

## **“WINTER BILLIARDS 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 they must renew membership if it falls due during the competition
- c. All players must remain financial members of nominating club to be eligible to play
- d. There is maximum of 8 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 Tuesday 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. Each round will consist of 6 x 1hr timed games
- d. A minimum of three (3) players are required to compete each round (match), however a team can field up to 6 players on the night. All playing 1 x 1hour game
  - i. Three (3) players are required to constitute a match
  - ii. If only three players are scheduled to play, then they shall each play two (2) 1 hour sessions, with a 10 minute break after the first hour. Captain's choice order of play, however the order must be 1, 2, 3, and then they can play in any order for games 4, 5 & 6.
  - iii. If a player forfeits the opposing team will be awarded the game win (2 points)
  - iv. If a team forfeits, the opposing team will be awarded points equal to the maximum points earned by any other team for that round (up to 13 Points)
- e. Three games may start no later than 6:30pm
  - i. If the third player is not present to start the game at 6:30pm, a Twenty-Five (25) point penalty is to be applied immediately to the waiting opponent. If not started after 30 minutes the game will be awarded to the waiting opponent
- e. The competition will be Points Play
  - i. Winner will receive 2 points, losing player will receive 1 point if they lose by 1 - 30 points
  - ii. The team scoring the most points will be deemed the match winner. Should both teams score the same points, then a draw will be recorded.
- f. All games will be played off handicap
  - i. Players may play in any order regardless of handicap
  - ii. Captains are responsible to record the correct handicap when listing your team, penalties apply for playing with an incorrect handicap

iii. A handicap model applies:

1. Any game that a player wins, their handicap will reduce by 5
2. Any game that a player loses, their handicap will increase by 5.
3. All handicaps will be adjusted for the following round.
4. Should any match result in the same scores being recorded, this will be classed as a draw, except in any finals matches, and both players will receive 1 point each.

iv. 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.

g. Game scores must be recorded

h. The Home team captain must ensure that:

- i. Results are texted to the recorder, at 0404 553 043, on the evening of the match
- ii. A Copy/Scan/Photograph of the official team sheet is emailed to the recorder within 24 hours of match. Email to: [results@snookerccc.com](mailto:results@snookerccc.com)

i. 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. **Venue Closures:** In the event games cannot be finished due to forceful completion (blackout or fire) the games will be deemed a draw and all players will be awarded 1 (one) point

### 4. FINALS

a. A finals competition will follow the preliminary rounds

b. Finals will be points play. In the event that scores (points) are locked at the conclusion of the final game, each captain will choose 3 team members who have played on the night to each play another 30min match. SBCC Official to complete draw and Table Selection. These games will be match play and the team winning 2/3 games will be determined the winner. All Handicaps will be halved during these games.

c. To be eligible to play in the finals, an individual will need to have played in a minimum of 40%, or more, rounds within the preliminary rounds.

d. SBCC Board will nominate which venue will be used for any of the Finals matches.

### 5. PRIZE-MONEY

a. SBCC will provide a cash prize to the representing member clubs for this competition

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 registrations 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 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 teams are able to register up to 8 players in a team, 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 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. 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.**