ERMC 2016

PLAYERS LATE FOR THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT

Scope

This policy is about how to proceed if players arrive late, or not all, at the start of the tournament. ERMC2016 is a large event with approximately 150 players, referees and related personnel, plus venue staff and catering arrangements to consider. It is essential, therefore, to prepare contingency actions that must be taken to ensure that the tournament commences on time.

There are already EMA rules in place about player lateness at the start of a single hanchan and these rules will be applied where appropriate.

General Principle

If a player is late for the start of the tournament then they will be replaced by a standby player. If the standby player is able to play all rounds of the tournament on the same Player ID then they will compete equally with all other competitors and will be eligible to win the tournament.

If the standby player is unable to compete in all rounds in this way then they will be deemed to be a substitute player only, for the rounds in which they play.

Registration closes at 9.45am. The opening ceremony follows in the Grand Hall at 10am. In this case there are 45 minutes from the close of registration to the start of play. Any players who have not arrived and registered at the control desk by 9.45am, Friday, 7th October 2016 risks being withdrawn from the tournament.

In the event that there are multiple late players then the tournament organisers reserve the right to reduce the number of competing players to match the number of participants arriving on time, and rounded up to the next full table by introducing standby/substitutes players accordingly. There are contingency plans available for all scenarios down to 112 players.

Players who have missed the start of the tournament are welcome to stay and become part of the pool of substitute players, if needed, but they will not be able to participate as a competitor in the tournament.

Mitigation

In the event that a player is running late for a justifiable reason then they should alert the organisers by telephone at any time during the registration time period as follows:

- Richard Langtry, Event Director +44 (0) 7941 002521
- Ian Fraser +44 (0) 7545 225003
- Peter Langford +44 (0) 7776 132978

Provided that the call is made before registration closes at 9.45 a.m., the organisers may allow a time extension to give the player(s) a chance to get to the venue before the start of play (an extra 45 minutes). In this case, by exception, the organisers may deem the telephone call to be sufficient for the purposes of registering for the tournament on time. Nevertheless, if the player has still not arrived by the start of play then the organisers will appoint alternative players as above.

Final Decision

The organisers will use their best efforts and judgement to cope with any deviation from plan in a fair and reasonable way to ensure a smooth and successful tournament but ultimately the Organisers decision is final.