



MMPL RULES UPDATE

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
 TO BE PUT TO A SPECIALLY CONVENED MEETING
 OF FINANCIAL MMPL MEMBERS
 AT 7:15PM
 ON WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2008
 AT FITZROY VICTORIA SPORTING BOWLS CLUB
 578 Brunswick St (betw Watkins & Church Sts)
 Nth Fitzroy 3068 (MELWAYS 2C-C1)
 UPSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM**

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CLUB :	CURRENT CLUB
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ARE YOU A FINANCIAL MMPL MEMBER AS AT 28 MAY 2008 (YES / NO)	CIRCLE YES OR NO
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		YES/NO
MMPL CONSTITUTION		
100	100 These Rules to be read in conjunction with MMPL Standing Orders and By-Laws.	
NAME		
101	101 The name of this body shall be the "MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN POOL LEAGUE INC. (formerly the Hawthorn District Pool League)" or "MMPL Inc." being Register Number A0040488N and it shall hereinafter be referred to as the MMPL.	
OBJECTIVES		
102	102 The objectives of the MMPL shall be:	
	(a) To promote interest in Eight□Ball,	
	(b) To promote the playing of and good fellowship among those interested in Eight Ball, in the inner suburbs of Melbourne, as directed by the Executive,	
	(c) To educate, train, coach and encourage players and members of the MMPL in the advancement of eight□ball in general,	
	(d) To co-ordinate with other bodies for the advancement of Eight□Ball, as directed by the Executive,	
	(e) With Executive approval, to affiliate with Pool Victoria Incorporated and with any other Body, Organisation or Association having a range of aims and objectives similar to the MMPL and to do all such other things as are conducive or incidental, to the attainment of the above objectives or any of them.	
	(f) To make an annual award of trophies to the best Teams and Players of each division of the winter competition at a presentation night organised and subsidised by the MMPL from annual income.	
103	103 The MMPL is a non-profit sporting association:	
	(a) The sources of funds of the MMPL shall be derived from Team Registration Fees and Player Registration Fees being prescribed fees, donations and such other sources as the Executive determine.	
	(b) The assets and income of the association shall be applied solely in furtherance of the above-mentioned objectives and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the MMPL except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the League.	
	(c) In the event of the MMPL being dissolved, the amount that remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to any association with similar purposes which is not carried on for profit or gain of its individual members.	
CLUB REGISTRATION		
104	104 All Clubs, upon being accepted by the Executive, will pay to the MMPL a Team Registration and a Bond, the amount being set by the Executive. The Bond will be held in trust and refunded to each Club, if desired, at the end of each year, providing said Club has not resigned or has been expelled by the Executive, in which case, such monies shall be forfeited. Refer to the Schedule of Fees, Fines and Penalties.	
	(a) The Executive may expel from the MMPL or otherwise punish or penalise any Club whose conduct, in the opinion of the Executive, is discreditable or injurious to the character or interests of the MMPL.	
	(b) Club Captains, whether playing at home or away, shall be responsible for the conduct of any players or supporter associated with that Club, and shall be subject to Rule 104 (a).	
MMPL MEMBERSHIP		
105	105 A person is eligible for membership of the MMPL providing:	
	(a) He/she is a Club Member.	
	(b) He/she is registered with the MMPL and has paid the appropriate Registration Fee as set by the Executive Committee. Refer to the Schedule of Fees, Fines and Penalties.	

106 106 Membership shall be open to all persons subscribing to the objectives of the MMPL and paying the prescribed fee. There shall be no entrance fees. No restrictions shall be imposed on any person by virtue of religious or political beliefs, sex, nationality or race, but the Executive Committee shall have the right to refuse membership to any person without assigning any reason therefore.

107 107 Only person's 18 years of age or over shall be eligible for membership to the MMPL, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

108 108 All members, upon admission, shall be bound by the Constitution, Standing Orders, By-Laws and Playing Rules of the MMPL. Summer Competition players are Associate Members and are not eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting or eligible for POOL VICTORIA affiliation.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

109 109 Members must register each year by completing a Members Registration and paying the appropriate fee. The number of members shall be unlimited.

(a) All Registration Forms must be complete with all correct details including the Member and a Club Officials signature. In signing the Registration Form members agree to abide by the MMPL Constitution, Standing Orders and By-Laws

Amend to include "By registering with the MMPL the members also agree to the use, by the MMPL, of their image in electronic media such as digital video broadcasting, and the publication of other personal information relating to their MMPL pool activities on the MMPL website."

(b) It is the Clubs responsibility to ensure that Registration Fees are paid and that Registration Forms are forwarded to the MMPL Executive for recording.

(c) If Registration Forms and fees are not paid and forwarded on time, the player(s) concerned are considered unregistered.

110 110 The Executive shall consider such application for registration and shall be at Liberty, in its full and unfettered discretion to accept or refuse, without giving any reason.

DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS

111 111 Subject to the Constitution, Standing Orders and By-Laws, if the Executive is of the opinion that a member has refused or neglected to comply with the Constitution, Standing Orders and/or the By-Laws or has been found guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interests of the MMPL, the Executive may by resolution:

(a) Fine that member an amount not exceeding that set in the Schedule of Fees, Fines and Penalties; and/or

(b) Suspend that member from the MMPL for a specified period; and/or

(c) Expel that member from the MMPL.

CLEARANCES

112 112 Clearance Form and new Registration Card/Form, together with the clearance fee, must be forwarded to the Executive for approval, prior to the player participating.

113 113 If a clearance has not been obtained:

(a) The Club has played an unregistered player and will be penalised as per Rule 310 of the MMPL By-Laws.

