club Champions.
  - a. Club champions and runners up must be registered [with the secretary/scorer] by the SEPTEMBER meeting.
  - b. Runners up may substitute in extenuating circumstances. If one player from a pair is unable to play, **both** of that pair must be substituted [or excluded.]

## Rules

1. The sitting committee will set entry fees for Canterbury 8-Ball Tournaments and decide at which level prize money will be paid. All entry fees shall be included in prize money.
2. There will be a **"Pairs"** and a **"Singles"** tournament for both Open and ladies in both Canterbury Champions and Champion of Champions. (*An open and/or mixed tournament may be added to the Canterbury 8-Ball Tournament program should dates, venues and finance be suited*).

The winning women will compete with the winning Open/s for the Grand Championship Trophy. Thus, giving us our **"Champion of Champions"** in both singles and pairs

## FORMAT FOR CANTERBURY 8-Ball TOURNAMENTS

### Canterbury Singles Open and Ladies

Entry numbers may be restricted to a maximum of 16 Sections of 6. The top 3 will qualify from a section of 6, and the top 3 from a section of 5. Ladies may play only in one event.

Section play, the best of 5 frames. Post section will be at the discretion of Tournament control.

### Canterbury Pairs Open and Ladies

Entry numbers may be restricted to a maximum of 8 Sections of 6. The top 3 will qualify from a section of 6, and the top 3 from a section of 5. Ladies may play only in one event.

Section play, the best of 5 frames. Post section will be at the discretion of Tournament control.

### Champion of Champions

Round robin of all players to be played in both Open and Ladies, Singles and Pairs. The Player/s with the most points at the end wins title. If equal points, a play off will be played.

## B Grade Tournament Entry Eligibility Rules

**The following people will not be accepted as entrants to "B" Grade Tournaments run by member clubs of Canterbury 8-Ball Assoc. Inc. These rules are binding to all members of Canterbury 8-Ball Assn. Inc.**

1. Any player who has represented NZ in any cuesport within the last 5 years.
2. Any player who currently holds or has held within the last 5 years an Open National or Open Island title in any cuesport. Except Juniors.
3. Any player who has played or is playing Premier Division during the last year prior to the B Grade Tournament. NB: Any player who moves from Premieres to play Division 1, will have a one year's stand down.
4. Any player who has won two consecutive Canterbury B-Grade Singles tournaments, in the last 25 months, must stand down for 13 months after the last second winning tournament
5. Any player who is ranked 300 or less on the Open National Ranking List, or ranked 20 or less on the Womens National ranking List.
6. Canterbury 8-Ball have the discretionary power to include/exclude any player outside of the above criteria, that they feel does/does not fit the true meaning of B Grade.

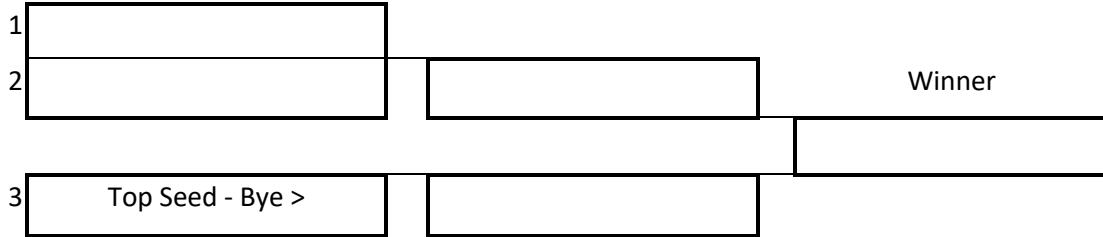
The Executive decision will be final.

### Play offs

For a qualifying position will be the best of 3 frames. A tie for post section shall be decided via the section seeding. A 2-way tie for top qualifier will be decided on who beat who.

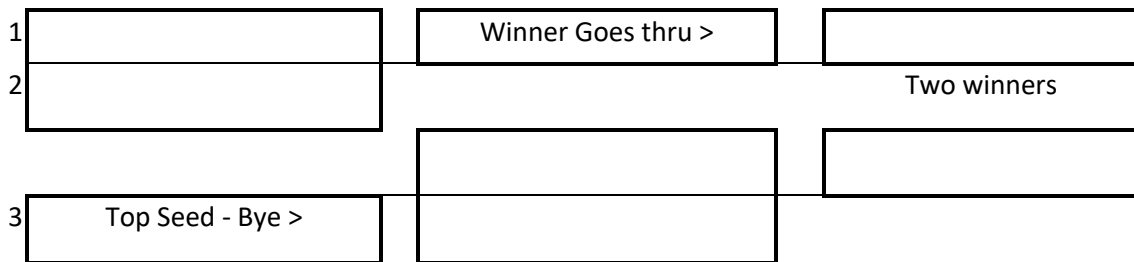
### 3-way play offs

#### To find one player



1 & 2 Play off. The loser is out  
Winner of 1 v 2 plays player 3  
Winner of that match wins  
To Qualify Best of 3 Frames - Positional place Best 1 Frame

#### To find two players



1 & 2 Play off. The winner goes thru  
Loser of 1 v 2 plays player 3  
Winner of that match also goes thru  
The loser is out  
Best of 3 Frames