

ABF Tournament committee resolutions Meeting Sunday 9 January 2005

THE LAST TRAIN – OPEN PLAY-OFF FEEDER EVENT

The Management Committee has approved the concept of The Last Train. This event, an Open Playoff Feeder event, will allow a final opportunity for players, not already qualified by PQPs, to win a place in the field for the 2006 Open Playoff. It will be held over two days of the 2006 Summer Festival at the same time as the National Women's Teams and the National Seniors Teams. Other details are given in the minutes of the TC meeting of 8 September 2004.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PLAYOFF

It was resolved that entry to THE LAST TRAIN will be open. Entrants must sign a "Declaration of Availability" (to represent Australia in international competition in 2006) before the THE LAST TRAIN commences. Non-signatories will be deemed ineligible for the playoff.

CONVENOR

It was resolved that Eric Ramshaw should convene THE LAST TRAIN.

APPRAISAL

It was resolved that the TC should appraise the merits of the LAST TRAIN as soon as practicable after the 2006 Summer Festival, whether it should continue, and whether it should applied to Open and Women's Playoffs.

2005 PLAYOFFS – FINAL DETAILS

SEEDING

It was resolved that, teams will be seeded automatically on the basis of total PQPs.

DISQUALIFICATION

It was resolved that, should a team be disqualified (for whatever reason) during or at the conclusion of stage 1 of the Playoffs, the third placed team in stage 1 will be deemed the third semi-finalist and the fourth and fifth placed teams in stage 1 will play a knockout to determine the fourth semi-finalist.

DEADLINE FOR REGULATIONS

It was resolved that the draft regulations will become firm 14 days before commencement of the Playoffs.

2005 INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS TRAINING CAMP

It was resolved that a training camp (along similar lines to the 2004 camp) will be held in Sydney on the weekend of 9-10 July. All players qualified to represent Australia in international competition in 2005 will be expected to attend. In addition, all other participants in the 2005 Playoffs are welcome to attend the training camp provided that they give advance notice of their intentions.