(b) If a member falsifies his need for a clearance and participates, then that member will be disqualified for a minimum of twelve (12) calendar months and the Club concerned will be penalised as per Rule 310 of the MMPL By-Laws.

(c) If a clearance is denied or unobtainable (i.e. Club disbanded) to the player by his current Club, the player MUST either by telephone or letter, contact the Executive and the case will then rest with the Executive Committee.

114 114 No member will be granted more than one (1) clearance per season with the MMPL. Clearances will NOT be granted to persons who:

	(a) Are under suspension or owe any monies to their own Club or an associated Body.		
	(b) Are undesirable to the MMPL Executive.		
	MMPL SEAL		
115	115 The common seal must not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Executive and the affixing of the common seal must be attested by the signatures either of two members of the Executive or of one member of the Executive and of the Public Officer of the MMPL.		
	UNAUTHORISED USE OF NAME		
116	116 Individual members, other than the Executive, regardless of their status within the MMPL, must not make negotiations involving the MMPL, without prior approval of the Executive.		
	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING		
117	117 The Annual General Meeting of the members shall be held no later than the 31 December in each calendar year and shall be at a time, date and venue nominated by the Executive.	Insert "hereinafter referred to as the AGM"; amend reference to AGM to "between 1 October and 30 November in each calendar year".	
118	118 Any member, the quorum being five (5) financial members, may attend the Annual General Meeting. (a) That member has the right to nominate, second or vote on put motions and to cast a vote toward the election of office bearers for the forthcoming year, provided that he/she is not currently under suspension, disqualified or non-financial.		
	(b) Members shall not be eligible to vote by proxy at the Annual General Meeting.		
119	119 The meeting shall be provided with the Treasurer's Annual Report and financial statements. Audited financial statements shall be provided within 30 days of a motion requesting such is carried at the Annual General Meeting or Special/Extraordinary Meeting.	Add "/Emergency" after "Special/Extraordinary"	
120	120 The election of Officers and Committee members for the ensuing twelve (12) months shall take place at the Annual General Meeting, together with any other business mentioned in the notice convening the meeting.		
121	121 The Annual General Meeting may make and/or alter Constitutional laws and Standing Orders as necessary for the proper administration of the MMPL.		
	OTHER MEETINGS		
122	122 No minutes shall be read at Special, Extraordinary or Emergency Meetings and no business other than that for which the meeting has been called shall be discussed.		
123	123 All meetings shall adopt the general procedures for running a meeting as set out in the Constitution and the Standing Orders.		
	ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION AND PURPOSES		
124	124 This Constitution and purposes of the MMPL shall not be added to, altered, repealed or rescinded except by special resolution at the Annual General Meeting or a Special Meeting convened for that purpose.	Insert "(AGM)" after "Annual General Meeting"	
125	125 No motion for an alteration or addition shall be submitted to a vote for the MMPL, unless notice thereof, together with the proposed alteration or addition in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder has been handed to the MMPL Secretary at least twenty one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or the Special Meeting at which the alteration or addition is proposed to be made.		
	(a) Each motion must be complete in itself and motions must not be ambiguous or contradictory.		
	(b) Notice of intention to propose additions to, repeal, or amend Constitutional laws must be included in the written notice of the Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting not later than twenty one (21) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting and included in the agenda for such meeting.	Insert "(AGM)" after "Annual General Meeting"; insert "or Special Meeting"	
126	126 Any proposed alteration, addition or amendment shall be carried by at least a three-quarters majority of those present at the meeting and entitled to vote.	Insert "AGM or Special" before "meeting"	



STANDING ORDERS

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- Rule 247 to 299 held for future use.

YES/NO

STANDING ORDERS

Suggested amendments

<p>200 These Standing Orders shall be applicable to all General Meetings and Committee Meetings and, as far as appropriate, to meetings of sub-committees, and shall be construed subject to the Constitution.</p>		
MEETINGS		
<p>201 Meetings shall, subject to the presence of a quorum, start at the time set out on the notice (agenda), and shall, subject to the discretion of the meeting, continue until all business on the agenda is disposed of.</p>		
<p>202 Committee meetings shall address matters in the agenda, which shall identify and require attention to the minutes of the previous meeting of the subject committee, Financial Statements (if appropriate), the matter at hand in the case of a Special or Extra-ordinary meeting or of a sub-committee and general business.</p>		
<p>203 Meetings will not proceed unless an appropriate quorum as identified by the members of the meeting, if not otherwise defined, has been met.</p>		
<p>204 If no quorum is present within 45 minutes of the starting time set out on the notice, the meeting shall lapse, and, subject to any resolution previously passed, the President shall fix the time of the next meeting. All business on the agenda of the lapsed meeting shall be included on the agenda of the next meeting and shall take precedence over new business.</p>		
<p>205 The President of the MMPL shall be the Chairman at the General Meeting and Delegates Meetings. Should he/she not be present, then the Vice-President shall be elected to the Chair, and if there is no Vice-President present, the members shall elect an Executive member to take the Chair.</p>		
<p>206 The Chairman of a Sub-Committee or of a Special or Extra-Ordinary Meeting, not being the President or Vice-President, shall be elected to the Chair after appropriate consideration of the purpose of the meeting, particularly where a conflict of interest may be at issue, by the members in attendance.</p>		
<p>207 At all meetings, the Chairman's decision on points of order shall be final.</p>		
<p>208 The Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his/her deliberative vote.</p>		
<p>209 Any member wishing to speak at General Meetings or in the Committee of the Whole shall rise in his or her place and when called upon by the Chair, shall address the chair. If two or more members rise simultaneously, the Chair shall call upon the member who first caught the eye of the Chair.</p>		
<p>210 When the Chair rises to speak or addresses the meeting in any form, silence shall be observed and any member standing shall sit down.</p>		
MOTIONS		
<p>211 Except in Committee, no member other than the proposer of a motion or an amendment shall speak to it until it has been seconded. A motion or amendment lapsing for want of a seconder shall not be recorded as not been discussed for lack of a seconder in the minutes.</p>		
<p>212 A motion or amendment before the Chair shall not be withdrawn except by its mover and by leave of the meeting. No motion shall be withdrawn while any amendment is under discussion or after any amendment</p>		
<p>213 If required to do so by the Chair, the proposer of any motion or amendment shall submit it in writing.</p>		
<p>214 The mover subject to leave of the meeting seconder may reword a motion or amendment before the Chair.</p>		
<p>215 Except in Committee, no member shall speak more than once to any question, except that the mover of a motion (but NOT of an amendment) shall have the right of reply, which reply shall close the debate. An amendment shall constitute a separate question from the original motion and from any other amendment.</p>		
<p>216 A member moving a motion or amendment shall be deemed to have spoken to it. A member seconding a motion or amendment without speaking to it may reserve the right to speak to it subsequently.</p>		
<p>217 When an amendment is before the Chair, discussion shall be confined to that amendment. No further amendment shall be proposed until the amendment before the Chair has been disposed of.</p>		



