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TO: Metropolitan Clubs
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SUBJECT: Changes to Pennant Rules & Conditions 2017/18

Pennant Competitions

The following are the main changes for the coming season.

- **21 Ends.** All pennant matches apart from Wed 5 rink format to be 21 ends.
- **Practice & Trial Ends.** Practice on any rink allocated to the match until the cards are drawn. Cards drawn 12.15 pm Wednesday, 9.30am Thursday and 12.45pm Saturday. Trial ends/games start at usual times.
- **Wednesday/ Saturday Break.** Premier 1, Div.1, Div.2, will play straight through. We encourage clubs to limit the break to no more than 20 minutes TOTAL. Clubs to be asked to consider more efficient ways to deal with notices and raffles. Perhaps draw raffles after the game.
- **Thursday Break.** Pennant matches played with a 10-minute break after 11 ends.
- **Hot Weather.** Hot weather early start trigger to be as it was last season, except that 36C for all. When the temperature reaches 38C (36C on Thursday) play stops and does not restart. Temperature monitoring to be better defined.
- **Marquee games.** After the draw is circulated clubs will be able to nominate a club and a date for a marquee game. Very few marquee games will be allocated, to ensure these are competitive games where there is a rivalry between clubs.
- **Finals.** Following the success of last season's finals, they will be extended to Division 5 on Saturday which is then a comparable participation across all competitions. There will be a presentation at all venues. Trophies will be maintained for current divisions and plaques will be presented on the day. We are suggesting that medals be presented across all divisions and a sponsor be sought to facilitate this.

Future Planning. We have been careful not to change too much too quickly. We seek to develop a three - year plan with input from clubs and M & P Committee.

Please note that a complete Conditions of Play document will be sent to all clubs as soon as it is finalised. Conditions of play will also be on the MBA Web site.

Regards

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