



**SNOOKER & BILLIARDS**

CENTRAL COAST Inc.

## **“WINTER TEAMS COMP” FORMAT – 2025**

### **1. TEAMS**

- a. Only member clubs are eligible to enter teams
- b. Players must be financial members of the nominating Billiards & Snooker Club
- c. Players must be financial members of SBCC prior to playing and renew membership if due during the competition
- d. All players must remain financial members of nominating club to be eligible to play
- e. 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 scheduled each Wednesday 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. Players
  - i. Six (6) players are required to compete each round (match)
  - ii. Each player will play two (2) frames singles snooker
  - iii. Each player will play one (1) frame of doubles snooker
  - iv. Singles Frames are to be played prior to doubles. Should any match not be finished, and be required to stop due to venue restrictions, both players will receive one point each.
- d. Forfeits
  - i. Four (4) players are required to constitute a match
  - ii. If a player forfeits the opposing team will be awarded 1 frame point for each frame forfeited
  - iii. If a team forfeits, points will be awarded equal to the maximum points earned by any other team for that round
- e. Commencement of games
  - i. Three (3) games must start by 6:30pm, but can start as early as 6:00pm as long as players are available to play
  - ii. Any club that has 4 or more tables, **may choose to use all tables**. If a player is not available to play at 7:30pm, then the first frame can be forfeited. Refer to rule “e.vii” for further rules.
  - iii. Home team captain to determine order of play and table allocation during the preliminary rounds
  - iv. SBCC official will determine order of play and table allocation for all finals matches
  - v. Players may compete in any order, however the order as written in the scorebook will also determine the pairing for the doubles: i.e., 1&2, play together, 3&4 play together and 5&6 play together.
  - vi. At the completion of any game another player must be ready to play until all frames are completed.
  - vii. If any player is not present to start the game when scheduled or required a one (1) frame penalty is to be applied immediately and after each 15 minutes a subsequent frame penalty applied.

- viii. All frames will be played off handicap
- f. Competition points will be awarded as follows:
  - i. One (1) point awarded for each frame won
  - ii. One (1) point bonus for compliance of preliminary round dress code
  - iii. In the event that all frames have been played and points are even, if the last match is unable to be finished, then a draw will be called.
- g. The Home team captain is responsible for:
  - i. Frame scores must be recorded
  - ii. The score sheet must be filled out **neatly and legible** for the recorder to read
  - iii. Results MUST be text to the recorder 0404 553 043 on the evening of the match, Email a Copy/Scan/Photograph of the official team sheet to the recorder within 24 hours of match [results@snookercc.com](mailto:results@snookercc.com)

### 3. HANDICAPPING

- a. All registered players will be set a handicap for the commencement of this competition
- b. Handicaps will fluctuate on a weekly basis based on the players win/loss results of singles games only
  - i. When a player wins both singles frames, they will lose 2 points to a maximum of -50
  - ii. When a player loses both singles frames, they will gain 2 points to a maximum of +50
  - iii. No change to handicap when singles frames are drawn
- c. Singles frames – handicaps are to be applied in full
- d. Doubles frame – handicaps are to be added together then halved
- e. In the interest of fair play, SBCC reserves the right to adjust handicaps at any time

### 4. 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. Variations to the official rules:
  - i. The “Foul and a Miss” rule will be imposed on all games in this competition, if deemed the player has not made a “fair” attempt to hit a ball on, the non-striker may elect to have the cue ball replaced, however, only once per sequence.
  - ii. The “Mercy” Rule, forcing **END OF GAME**, will apply to all frames.

The points difference required for the frame to be ended in favour of the points leader **after the last RED ball has left the table** must represent the value of the Colours on the table (27) PLUS 3 “snookers” + 1 point. (being at minimum 13 points) - as per the below table.

The frame cannot be awarded to the points leader until the player has completed a break, or stroke, and if, at completion of the break or stroke, all points or fouls have been awarded:

*i.e. The frame is awarded at the **end** of the break – e.g. if potting the yellow puts a player 40 in front, but then fouls on the green, the frame is NOT awarded as the points difference would only be 36.*

Ball	Difference	Colour
	40	Yellow
	38	Green
	35	Brown
	34	Blue
	32	Pink

c. **Venue Closures:** In the event a game cannot be finished due to the forceful completion and/or exiting a venue due to play exceeding the venue trading hours, any frames not completed will be classed as a draw and both teams will receive 0 (zero) points for each outstanding frame.

## 5. FINALS

- A finals competition will follow the preliminary rounds
- SBCC Board will nominate which venue will be used for any of the Finals matches.
- 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.

## 6. PRIZE-MONEY

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

## 7. DRESS CODE

- Preliminary rounds:**
  - Dress standard will be as deemed acceptable by licensed premises.
  - All players must wear team shirts identifying the club they represent to get the bonus point. Shirts must be of same colour and design.
- Finals:**
  - All players must wear team shirts identifying the club they represent. Shirts must be of same colour and design.
  - Players must wear enclosed shoes, long pants, (no track pants).

## 8. SUBSTITUTES

- Teams may use a substitute player throughout the preliminary rounds to avoid forfeiting games providing these guidelines are followed:
  - Two (2) players may be substituted per round
  - Must already be a registered player of this competition
  - Must be a registered player of the same club being represented
  - A player cannot play finals for a team as a substitute
  - Playing as a substitute does not count towards your 40% participation
  - A substitute player can only play a maximum 2 matches for another side from the same club.

## **9. REFEREES**

- a. Referees are not provided for any games in this competition
- b. Where available a referee may officiate the Grand Final match and will be paid for their service.

## **10. PLAYER BEHAVIOUR**

- a. Players and captains are required to adhere to the ABSC Code of Ethics and ABSC social media Policy available to read on [www.snookercc.com](http://www.snookercc.com) (excluding the nonconsumption 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).

## **11. 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

## **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

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