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	MMPL BOUNDARIES

		YES/NO
300	MMPL BYLAWS AND DEFINITIONS	
	Venue: Place where matches are played	
	Club: Social group at a venue. A club may comprise a number of teams.	
	Team: A divisional representation of each club. Only one team, per division, per club.	
		Amend to include "except at the discretion of the MMPL Executive Committee". Also see Bylaw 331 below.
	Rubber: As part of a match between two teams, a predetermined number of frames in a singles, doubles, or the "tiebreaker" between two players, or two pairs of players. See match format in schedule.	
	To be read in conjunction with the Constitution, Standing Orders, and Playing Rules.	
	Ignorance of the By-Laws will not constitute grounds for appeal. Breaches of the By-Laws will incur penalties at the discretion of the Executive Committee.	
	The Executive in accordance with the objectives stated in our Constitution may make By-Laws. Changes made after the commencement of the winter season must be communicated to delegates in writing, or at a delegate meeting.	
	By-Law(s) to be added or amended to is to be sent in writing to the Secretary twenty-one (21) days prior to a Delegate meeting. All members are invited to make suggestions, but the final decision shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.	
	RESPONSIBILITY OF CLUBS AND VENUE MANAGEMENT	
301	301 In conjunction with Club Captains, Members, Supporters and Umpires, it is the duty of Venue Management to promote the "Spirit of the Game" among those present on competition nights.	
302	302 Each Venue shall provide the minimum equipment requirements as described under "Equipment" in the WORLD RULES. The Pool Table and Balls must be maintained in good working order, that is, the table must be level, cushions and cloth dust free and not worn and the balls clean and unchipped. (a) Further to the minimum requirements described above, the MMPL shall ensure that Clubs/Venues improve playing conditions and environment to a standard deemed fit for play. (b) The MMPL shall make league property (scoreboards, scorebooks, handbooks, timepieces, etc) available to improve the quality of the game and playing conditions where possible.	Amend to include "and table lighting to a satisfactory standard"
303	303 Each Venue and/or Club should also provide a small supper, including two (2) jugs of Beer for the players of each Team participating on competition night.	Amend to include ".. Beer and/or other liquid refreshments"
304	304 Venue management has the right to refuse entry, particularly in relation to behaviour, dress and/or age.	A redundant MMPL bylaw - remove?
	PLAYER CONDUCT	
305	305 It is up to each Club to keep a good relationship with Venue Management and visitors, for the well being of the members, the Venue, the League, and the Game alike.	
306	306 The game is to be played in a sportsman-like manner. (a) Clubs and the Club/Team Captain shall be responsible for the discipline and general conduct of their team and will report any incidents likely to reflect on the good name of the MMPL. Clubs must realise that the team is their responsibility, not the Umpires, and it is their duty to keep the team in order. (b) It shall be the duty of all members to cooperate with all appointed officers and officials of the MMPL in the lawful carrying out of their duties. (c) Any Member(s) asked to leave the Venue on competition night will forfeit any game(s) in which they are yet to participate in. (d) Clubs shall also bring to the notice of the Executive Committee any complaint, query, or controversial issue raised amongst the players.	Amend "sportsman-like" to "sporting"

