

Player's raised the following issues:

**(a) Starting Time**

- we agreed that there was no need to start late on the first day – usually cooler than late afternoon, and provides extra playing time if required. We do need 30 minutes for the draw, so do draw at 0800 (14 votes) or 0830 (11 votes) and start playing 30 minutes after. The default on subsequent mornings should be 0800 but the TM can vary this, based on expected weather and state of play.

**(b) Court Allocations**

- everyone was happy for each Eight to be double-banked on one day.

**(c) Catering**

- everyone was happy with the food, and choices re lunch.

**(d) Format**

- most players endorsed the return to playing bo3 in 2014, although some preferred single games/round robin because there was less waiting around for opponents. Most however wanted more match play as preparation for overseas and to lift the standard in Australia (22 of the players present had represented Australia, as had 2-3 more in the Eights but not at the meeting). Different mindset between bo3 and triple round robin of single games.
- Greg Bury argued that our bo3s were not as hard or as long as overseas, so we'd be better off maximising our time on court, hitting balls. Triple round robins guarantee 21 games each, against as few as 14 games if all bo3s went only to 2 games each. Older players demurred. An auxiliary competition was suggested to provide extra games, against different opponents, for those who want it – a night comp?
- several players were keen to play a wider range of opponents – add a fourth day so it could be bo3 in Tens? Top 2 Tens play bo3, with round robin for the others? Is 40 players too many – back to 3 Tens? Two Tens & a 12?
- voting indicated that 27 players liked the 2014 bo3s. 15 were keen on extending to 4 full days play, but 16 preferred sticking to 3 days.

**(e) Hoops**

- we want tighter/firmer hoops, set by someone competent and then monitored during the day's play, like Marie & her crew at the Adelaide Worlds. Ideally we should pay someone to do this...

**(f) Future**

- it was noted that Australia had by far the oldest players at the World GC Teams, and we came eighth out of eight. Discussion ensued re that it isn't just about finding younger players, but developing hunger & passion. Need to want it, and to work together to improve the standard of play in Australia.

**(g) Timing**

- Susan Linge reminded everyone that claims for reimbursement are meant to be in before the Eights so that payments can be made ASAP.
- Susan also checked that players were happy that the current process gave enough time to book accommodation, flights, etc. Players felt it did.

**(h) Thanks**

- The players unanimously thanked Brian Reither for his work as TM; and the referees (particularly for putting in long hours in the heat!)