



# **SNOOKER & BILLIARDS**

## **CENTRAL COAST Inc.**

### **“SUMMER HANDICAPPED TEAMS EVENT”**

### **2025-26 FORMAT**

#### **1. TEAMS**

- a. A competition round will be played each **Wednesday night** (excluding Public Holidays and other special events)
- b. All Teams are required to field five (5) players per round (match)
- c. All players must be registered and financial members of SBCC at least one (1) round prior to playing
  - (i) To be a registered member of SBCC you must be a financial member of the team's Snooker & Billiards Club
- d. Eligibility is open to all SBCC members
- e. Each team may consist of up to nine (9) registered players
  - (i) Application for additional registered player/s must be in writing to SBCC at least one (1) round prior to intended registration.

#### **2. PLAYING FORMAT**

- a. All teams will compete in a round robin home & away format (preliminary rounds)
- b. Five (5) players are required to play each round
- c. Three (3) players minimum must play to constitute a match
- d. Each player is required to play best of three (3) frames of snooker
- e. Game scores must be recorded, including any high breaks. Home team captain will be required to record all match scores and send results by text (0404 553 043) to recorder on the night of the match. Results to be emailed to [results@snookercc.com](mailto:results@snookercc.com) if not sent by text
- f. One (1) point will be awarded for each frame won
- g. One (1) point bonus will be awarded when all team members play in a similar club shirt identifying the Club they represent.
- h. All games will be played off allotted handicaps
- i. Handicaps will change weekly depending on win or loss
- j. Team Captains can select their players in any order
- k. A written list of each team's players with their handicap and order of play must be provided to the other team's captain (preferably in an envelope) prior to commencement of play (preferably 10 minutes before play is to commence). There will be no changes once the teams have been recorded in score books (except for extenuating circumstances). (Penalties apply for wrong handicap)
- l. If a substitute is required refer to rules for substituting a player – *see 7. Substitutes*

- m. One (1) "Foul and a Miss" rule will be played in this competition. Player's decision as to whether the cue ball is to be replaced
- n. A version of the "Mercy Rule" will be used, when a player needs snookers, when all reds are off the table, they must lay a snooker within three (3) strokes or the frame is over

### **3. FORFEITS**

### **(Fines & Penalties Apply)**

- a. If a player forfeits the opposing player will be awarded two (2) points as winning
- b. Three (3) players are required to commence play in each of their games by 6.30pm. If any of these three (3) players are not ready to commence play on time a team forfeit will be registered.
- c. If player four (4) or five (5) is not ready to play as soon as a table becomes available, he/she will lose the first frame, if still not present 15 minutes after play was scheduled to commence, the game will be awarded to the opponent as a forfeit
- d. A team recording a win by forfeit will be awarded points as follows:
  - (i) The maximum points earned by any other team for that round

### **4. FINALS QUALIFICATION & FORMAT**

- a. A finals competition will follow the preliminary rounds
- b. SBCC Board will nominate which venue will be used for any of the Finals matches.
- c. To be eligible to play in the finals, an individual will need to have played a minimum of 40% or more matches within the preliminary rounds.
- . (i) Teams tied at the completion of preliminary rounds will be selected based on a count back of all recorded results. First count back will be based on overall matches won, second count back will be based on frames for & against, third will be the overall results when the two teams have played.
- d. Finals format will be best of three (3) frames
- e. The team that wins two games will be deemed the winner (match play)
- f. No bonus points for team shirts in semi-finals (dress code rules apply).
- g. Minor Premiers will be offered the choice of venue for their first finals match only (excluding Grand Final).
- h. SBCC will determine the venue for all finals matches.
- i. SBCC has the right to reschedule and/or allow substitutions in the event extenuating circumstances impact unfavourably on a team's ability to compete.

### **5. HANDICAPPING**

- a. All players nominating to play will be set a handicap for the commencement of this competition.
- b. Fluctuating handicaps will be enforced weekly based on the players win/loss results.
  - (i) When a player wins their game, they will lose 2 points to a maximum of -60
  - (ii) When a player loses their game, they will gain 2 points to a maximum of +60
  - (iii) No change to handicap when a player receives a forfeit.
- c. Adjustments of players handicaps will cease at the end of preliminary rounds, i.e. all players' handicaps will be "frozen" during finals.
- d. SBCC makes every effort to ensure all players are handicapped correctly, however in the interest of fair play SBCC may at any time adjust a player's handicap.

## **6. DRESS CODE**

- a. Preliminary rounds
  - (i) Dress standard will be as deemed acceptable by licensed premises.
  - (ii) All players must wear a team shirt identifying the club they represent to be awarded a bonus point.
- b. Finals
  - (i) Long pants
  - (ii) All players must wear a team shirt identifying the club they represent
  - (iii) Enclosed shoes (no thongs, work boots or sandals)
  - (iv) No bonus awarded for team shirts in semis
  - (iv) Any change to the above will be decided by District Representative on the night.
- c. Any exemption to these rules must be applied for in writing to SBCC no later than one (1) round prior to scheduled play.

## **7. SUBSTITUTES**

- a. Clubs are able to make changes to their teams to ensure a competitive balance and compliance is maintained however there are strict guidelines that must be followed:
  - (i) Registering more than the allowable players per team must be requested in writing
  - (ii) New player registration may be done any time prior to the start of the last full round of the competition
  - (iii) Teams may not register a player if he/she has already played in another team
  - (iv) All requests must be made in writing to SBCC Secretary and a response will be provided within seven (7) days. (No request on the day of competition will be considered).
- b. Substitution – in the event a team is faced with forfeiting a game a substitute player is permitted providing they comply as follows:
  - (i) Only one (1) player maybe substituted per round.
  - (ii) Must be a registered SBCC player with an allocated handicap.
  - (iii) May not play finals (unless registered and played minimum qualification rounds).
  - (iv) Registered in the same team
  - (v) Not already registered in a team within the same competition, unless as a last resort to avoid a forfeit, a Club with two teams in the competition, may nominate from amongst available players from the Clubs' other team, the player with the highest handicap to be a substitute.

## **8. MARKERS**

- a. Preliminary rounds – Markers are not required
- b. Finals – where possible referees will be scheduled to all finals games

## **9. PLAYER BEHAVIOUR**

- a. All registered players and captains are required to adhere to the ABSC Code of Ethics (excluding the non-consumption of alcohol clause).
- b. All registered players and captains are required to adhere to the SBCC Etiquette guidelines. Both of these are available to read on [www.snookercc.com](http://www.snookercc.com)

- c. All players must comply with any requirements and/or directions of the management and staff at the venue (i.e. the licenced club where games are played).

#### **10. TEAM FEES**

- a. Team registration fee: \$125
- b. Player registration fee \$35
- c. Player membership fee maybe applicable if not a current financial member, fees are outlined on player registration application form
- d. All fees will be invoiced to the member club who will be responsible for payment of registration fees

#### **11. OFFICIAL RULES**

- a. Rules will apply to all games as per the **OFFICIAL RULE BOOK** of the **AUSTRALIAN BILLIARDS & SNOOKER COUNCIL (Nov 2019 Handbook)** and are to be observed at all times.

#### **12. DISCLAIMER**

- a. SBCC prepares competitions for all members, by participation you automatically agree to all the terms in this document.
- b. The SBCC Board reserves the right to alter any rules pertaining to this format at any time deemed necessary and appropriate in the best interest of its members and SBCC.