	(e) All Players are expected to promote the MMPL objectives, particularly in relation to Rule 102 (a), (b), and (c).		
	DISCIPLINE		
307	307 Any member who causes a disturbance or by way of intimidation of any nature, or other breach of spirit of the game during home and away games, finals, meetings or any other function organised by the MMPL, will be brought before the Executive Committee, as soon as possible after notification has been received by the Executive.		
308	308 Any member found guilty of maliciously damaging MMPL property, or the property of any fellow member, or Venue/Club, shall be liable to make good such damage, at the order of the Executive, and may be subject to further disciplinary measures as decided by the Executive.		
309	309 Defence on Inquiry <input type="checkbox"/> Notice shall be given by the MMPL Executive of the Executive's intention to hold an inquiry referred to in Rules 307 and 308. The member will be notified of the specific charge(s) alleged. (a) At the inquiry, witnesses to the alleged conduct shall be called to give evidence and the person charged will be given the opportunity to cross-examine or question those witnesses in relating to their evidence. The member charged is entitled to present and also entitled to call witnesses on his own behalf. (b) Fines and/or suspensions imposed on a member by their own Club shall not be read out prior to any inquiry conducted by the MMPL Executive Committee. (c) If found guilty of the alleged offence, the Executive reserves the right to impose any penalty they deem fit. Although there is no right of appeal, the decision may be reviewed by members of the Executive (that do not have a conflict of interest), if new information comes to light. (d) The Executive is responsible for advising the state representative association of any suspended members. Any members currently suspended shall not be eligible to participate in any affiliated competition within the association and the state association shall maintain a register of all currently suspended members (across all affiliated leagues).	Amend "relating" to "relation"; amend "entitled to present and also entitled to call" to "entitled to present and/or call witnesses on his/her own behalf."	
		Amend to add "within 12 months of the offence having taken place"	
		Amend to add "within 12 months of the offence having taken place"	
	UNREGISTERED PLAYERS		
310	310 Player Registrations are required to be paid by the Friday after competition night, but certainly no later than close of business (5PM) on the following Friday. Teams found guilty of playing an unregistered player shall be penalised as follows: (a) The loss of all points gained for the frames played on the night, which will be awarded to the unregistered player's opponent. (b) The deduction of two- (2) premiership points for each night concerned. If a winning team, the initial four- (4) premiership points gained will be reduced by two (2) premiership points. If a losing team, two (2) premiership points will be deducted. No bonus premiership points will be awarded to the opposition team.	Amend to read "within 10 days of the player or players first representing the club in that season's MMPL competition"	
		Amend to add "played on the night by the unregistered player ..."	
	MATCH PROCEDURES		
311	311 The fixture of games setting out the teams, dates, and venues for matches MUST be adhered to, unless the MMPL Executive notifies a change. Clubs must communicate with the Statistician if difficulties are foreseen.		
312	312 Competition night will be TUESDAY and matches, conforming to "WORLD RULES" will commence at the starting time as designated by the Executive, usually 7 p.m.	Amend to " ... starting time of 7:00pm or as designated by the MMPL Executive"	
313	313 Matches will consist of a game format designated by the Executive Committee. (a) In accordance with the current structure of match format: No individual may play more than two rubbers during any match night. Only one of those two rubbers may be a singles rubber.	Amend to include "(Only applies to Divisions other than PREMIER and FIRST DIVISION)".	

	Amend to include "PREMIER and FIRST DIVISION - No player may play in more than 2 ROUNDS; a player must have played in at least one round to qualify for the tiebreaker"	
(b) If teams are level on points at the conclusion of games, a "tiebreaker" rubber (consisting of one frame) will be played by player(s) nominated at any stage of play during the match night.	Amend to add"(consisting of 3 singles frames). A player must have played in at least one round to qualify for the tiebreaker."	
314 314 Tables must be clean and level. Balls must be of standard competition size. The home team must have at least one (1) 'spider' and one (1) 'bridge' for competition nights.	Amend to "Balls must be of the red-spotted standard size"	
(a) It is the Clubs responsibility to ensure that environmental noise, table lighting, thoroughfares, and space around the table are acceptable to the MMPL executive for the proper conduct of the game. These high standards are a mandatory pre-requisite for Clubs participating in Premier Division.		
315 315 Full Team Lists must be written up before the first game and shall include the names(s) of, at maximum, two (2) reserves.	In PREMIER and FIRST DIVISION - only the first group of 4 players need be written up by start of play; the next group of 4 need to be written up after the first group finishes.	
(a) Status of Reserves: A reserve may be a non-MMPL member during the home-and-away season, but must register as soon as he/she plays. During the finals, all nominated reserves MUST be registered MMPL members who have also qualified to play in the finals (see Rule 328 (a)).		
(b) If no reserves are available, another player listed can substitute a player. The replacement player cannot play in more than two rubbers; see Rule 313 (a) above. Note: Simply replacing a player with a substitute does not constitute "changing the team order".		
(c) Player Substitution: A player may be replaced by a substitute at any stage of the match (exception: see Rule 316).		
(d) Both Captains on both score sheets must initial any change of playing order substitution.		
(e) Substitutions should be applied in the spirit of the game and not applied to gain unscrupulous competitive advantage.		
316 316 Any player(s) asked to leave the premises will forfeit any game(s) in which they were to participate. Substitutes cannot be used in this situation.		
317 317 If a Club has not written up their team list and/or the first game has not commenced within fifteen (15) minutes of the designated starting time, the first frame shall be forfeited. Each subsequent frame shall be forfeit on the expiration of five (5) minutes. On the forfeit of fifty percent (50%) of the frames, the other team will be awarded all points. (a) Score Sheets must be completed for all frames as if the frame had been played and forwarded to the Statistician in the usual manner. The requirement for sign-off by the opposing Captain under Rule 323 (b) may not be possible under these circumstances and an official protest should be lodged. (b) Clubs are strongly reminded of Rules 102 (b), 305 and 311 and the need for consistent and continuous communication between Captains on competition night.	Add " designated starting time of 7:00pm"	
(c) To finish the night the Captains should invite each Team to come together for a brief speech by each side.	Does not apply where there are "incomplete or forfeited late-starting matches"	

