

Season 2018/19 – Conditions of Play Updated link to website

The MBA is pleased to release the Conditions of Play for Season 2018/19. They are now available on the MBA website [here](#)

There have been a number of wording changes to reflect the changes with regard to membership categories under the new capitation system.

Significant changes

Other Gender (OG) players – Rule 2.6 has been amended to tighten the eligibility rules (2.6.2.1-2). A clause has been included to allow for exemptions (2.6.2.6)

No of ends – Saturday Premier League will now play 25 ends. Saturday Divisions 1 & 2 will stay with 21 ends (Rule 3.2). Saturday Premier League and Divisions 1 & 2 will continue to play straight through without a mid-game break. The number of ends required for a Saturday Premier League game to be deemed to be completed has been increased to 67 (Rule 5.8.1)

Afternoon tea breaks – Rule 3.16 now includes an advisory regarding the length of afternoon teas (15 minutes).

Umpires role in the drawing of the cards – Umpires now have the additional responsibility of supervising the drawing of the cards (Rule 4.1.2)

Recording results – The ‘Additional Player Used’ form has been discontinued. If a substitute or social bowler is used the details need to be included in the comments section when entering the results (Rule 4.3.3). A comment should also be included if a side plays a player(s) short.

Forfeiting a rink – If a Club is unable to fill their bottom side the option of forfeiting a single team (rink) is now permitted (Rules 5.4.1 & 5.6.2).

Scoring of forfeits & byes – these are now being treated the same (Rules 5.6.1 & 5.9.1).

Heat policy – While there has been no change to the actual rules there has been some additional information included about early start games (Rule 7.1) and a reference to a separate document being sent to Clubs which gives instructions about how to use the BOM site to read the temperature.



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