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## **2019 BNL LEAGUE COMPETITION PROCEDURES**

Whereas the BNL Rules & Regulations are fully enforced, the following procedures and guidelines will apply in the 2019 season.

### ***PRELIMINARY ROUND***

- The will be 10 clubs participating.
- The clubs will play each other once (round robin)
- The total number of games played by each club will be nine
- The top eight finishers in the round robin will proceed to the ¼ finals stage.

### ***BNL ¼ FINALS***

- The clubs will be paired according to the position that they have secured during the preliminary round (log standing)
- The pairing for the ¼ finals will be as follows: position 1 will play position 8, position 2 will play position 7, position 3 will play position 6 and position 4 will play position 5.
- A once off knockout system will be used during this stage.
- The winners from the ¼ finals will proceed to the ½ finals.

### ***BNL Semi-final and Finals***

- The winner between position 1 and 8 will play the winner between position 4 and 5 and the second ½ final will be played by winner position 2 and 7 with winner between position 3 and 6.
- A once-off semi-final and final will take place.

### ***IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE***

To determine the qualifier for the preliminary round the following will apply:

- For the Top 8 club positioning, clauses 6 as per the Rules and Regulations of BNL will apply.
- Clauses 10.2 and 10.3 of the BNL Rules and Regulation will apply in all the games played under BNL.
- Clauses 5.4.3 of the BNL Rules & Regulations regarding the number of games to be played by restricted players will not be less than 7 games for the player to be eligible to play in the play-offs.
- For any other issues refer to the BNL Rules and Regulations.

Issued by the office of the General Manager:

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