UNFINISHED MATCHES			
318	318 If a match is not completed on the date listed, the unfinished game(s) are to be played at the same venue on the following night, providing the MMPL Executive is first notified.	Amend to include "or at a time & place determined by the MMPL Executive".	
	(a) Scores must be phoned through immediately the game(s) are completed. The non-appearance by players involved will result in the forfeiture of game(s). Substitute players cannot be used and results can only be determined by the playing of games and not by the toss of a coin etc.	Amend to include "Scores may be initially reported either directly by telephone or by fax or by email"	
	(b) To avoid the occurrence of unfinished matches, a second table should be used, where possible.		
	(c) A match where both opponents forfeit their rubber shall be considered as an unfinished match.		
	(d) The Executive shall decide upon the appropriate course of action in the matter of unfinished matches.		
SCORING			
319	319 All frames are scored at 1 point for a win, nil points for a loss. Winner of the match is the team, on completion, with the highest number of points.		
320	320 Four (4) premiership points shall be awarded to the match winning team. Percentage shall be determined by dividing 'frames for' by 'frames against' and multiplying this total by 100, (FF/FA)*100. "Tiebreaker" frames shall be included in the percentage.	Amend to "Tiebreaker frames shall only be included in the percentage calculation for the Team".	
321	321 When teams have won an identical number of frames, the team that has the higher percentage score shall be placed in a higher position on the Premiership ladder.	Amend to "higher percentage to one decimal place"; add "if teams are still identical on premiership points & percentage at the end of the season, playoffs to decide FINALS placings will be held at a time & venue to be determined by the MMPL Executive"	
322	322 Player statistics shall be determined by dividing 'frames for' by 'total frames', multiplied by "frames for" and multiplying that result by 100, (FF/TF) * (FF * 100). "Tiebreaker" frames shall be included in the statistics.	Amend to " & dividing that result by RD, i.e. (FF/TF) * (FF * 100/RD) where RD = the number of rounds played in the season by each team."	
		Amend to include - "(a) From Summer season 2007-08, Tiebreaker frames shall NOT be included in the calculation of individual Player Statistics."	
		Amend to include - "(b) Separate trophies in each Division other than PREMIER & 1 st DIV shall be awarded to the Most Valuable Player (MVP); Best Singles Player; Best Doubles Player."	

		Amend to include - "(c) Separate trophies in each Division other than PREMIER & 1 st DIV shall be awarded to the RUNNER-UP for Most Valuable Player (MVP); Best Singles Player."	
SCORE SHEETS			
323	323 Match scores will be recorded on MMPL Score Sheet Books as supplied by the MMPL.	Amend to " MMPL Score Sheets as supplied by MMPL either directly or via email or by electronic link to the MMPL website."	
	(a) Score sheets must be correct in every detail. At the conclusion of matches, they are to be checked by both Captains and signed. Disputes and/or queries are to be stated on the score sheet as a designated protest. The opposing Captain must initial any alterations to the Score Sheets.		
324	324 Each Captain must ensure their Team Score Sheet is in the possession of the Statistician by 6 PM the Thursday following the match.	Amend to add "... Team Score Sheet is reported to the Statistician either directly by fax or by post or by email to be received by 6 PM Thursday following the match"	
	(a) Team points and frames won, as well as personal statistics, shall not be credited to a team until that team's Score Sheet is received.	Amend to add "by the due date; failure to provide the completed scoresheet within 10 days of the match shall incur a penalty of 1 premiership point for each week that the scoresheet is not supplied."	
	(b) Any Score Sheet not received by fourteen (14) days after the initial deadline noted in By Law 324 (a) will be permanently void.	Add "i.e. the team shall not have any team points from the match added to the official MMPL ladder, or any player statistics from the match included in the calculation of individual Player statistics".	
RESULTS OF MATCHES			
325	325 On receipt of ALL Match Results the Statistician will calculate the 'Ladder' and distribute a copy to each Club.	Add "either directly by post or by fax or via email or by electronic link to the MMPL website."	
326	326 In the event of teams being tied on points and percentages at the end of the home and away games, for a position in the Finals, these teams will be played off prior to the Finals, to arrive at the appropriate number of teams required. Such matches will come under the Rules as set out for finals matches (Rules 328 to 330).	Add " also refer to Rule 321".	
PROTESTS			
327	327 If the Captain intends lodging a protest, he must inform the Umpire and the opposing Captain when the incident occurs, but complete the Match.	Amend to "but must still complete the match".	

	<p>(a) Captains should always attempt to reach an agreement on the matter under consideration. Those disputes which cannot be resolved by teams in collaboration, should be referred to the MMPL Executive, by forwarding a written protest to the Secretary plus both Score Sheets, indicating the game concerned and the problem /dispute, by 5 p.m. FRIDAY following the match.</p>		
	<p>(b) Protests can only be made on what is considered to be the Umpire’s disregard for or lack of knowledge of the Playing Rules and NOT their inability to see every foul.</p>	<p>Delete “only” - inconsistent with (c) following.</p>	
	<p>(c) Protests can also be made in regard to a member’s conduct in the manner described in Rule 327 (a).</p>		
	<p>FINALS</p>		
<p>328</p>	<p>328 Finals matches are played in the same format as home and away games except for the relevant points listed in Rule 330. The structure of the finals will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Finals format shall be dependent upon the size of a division, that is less than or equal to 50% of the number of teams in the division shall be eligible to participate in finals. Refer to the Schedule of Game Formats.</p>	<p>Amend to add “Finals format or as the Executive determines”</p>	
	<p>(a) A player must have played in the minimum number of home and away games as designated by the Executive, to be eligible to play in the finals. Please refer to match format. Current MMPL policy is that greater than or equal to 50% of home and away games are needed to be eligible for finals (these do not include matches where a player is named as an emergency). Byes encountered after a player registers may also count as a “home and away” game for the purpose of determining eligibility.</p>	<p>Amend to add “ as designated by the Executive, and must be financial”</p>	
	<p>Matches played in more than one division will be combined to determine finals eligibility. Please note that eligibility for minor divisional finals may also be constrained by Rule 332 (d).</p>		
	<p>(b) The Executive will decide upon all officials for the Finals and all matches will have neutral Umpires.</p>		
	<p>(c) All finals will be played at independent venues and on tables as designated by the Executive.</p>		
<p>329</p>	<p>329 Teams participating in the finals, must give a written list of their players (including up to a maximum of two reserves), in selected order, to the Executive Official fifteen (15) minutes prior to the designated starting time, usually 7 PM.</p>		
<p>330</p>	<p>330 As soon as one team has gained the minimum number of points required to win the night, play will cease and any remaining games will not be played. Please also refer to Rule 336, and 336 (a).</p>	<p>What does Rule 336 have to do with this rule???? Delete reference to Rule 336 and 336 (a).</p>	
	<p>TEAM PROMOTION/RELEGATION</p>		
<p>331</p>	<p>331 Any promotion/relegation of teams between Divisions of the MMPL and composition of Divisions shall be at the discretion of the Executive but shall generally be based on major and minor season grading. The Executive shall also make the final decision upon placement of new teams into our competition. No club shall contain more than one team per division.</p>	<p>Amend to include “except at the discretion of the MMPL Executive Committee” after “one team per division.”</p>	
		<p>331 (a) Winter Season Grand Finalists of Divisions below Premier Division will be automatically promoted up to the next division; the bottom two “wooden-spooners” will be automatically relegated to the next division below.</p>	

