

## Players Meeting – SACA HQ – Adelaide – 3 April 2006

1. Format of Ladies Open: It was proposed and carried that the ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> round losers (i.e. Players 9-16) go into a block of 8 with a single game round robin to be completed over 2 days. This was to give players more games against different opponents. In summary, top 8 to continue playing best of 3 for places 1-8, 9-16 to play round robin for places 9-16 and the remainder to play in the plate, preferably with blocks of at least 8, to give maximum games against different opponents.
2. It was noted that in the Men's event, in particular, the seeds (1-16) were given a 'warm up' match (against 33-48 seeded players) before meeting the 17-32 seeded players. Some discussion was carried out but no suitable solution was arrived at. In the end it was decided that the best we could do was to make sure all players and managers were fully aware that the players with a bye have the option of a 30min warm up with all 4 balls before commencing their game.
3. It was suggested that the 5 min warm up between games in a best of 3 be removed. This was carried 5/3.
4. It was suggested and carried, that the lunch break be removed and that players were expected to eat in the 5 mins between games or during turns as the out player.
5. Appropriate attire: it was mentioned that the guidelines include club and state colours but does not mention national uniforms. It was proposed and carried that we incorporate the WCF guidelines for international events which allows national colours to be worn and accepted as appropriate attire.
6. It was proposed and carried that all best of 3 matches be continuously played. That is, if a best of 3 is completed and there is sufficient time to commence the next best of 3 then this should be undertaken. Therefore, it is possible that the Men, in particular, could complete 2 best of 3's on the first day and a further 2 best of 3's on the next day. As opposed to this years format where we could only play 3 best of 3's over two days, which meant that we were finished by 2pm on the second day.
7. It was then proposed and carried (for the men), that best of 5 matches be carried out for the final and semi-finals if time permits.
8. It was noted that there are certain anomalies with the differences in the national handicap system and in particular the handicaps of the WA players. It was confirmed that this was a management error and not a player one. We were assured that the issue was in hand and that this would not happen again.
9. It was confirmed that the Ladies and Men's event are separate events and that they did not have to be run the same as each other.
10. It was proposed that these questions be sent to participating players to confirm these views, i.e. Questions 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 & 9 in particular.