

Order of Merit.

Match Rule 3.

All Clubs shall by 8 pm Wednesday following the fourth Saturday Competition match, **(31/10/09)** supply to the relevant Score Steward a written list in true order of merit, the names of all regular members of such Club participating in the Competition.

ANY PLAYER DOES NOT HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ORDER OF MERIT UNTIL AFTER THEY HAVE PLAYED 4 MATCHES, AFTER WHICH THEY MUST BE GIVEN A RANKING. PENALTY - Failure to submit list by this time will mean that the club must play teams in order of merit as per the fourth week.

Club/or Team Captains

Please read Match Rules 2 to 4, about Order of Merit, carefully.

With the **4th** week's round score sheets (Round 4 – 31st October), you are required to lodge your order of merit list. This list must include **every** player who has played 4 matches (i.e. even fill-ins who have played 4 matches).

A separate list is required for the Singles Competition and the Doubles Competition. (Players may be on both lists if they play across both competitions).

The 4 week rule before players must be included in the Order of Merit (OOM) allows flexibility, especially for fill-ins, to play at short notice in different teams if required, before they must be given a ranking and thereafter play to that ranking.

You may wish to give regular players, who have not played 4 matches after round 4, a ranking on this initial OOM list, knowing where they will be playing, but be aware, once any player is given a ranking that is where they must play. i.e. if a person fills in once **and you register them and advise the Score Steward of an OOM number**, they must play to that ranking whenever they play again.

The OOM list commences from Round **5 (7/11/08)** and penalties (forfeiture of singles) apply for playing more than one position out of order.

It is no longer necessary to advise of the interchange of any two consecutively listed players and, also, the requirement to remain in the new position for 2 weeks has been removed. i.e. consecutively listed players can interchange 1 week and then change back again the next week without penalty, just by listing in singles order on scoresheet.

It is still necessary to seek prior permission to change OOM more than one position. Be aware, changing more than one position on the OOM, without prior notification, will incur a forfeiture of singles for the player (s) out of order.

4. Alterations to Order of Merit – Minor Rounds Only

- (a) (i) Interchange of any two consecutively listed players can be done on the front of the score sheet on the day played without penalty. No notification is required to Score Steward.
- (a) (ii) Any player playing more than one position out of order of merit will have their singles forfeited and shall, without exception, return to the correct position for the next match
- (b) Alterations other than those described in (a) (i) can only be effected with the permission of the Senior Match Committee following receipt of a written application. Such application must be in the hands of the relevant Score Steward by 7 pm Tuesday preceding the Saturday on which the alteration is required.
- (c) Order of merit means the order of merit as officially notified to the relevant Score Steward in accordance with Rules 3 and 4 (a) (i), having no regard whatsoever to the internal rules and regulations of individual clubs.

Clubs/Teams must advise of a change in the OOM of more than one position. This change made to OOM must be advised, in writing, to the relevant Score Steward by 7:00pm on the Tuesday preceding the Saturday on which the change is required. i.e. you must advise before you make the change.

See Match Rule 4 (b) above.

If you are not sure about an OOM issue, contact your Score Steward.

We would rather the situation be clarified than have to issue a penalty that can change a match result.