

G.B. & S.A. AGM PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

The following rule change proposals have been received by the 31 July 2020 deadline, and will be discussed and voted on (max 2 votes per club) at the **AGM on Tuesday 01 September 2020 to be held at the Gremlin Club starting at 7:30 p.m.**

- To reduce the number of knockout postponements:

RULES GOVERNING ALL COMPETITIONS

Replace: Postponement of team and individual knockout matches will not be allowed without the permission of the Competition Secretary. If this rule is violated, teams or individuals will be liable to disqualification.

19. (a) Postponement of knockout matches will not be allowed without the permission of the Competition Secretary, under the following guidelines:
- Players / teams requesting a postponement of a knockout match must put in a request to the Competition Secretary at least 5 days before the fixture date, except in circumstances where the fixture has been set with less than 7 days notice.
 - If a match is not completed on the published date, both players / pairs / teams will be eliminated from the competition. Only if a player / pair / team can provide conclusive evidence to the Competition Secretary that their opponent(s) initiated the postponement will they be reinstated to the competition.
 - No player or team can request more than one postponement of a knockout match in a season.
 - Only in very exceptional circumstances can point i) be broken - and if subsequently found to be frivolous, players / teams will be eliminated.
 - The decision of the Competition Secretary is final.

- To accommodate the eventuality of a match not being completed on the scheduled date because of external influences (e.g. power cut):

RULES GOVERNING ALL COMPETITIONS

19. (b) If it is not possible to complete a match on the scheduled night because of external influences (e.g. power cut), then the League Fixtures Secretary or Competition Secretary should be notified at the earliest opportunity. The League Fixtures Secretary or Competition Secretary will arrange a new date to either resume or replay the fixture depending on the following:
- Teams and individuals are expected to wait for as long as is reasonably practical for the match to start, but where this is not possible, a new date to replay the fixture will be agreed.
 - Where a match has commenced and frames have been completed, those scores will be retained towards the final score on the agreed resumption date. Any frames that are not completed will be void and will start from the break upon resumption.
 - Resumed team matches will be played as per the originally drawn pairings – any change to the order of play can be agreed by the captains.