

Notice of Special General Meeting

Tuesday 29th October 2013 immediately following the AGM

# (1) Proposed Changes to the Model Rules:

# Motion: TO RESCIND Old Model Rules and ADOPT New Model Rules based on Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012Model Rules for an Incorporated Association

# Including:

1. The Purposes of the Association (these have been expanded)
2. Definitions
3. Membership
4. Composition of Committee
5. Notice of General Meetings
6. Proxy voting at General Meetings
7. Use of technology
8. Voting at General Meetings. There will be discussion and a vote regarding this item.
   1. See Attachment**1**: Old Model Rules pg 6, regulation 11, item “upon a question arising at a general meeting each member of the council present has one vote each” and compare to below;
   2. See Attachment**2**: New Model Rules pg14 regulation 38 and notes in highlight.

**For comparison, an electronic file of the old Model Rules and New Model Rules is attached.**

**Background Notes:**

* All Incorporated Associations must comply with the new model rules by November 26, 2013.
* The new model rules are quite different and the MDLTA old model rules do not comply with many of these new requirements.
* The Committee has reviewed and updated our old model rules to comply with the law and ensure that all rules are valid.
* The updated model rules now also reflect current MDLTA practice and clarify inconsistencies.

# (2) Proposed Changes to the By-laws and Match Regulations:

The proposed changes to the By-Laws and Match Regulations are included below, with the mover and seconder of the motion. It is to be hoped that the two club representatives attending the Special General Meeting will have studied these changes and discussed them with other team members so that discussion can be limited and voting will proceed without too much delay.

**3.8.x (New) Emergencies (including Pool Players)**

Motion: Moved, Anna Karopoulos Seconded, Marg Burns

**3.8.6 Emergencies (including Pool Players)**

Motion: Moved, Anne Evans Seconded, Gisborne Tennis Club

**3.8.7 Emergencies (including Pool Players)**

Motion: Moved, Anne Evans Seconded, Gisborne Tennis Club

**5.1.2 Rain Affected Matches**

Motion: Moved, Anna Karopoulos Seconded Marg Burns

**8. (New) MDLTA Complaints Handling Process**

Motion: Moved, Anna Karopoulos Seconded, Andrea Alford

**By-Law 3.8 Emergencies (including Pool Players) – new clause 3.8.x**

**Background note (not to be included in By-laws):** Teams require greater flexibility especially if struggling to field a team of 4 players due to unforeseen circumstances. A pool player may thus become a permanent member of a team. The introduction of this proposed new By-law would leave the current By-law, clause 3.8.6 unaltered.

**(New) *3.8.x***:  *If a pool player wishes to become a permanent member of a team for their registered club or another club for that season, a club may request permission to register that Pool player for their team. Clause 3.3 of the By-laws must also be satisfied.*

**By-Law 3.8 Emergencies (including Pool Players) – clause 3.8.6**

**3.8.6 currently reads:**

Emergency Pool Players may play finals for their registered club only, unless permission is granted by the process documented in By-law 6.9.

**To be replaced by:**

*If an emergency pool player wishes to play finals for any club, a player may do so providing Clause 6.8 of the By-laws has been satisfied.*

**By-Law 3.8 Emergencies (including Pool Players) – clause 3.8.7**

**3.8.7 currently reads:**

A team which is unable to field 4 players for any match may call upon players from any other registered club to play with them provided those players come from a lower section. Teams in the bottom section may call on any players from their own section. A permit must be obtained from Match and Permit Committee member to satisfy the requirements of By-law 3.3.

**To be replaced by:**

A team which is unable to field 4 players for any match may call upon players from any other registered club to play with them provided those players come **from *the same section or*** a lower section. ~~Teams in the bottom section may call on any players from their own section~~. A permit must be obtained from a Match and Permit Committee member to satisfy the requirements of By-law 3.3.

**By-Law 5.1 Rain Affected Matches – clause 5.1.2**

**Background note (not to be included in By-laws):** The proposed amendment is a correction required as the current By-law is not accurate.

**5.1.2 currently reads:**

Matches may be abandoned due to unsuitable weather by mutual agreement of the captains. Each team will score two premiership points unless at the time of abandonment one team has an unbeatable lead, then that team shall be awarded full match points.

**To be replaced by:**

Matches may be abandoned due to unsuitable weather by mutual agreement of the captains. ***Points for sets completed shall be awarded to the team winning the sets. Points for each set not completed shall be shared between both teams* and each team will score *one match point,*** unless at the time of abandonment one team has an unbeatable lead, then that team shall be awarded full match points.

**By-Law 8 MDLTA Complaints Handling Process - new**

**Background note (not to be included in By-laws):** The proposed new By-Law was released in February 2013 and clubs were asked to trial these guidelines with a view to discuss and vote upon adopting these guidelines by the Association at the next AGM.

**(New) 8.** See attachment3, Trial Guidelines: MDLTA Complaints Handling Process

**Motion: To discuss and vote to adopt the Trial Guidelines for Complaints Handling should incidents arise during competition.**

**(3) Attachments**

1. Electronic file of Old MDLTA Model Rules: Constitution Rules as at 1999
2. Electronic file of New MDLTA Model Rules: Model Rules for an Incorporated Association – Draft 2
3. Electronic file of Complaints Handling Procedure