		331 (b) If necessary there will be pre-season grading matches at the discretion of the MMPL Executive to determine the final two teams eligible for promotion or relegation.	
PLAYER PROMOTION/RELEGATION			
332	332 During any League competition, any club fielding more than one team may "promote" and "relegate" players on a weekly basis between these teams, subject to the conditions set out below: (a) A maximum of only two registered players (including reserves) can move from one team to another in any one/single round. This By-Law shall be vigorously enforced from the first round of a League fixture until the conclusion of the finals. (b) A player may only be included in one (1) team Score Sheet per week. (c) During the home and away season, a member who has played the majority of their matches in a particular division may be promoted more than one division above, but may be relegated only one division below in any one/single round. (d) During the finals, to qualify for a lower divisional final, a member must have played the majority of their matches in that division. Please note that members must be qualified to participate in the finals in accordance with 328 (a). (e) A member may participate in only one Grand Final per season. (f) For the purposes of determining individual player statistics, players contesting in more than one division will have separate records.	Amend to include "During any MMPL competition season" Amend to include "During any MMPL competition season"	
		Amend to "determining individual player statistics, and eligibility for Divisional awards and trophies, players contesting in more than one division will have separate records for each Division."	
UMPIRES DUTIES			
333	333 It is MMPL policy that each Club shall be competent in their understanding of the playing Rules during the course of the winter season. To promote this policy, each club shall successfully qualify at least one new club member to an Australian Eight Ball Federation "D" Class Umpire (or higher) each year. In accordance with this policy, the Executive shall hold at least one (1) "D" Class Clinic annually. "C" class and higher grading clinics may be organised upon application to the Executive. (a) To be thoroughly conversant with the MMPL Playing Rules, currently "WORLD RULES" and their relevant interpretations. (b) To know the MMPL By-Laws, particularly those dealing with player conduct, match procedures, protests, and Umpires Duties. (c) To be alert and pay attention to the game and players at all times whilst the match is in progress. Do not let your attention wander or engage in conversations or arguments. (d) Make sure that you are always get into the best possible position to witness a player's visit (even if this involves changing viewing position). This helps you to be as accurate as possible while umpiring a frame. (e) Ensure both the 'rest' and 'spider' are both available and near the table. Umpires should not carry 'rest' or 'spider' whilst umpiring, as it tends to cause Umpires to relax and stay in the one spot, by leaning on them. (f) Being courteous when talking to players and spectators, while being decisive with your decisions and calls.		
334	334 Before the start of the game, it is up to the Umpire to ensure that the table is clean and level		
335	335 During the normal playing of the game, the Umpire shall communicate to players in accordance with the 'Referees "Calling" Procedures' used in conjunction with the 'World Eight-ball Pool Federation Rules'.		

336	336 The participating players may substitute umpires during a game by necessity or at the request of the Captains or if he is deemed to be not carrying out his duties correctly.		
	(a) No Umpire shall leave a game without first, notifying the players concerned and introducing the substitute Umpire.		
337	337 Prior to the commencement of a competition night, and in particular finals, the Umpires may issue a 'block warning' Refer to 'World Rules': K (12) to all members and spectators, addressing the following issues:		
	(a) The penalties for Coaching, refer to 'World Rules': K (12)		
	(b) Player talking to anyone other than their Doubles partner during matches,		
	(c) Moving along the line of sight or adjacent to players who are playing a shot,		
	(d) Exercise restraint over noise and movement given: the number of people, restricted space, and nature of the event.		
	(e) Adherence to the Spirit of the Game principles related to barracking and supporting, derogatory comments about the opposition and/or Umpires and general good sportsmanship.		
338	338 Refer also to the WORLD RULES.		
	PROPERTY AND LEAGUE DOCUMENTS		
339	339 Where the Executive makes available MMPL property to Teams/Clubs and/or Venues, all such property shall remain the property of the MMPL. These items may include MMPL scoreboards, scorebooks, Club/ Team deposit books, stopwatches, umpire aids, and any other property the MMPL deems necessary.		
	(a) All such assets become the sole responsibility of any Club they are distributed to, and must be used by all Teams/Clubs for the benefit of the MMPL in general.		
	(b) In the event of loss or damage to these assets:		
	(1) The Club shall be liable for all property used by the teams within that Club.		
	(2) Only the MMPL may replace those assets to MMPL specifications. The MMPL shall invoice the Clubs, as they deem necessary.		
	(c) Before any Club/Team may receive their bond refund, they must return all property to the MMPL. Items not returned shall be deducted from the bond as the MMPL see fit.		
	340 to 399 held for future use.		
360	MMPL - FEES FINES & PENALTIES - WINTER 2008		
361	FEES	ALL fees fines and penalties are at the discretion of the Executive.	
	Team Bond (TBA refundable annually) - Winter \$100; Summer \$50		
	Team Registration (TBA not refundable) - Winter \$140*; Summer \$10		
	Player Registration (TBA not refundable) - Winter \$35; Summer \$10		
	Clearance Fee \$30+ TBA in each case		
	Clearance Fees are subject to the discretion of the Executive		
	*up to \$40 refundable if a team member qualifies as a "D" grade umpire - see Bylaw Rule 333		
362	FINES	ALL fees fines and penalties are at the discretion of the Executive.	
	Annual General Meeting - to be advised		
	Delegates Meeting - to be advised		
	Unregistered player - please refer to clause 310 in the Bylaws		
	Nightly scores - \$10 (not refundable)		
	Weekly score sheet - \$10 (not refundable)		
	Unqualified umpire - \$10 (not refundable)		
363	PENALTIES	ALL fees fines and penalties are at the discretion of the Executive.	
	Forfeited frames - see clauses 306 (c), 310 (a), 317		
	Forfeited matches - see clauses 310 (b), 317		
364	MATCH FORMATS - WINTER 2008		
	Coin toss decides which team to break first, then frames and rubbers alternate.		

