

MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN POOL LEAGUE

Formerly The Hawthorn District Pool League

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MMPL WINTER LEAGUE 2010

BASIC INFORMATION

PLEASE READ THIS MAILOUT CAREFULLY -
THERE IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL TEAMS AND MEMBERS

The Melbourne Metropolitan Pool League aims to encourage 8-ball competition in Melbourne's inner suburbs. You are invited to enter teams in this year's winter league. The MMPL provides a range of services to members during the winter season, such as rules and refereeing clinics, skills coaching, a singles tournament and a Presentation night at the end of the season.

INFORMATION & CALL FOR TEAMS:

The MMPL plays under World Rules. All matches are played on Tuesday nights starting at 7:00pm, with the home and away season running approximately 18 weeks from March to September, depending on team numbers. If there are enough teams there will be four divisions, similar to last winter season. The MMPL is calling for interested teams to register their interest by completing and forwarding a TEAM REGISTRATION FORM containing the names of at least 5 players and including the names and contact details of the Captain and Delegate by **Friday the 26th of February 2010**.

All teams must submit and forward fee payment to the MMPL no later than the end of the first week of the playing season (i.e. by no later than **Friday the 2nd of April 2010**). The appropriate REGISTRATION FORMS are being emailed with this document, and may also be available on the MMPL website at (www.mmpl.org.au/mmpl/resources.html), should the committee have access to it again in time.

Note: There must be a separate captain and MMPL delegate nominated for each team; each team must supply an email address and telephone contact number for at least two team members including the Captain and Delegate if possible; teams should only be entered once you are certain that you can field the minimum number of players (6 players - Prem & First Div, 7 players - 2nd & 3rd Div based upon last winter season's formats, 5 players minimum for any divisions that vote to play the recent summer format). By listing the names of players that you plan to enter, the MMPL executive committee will be able to determine a suitable division for you; promotion and relegation of players for teams in different divisions from the same venue will be considered; also, by entering this competition the teams and players agree to abide by the MMPL Constitution and Bylaws - refer to the MMPL Constitution and Bylaws on the MMPL website for more information (www.mmpl.org.au/mmpl/resources.html). This document includes rules outlining the responsibilities of Captains regarding player and spectator behaviour, and the responsibilities of players who may be officiating as umpires. It is recommended that all players familiarize themselves with these rules.

LEAGUE & MATCH FORMAT:

Suggested team numbers, based upon last season formats, are;
Premier: minimum 6 players, maximum 12 (singles only)
1st Division: minimum 5 players, maximum 10 (singles only)
All subsequent Divisions: 7-11 Players (singles & doubles)

Playing format details will be released, along with the Winter fixture and score sheets, after the next MMPL Delegates Meeting on Thursday the 16th of March 2010. Premiers and "wooden spooners" from Winter season 2009 and Summer season 2009-10, will be placed accordingly, although some flexibility will be incorporated to ensure an even level of competition. No matter what your standard or level of competitiveness, there will be a division that's right for you.



IMPORTANT DATES:

MARCH 14 th 2010 (Sunday)	SUMMER PRESENTATION DAY – Old Colonial Hotel, 127 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. 1pm-5pm. Awards, food, & limited drinks supplied.
MARCH 23 rd 2010 (Tuesday)	7pm Umpiring Clinic & Grading Test following - venue TBA
FEBRUARY 26 th 2010 (Friday)	Team Registration deadline. Late Entries Not Accepted
MARCH 16 th 2010 (Tuesday)	Winter MMPL Delegates meeting (voting on formats and other matters, questions from delegates, other information from the committee) - venue TBA
MARCH 30 th 2010 (Tuesday)	Winter Season starts (7:00pm)
APRIL 2 nd 2010 (Friday)	Fee payment deadline GOOD FRIDAY (Brunswick Club Tournament on the Friday, no MMPL play the following Tuesday)

*See also MMPL website calendar (Members will be advised when it is accessible to the committee for updating again) www.mmpl.org.au/mmpl/ccx/calendar.php

FEES & REGISTRATION PAYMENTS:

\$140 per team	Team Registration (\$40 refundable for umpire qualification rebate)
\$100 per team	Team BOND (refundable at end of season)
\$40 per player	Player Registration (non-refundable).

Additional players may be registered during the season - an initial player registration fee of \$10.00 is payable within 10 days after the additional player's first match , the remaining balance of \$30.00 will become due within 10 days after that player's second match. Note - qualification rules must be met in order for a player to be eligible for finals, i.e. a player must have played in 50% or more home-and away rounds.

Any outstanding fees must be paid by no later than the end of first week of the start of season (i.e. By Friday 2nd April 2010), in order for teams to be considered to be financial. Match point penalties will be applied to un-financial teams after that date for late payment of fees at the commencement of and throughout the rest of the winter season. Teams considered un-financial will be denoted as such on weekly ladders, and a continued un-financial status may result in suspension or expulsion from the competition.

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

Payments must be made either through deposit books that are supplied by the League or via internet banking (BSB: 033003, Account No. 277436, Account Name - Melbourne Metropolitan Pool League Inc) - please ensure you include an easy identifying descriptor for your team & the purpose of the payment e.g. "Team initials, Team Division and Season, for the Ning Nongs: "NN D2 W10" or Masters 2: "M2 D1 W10" - email the Treasurer if you require any assistance with MMPL online banking). Also contact the Treasurer (email & telephone number below) if you require an MMPL deposit book.

Please note that, apart from the above, there are no other acceptable methods of payment.



UMPIRE QUALIFICATION REBATE:

MMPL BY-LAW 333 states the following -

'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.'

To this end a clinic will be held in 23rd March at TBA. Each team that successfully qualifies a "D" Class umpire will be entitled to a rebate of up to \$40.00 of their Team Registration fee for the 2010 Winter season.

COMMITTEE CONTACTS:

	Contact Details	Primary Contact Data
President Paul Holmes	Mobile: 0425 769 336 Email: p.holmes@inet.net.au	Matters below that cannot be resolved by contacting the relevant committee members, or any matters not covered below.
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Member Anthony Johnson	Phone: 03 9428-3770 Email: ajohnson55308@yahoo.com.au	Venues, league records, history & general matters

The Executive is here to help you get the most out of your pool season and maximize your enjoyment of this great sport. Please email the Secretary if you have any general questions, feedback, suggestions etc, who will forward correspondence to the executive committee for their consideration and response. The decision as to which division your team is assigned to rests solely with the Executive. Our decisions will be heavily based on the registered line-ups for 2010, the results of Winter season 2009, and to a lesser extent, Summer season 2009-10. Promotion of Premier teams and relegation for wooden-spooners will be endorsed in most cases, whilst maintaining an objective of ensuring an even spread of competitiveness across each division. By entering this competition, the teams listed agree to observe and abide by the league's Constitution and By-Laws. These documents may be found on the MMPL website, www.mmpl.org.au/mmpl/resources.html, and include rules outlining the responsibilities of Captains regarding player and spectator behaviour, and the responsibilities of players who may be officiating as umpires. It is recommended that all players familiarize themselves with these rules.

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THE MMPL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(updated 26th. February, 2010)