



**SNOOKER & BILLIARDS**

**CENTRAL COAST Inc.**

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## **“A GRADE WINTER COMP”**

### **FORMAT 2025**

#### **1. TEAMS**

- a. Any Member Club may enter a team after ensuring that all players are current financial members of the nominating Billiards & Snooker Club
- b. All players must be financial members of SBCC prior to playing and renew membership if due during the competition
- c. All players must remain financial members of nominating club to be eligible to play
- d. There is no limit to registered players per team
- e. New registrations will only be accepted up to the start of the last complete round
- f. Player registration/s must be received a minimum 5 days prior to scheduled play
- g. A player cannot be transferred from another team once they have played a game for another team

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

- a. A competition round will be played each Monday night (excluding Public Holidays and other special events)
- b. All teams will compete in a round robin home & away format for the preliminary rounds
- c. Three (3) players are required to compete each round (match)
  - i. Two (2) players are required to constitute a match
  - ii. If a player forfeits his game the opposing team will be awarded the game win (1 point)
  - iii. If a team forfeits all three (3) games the opposing team will be awarded the highest points scored by any other team on the night
- d. Three games must be started by 6:30pm
  - i. If the third player is not present to start the game at 6:30pm a one (1) frame penalty is to be applied immediately and after each 15 minutes a subsequent frame penalty applied until the game has started or three (3) frames have been conceded.
- e. The competition will be Match Play
  - i. Each player will play a best of five (5) frames game. Two (2) points will be awarded to the winner
  - ii. All three (3) games must be completed.
  - iii. The team winning the most games will be deemed the winner
  - iv. All Finals will be played as “Match Play”, (Best of 5 frames format)
- f. Captains can choose to play their team in any order.
- g. All frames will be played off handicaps
- h. Handicaps will go up or down two (2) points for win or loss
  - i. SBCC may at any time change individual players handicaps.
- g. Frame scores must be recorded.

h. The Home team captain must ensure:

- i. That results are sent via text to the recorder (0404 553 043) on the evening of the match
- ii. To Email a Copy/Scan/Photograph of the official team sheet to the recorder within 24 hours of the match, but preferably on the night to: 0404 553 043 or [results@snookercc.com](mailto:results@snookercc.com)
- iii. One (1) team point is offered to any team when all players present in team shirts identifying the club they represent, but must be of same colour & design

### 3. PLAYING 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
- b. The "Foul and a Miss" rule will be imposed on all games in this competition. Should a player Foul, then this will be an automatic Foul & Miss. The opposing player will have the choice to put the white back. The ball can only be put back once.
- c. The "Mercy Rule" will be applied to all frames. Points difference required for the frame to be 'awarded' will be 3 snookers plus 1 point with each of the colours left on the table.  
This rule can only be applied after there are no reds left on the table.
- d. **Venue Closures:** In the event a game cannot be finished due to the forceful completion and/or exiting a venue due to playing exceeding the venue trading hours, any frames not completed will be classed as a draw and both teams will receive one (1) point for each outstanding frame.

### 4. FINALS

- 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.

### 5. PRIZE-MONEY

- a. SBCC will provide a cash prize to the representing member clubs for this competition instead of individual trophies
- b. The Winning Team will be rewarded with 60% and the runner up 25% of the prize pool
- c. The prize pool will be determined by the player registration fees less referee fees where required.

### 6. DRESS CODE

- a. **Preliminary rounds:**
  - i. Dress standard will be as deemed acceptable by licensed premises.
  - ii. All players must wear team shirts identifying the club they represent, but must be of same colour & design to get the one (1) bonus point
- b. **Finals:**
  - i. All players **must** wear team shirts identifying the club they represent, but must be of same colour & design
  - ii. Players must wear enclosed shoes, long pants (no trackpants)

### 7. SUBSTITUTES

- a. As there is no limit to how many players a team can register, players will only be able to play in the team they are registered.

## **8. REFEREES**

- a. Where available referees will be requested to officiate in Grand Finals only and will be paid for their service

## **9. PLAYER BEHAVIOUR**

- a. Players and captains are required to adhere to the ABSC Code of Ethics available to read on [www.snookercc.com](http://www.snookercc.com) (excluding the non-consumption of alcohol clause)
- b. Players and captains are required to adhere to the SBCC Etiquette guidelines, available to read on [www.snookercc.com](http://www.snookercc.com)
- c. 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 \$125.00
- b. Player registration fee of \$35.00
- c. Player membership fee may be 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. 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

## **12. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

Players are to familiarise themselves with the SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY as set out in Australian Billiards and Snooker Council website: [absc.com.au](http://absc.com.au) It can be found under ABSC, GOVERNANCE, ABSC GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS, ABSC Social Media Policy.

**ANY PLAYER OR MEMBER OF SBCC USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO DENIGRATE, BELITTLE, PUTDOWN, INTIMIDATE OR BE DEEMED NOT TO BE ACTING IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OPPONENTS, REFEREES, OFFICIALS OR THE BOARD OF THE SBCC WILL BE SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY.**