365	PREMIER & 1st DIVISION - WINTER 2008		
	S1-S4 Singles Rubbers - ROUND 1 (4 x 2 frames)		
	S5-S8 Singles Rubbers - ROUND 2 (4 x 2 frames)		
	S9-S12 Singles Rubbers - ROUND 3 (4 x 2 frames)		
	T1-T3 Tie-breaker Singles ROUND (3 x 1 frame (coin toss))		
	Minimum number of individual players - 6		
	Maximum number of individual players - 12		
	No player may play in more than 2 ROUNDS		
366	TIEBREAKERS – WINTER 2008		
	If total frames are level at the end of S12, a BEST OF 3 frame tiebreak round is played.		
	A tiebreaker draw of 3 different players is submitted by each team.		
	Players submitted must have played in at least 1 round to qualify for the tiebreak round.		
	Coin toss decides the break - break to alternate. Final rubber T3 is played only if necessary.		
367	2nd & 3rd DIVISION - WINTER 2008		
	S1-S3 Singles ROUND – Rubbers 1-3 (3 x 2 frames)		
	D1 Doubles ROUND – Rubber 1 (1 x 1 frame)		
	S4-S5 Singles ROUND – Rubbers 4-5 (2 x 2 frames)		
	D2 Doubles ROUND – Rubber 2 (1 x 1 frame)		
	S6-S7 Singles ROUND – Rubbers 6-7 (2 x 2 frames)		
	T1-T3 Tie-breaker Singles ROUND (3 x 1 frame (coin toss))		
	Minimum number of individual players – 7		
	Maximum number of individual players – 11		
	No player may play more than one Singles rubber		
	No player may play in more than 2 ROUNDS		
	A singles player may also play one doubles frame or the tiebreaker but not both.		
	A person who has played both doubles frames can also play the tiebreaker.		
368	TIEBREAKERS – WINTER 2008		
	If total frames are level at the end of S7, a BEST OF 3 frame tiebreak round is played.		
	A tiebreaker draw of 3 different players is submitted by each team.		
	Players submitted must have played in at least 1 round to qualify for the tiebreak round.		
	Coin toss decides the break - break to alternate. Final rubber T3 is played only if necessary.		
369	TROPHY LISTING - WINTER 2008		
	Teams - Most Valuable Player (MVP) – 1 per team - (36)		
	Teams - Venue Acknowledgement Plaques – 1 per venue - (18-36)		
	Teams - Minor Premiers (if not in Grand Final) – (0-4)		
	MMPL Champ - Doubles Champions – 1 x 2 per Div (excl PREM & 1 st DIV) – (4)		
	MMPL Champ - Singles Runner-Up – 1 per Div (excl PREM & 1 st DIV) – (2)		
	MMPL Champ - Singles Champion – 1 per Div (excl PREM & 1 st DIV) – (2)		
	MMPL Champ - MVP Runner-Up – 1 per Div (incl PREM & 1 st DIV) – (4)		
	MMPL Champ - Most Valuable Player (MVP) – 1 per Div (incl PREM & 1 st DIV) – (4)		
	Grand Final - Individual Runner-Up (1 per qualified team member) – (26-46)		
	Grand Final - Individual Premiership (1 per qualified team member) – (26-46)		
	Grand Final - MMPL Honour Board/Shield (PREM DIV only) – (1)		
	Grand Final - MMPL Team Premiership Cup (1 per team per Division) – (4)		
370	POOL VICTORIA – INTERLEAGUE TEAM – (12)		

- Champion Of Champions – DIV 1 winner – (1)
- Champion Of Champions – DIV 1 runner-up - (1)
- Champion Of Champions – DIV 2 winner – (1)
- Champion Of Champions – DIV 2 runner-up – (1)

NEW BYLAWS FOR WINTER 2008

INTERLEAGUE TEAM – POOL VIC

- 371 371 The Interleague team selection shall be at the discretion of the MMPL Executive, and shall be based on individual player statistical rankings as determined by the Statistician for the current winter season as at two weeks prior to Interleague Day.
- 372 372 The Interleague team shall be drawn from the top 20 ranked players at the discretion of the MMPL Executive Committee based on the rankings as at two weeks prior to Interleague Day.
- 373 373 The Interleague team to represent MMPL at the Interleague Day shall comprise 10 players - 8 team members plus two reserves.
- 374 374 The players thus invited shall confirm their acceptance with the MMPL Executive no later than 5 days prior to Interleague Day.
- 375 375 Any players thus invited who are unable for whatever reason to accept the invitation of the MMPL will be suspended from representing the MMPL on Interleague Day for a period of two years.
- 376 376 Any withdrawals from the team selected to represent MMPL on Interleague Day shall be replaced by other players drawn from the top 20 ranked payers at the discretion of the MMPL Executive.

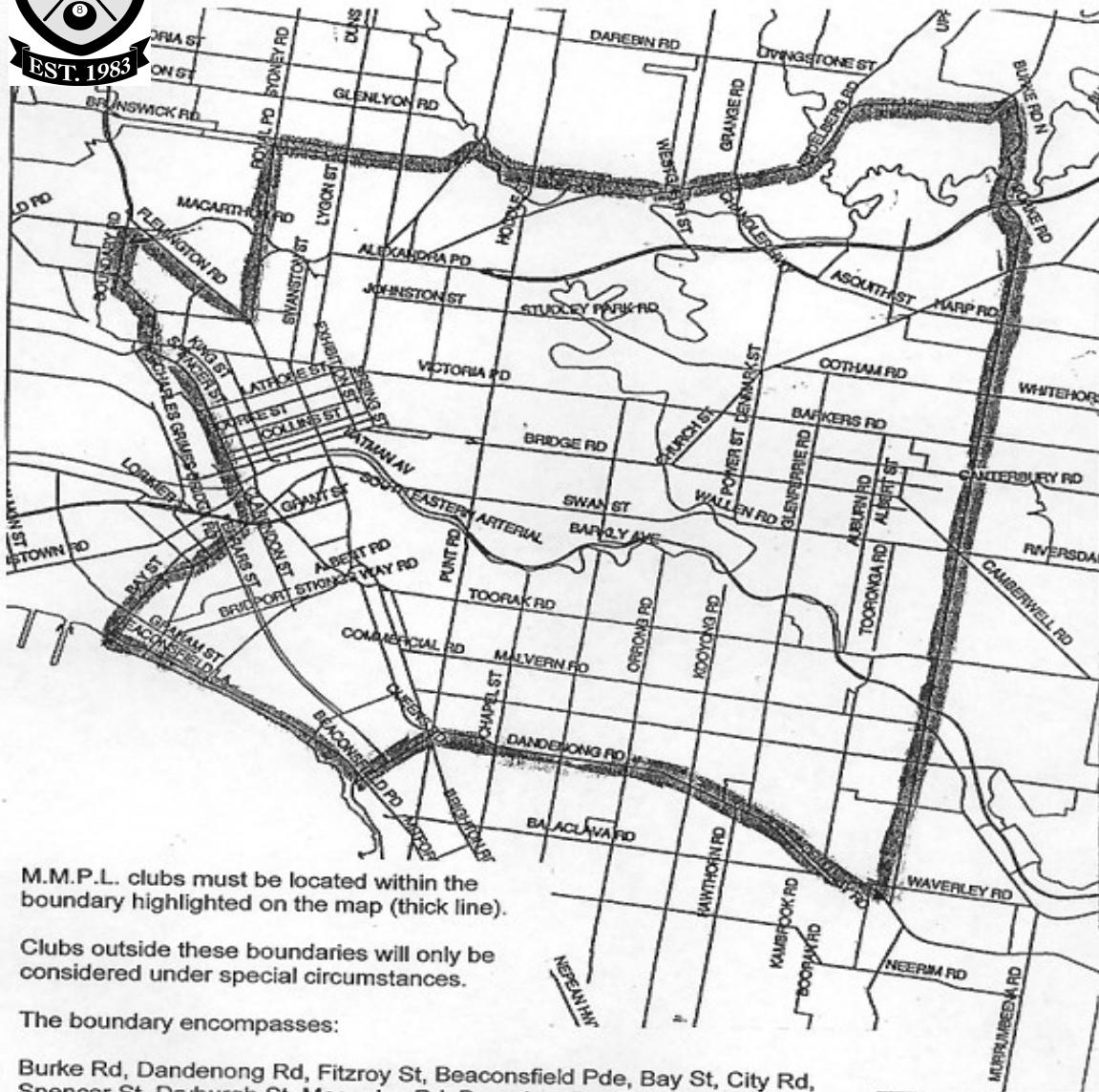
380 MMPL BOUNDARIES as @ 1999

The MMPL boundaries were last updated in 1999, and were defined as follows - clubs must be located within the boundary highlighted by the thick line on the map overleaf; clubs outside these boundaries will only be considered under special circumstances; the boundary encompasses -

- Burke Road;
- Dandenong Road;
- Fitzroy Street;
- Beaconsfield Parade;
- Bay Street;
- City Road;
- Spencer Street;
- Dryburgh Street;
- Macaulay Road;
- Boundary Road;
- Flemington Road;
- Royal Parade;
- Brunswick Road;
- Holden Street;
- St Georges Road;
- Merri Parade;
- Westgarth Street;
- Heidelberg Road;
- Lower Heidelberg Road;
- Burke Road North.



M.M.P.L. BOUNDARIES



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The boundary encompasses:

- Burke Rd, Dandenong Rd, Fitzroy St, Beaconsfield Pde, Bay St, City Rd, Spencer St, Dryburgh St, Macaulay Rd, Boundary Rd, Flemington Rd, Royal Pde, Brunswick Rd, Holden St, St Georges Rd, Merri Pde, Westgarth St, Heidelberg Rd, Lower Heidelberg Rd, Burke Road North.