



## QBSA State Ranking Tournament Playing Conditions

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- Modified condition 1-A. Changed from IBSF to WPBSA.
- Added condition 1-H.
- Modified condition 1-I. QBSA Management Committee will now have to approve the Total Prize Pool.
- Modified condition 1-N. Reduced from 12 weeks to 8 weeks.
- Added condition 1-R.
- Modified condition 2-G. The QBSA will now do the Full Seedings list for the event.

These Playing Conditions have been created so that whether or not it is a QBSA run State Ranking Event or a State Ranking Event run by an affiliated club, the format and rules will be consistent and known to players.

### **1. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- a) All tournaments will be played subject to the Rules of Snooker as prescribed by the WPBSA.
- b) All tournaments will be played subject to the Australian Code of Conduct and Ethics, which are available on the ABSC website: [www.absc.com.au](http://www.absc.com.au)
- c) All tournaments are subject to the ABSC Disciplinary Rules & Procedures.
- d) A copy of these 'Playing Conditions' should be displayed at the Tournament venue during the event.
- e) All clubs or venues must be affiliated to the QBSA.
- f) All Tournaments will be played over a single weekend, at a single venue, including the Friday evening unless officially sanctioned by the QBSA.
- g) The minimum number of entries for a Snooker Event must be 24 or more, and for a Billiards Event must be 16 or more. The minimum number of entries for a Women's event is 8 or more.
- h) The Entry Fee amount can be set by the tournament organisers.
- i) The minimum total prize pool must be \$1000 Australian Dollars or more. Prize Money is to be paid to the winners no later than 48 business hours after the completion of the event. The Total Prize Pool will need to be approved by the QBSA Management Committee.
- j) There is to be No Smoking and No Alcohol consumed by players or referees during a game.
- k) Qualified Referees must be used at a minimum from the Quarter Finals onwards. It is at the discretion of the tournament organisers if Qualified Referees are used for any other matches.
- l) The QBSA minimum dress code of Pennant Dress is to be enforced at all tournaments. Collared shirt, full-length dress trousers, socks and enclosed shoes. Women's minimum dress code can include predominately plain

coloured shirts with sleeves below the elbow, dark trousers or dark skirts, no shorter than kneecap. Jeans, cargo pants and other non-dress trousers, joggers or runners are not acceptable. However, should the tournament host club have a dress minimum, or wish to enforce one, of a higher standard then it shall be the minimum on that occasion.

- m) Random Drug testing could be conducted at any State Ranking Tournament.
- n) The tournament's entry form must be provided to the QBSA Management Committee via email no less than 8 weeks before the event unless special permission is granted to give later than this date. The entry form must reference the minimum Terms & Conditions, drug testing acknowledgement, and the 'Sanctioned State Ranking Event' logo as supplied by the QBSA.
- o) Aramith Tournament Champion SuperPro1G balls must be used for Snooker events. Aramith Pro Cup Billiard balls must be used for Billiards events.
- p) Players under suspensions or bans by the WPBSA, IBSF, ABSC or its Affiliates will be ineligible to enter any Queensland State Ranking Tournament. Furthermore, the QBSA will support bans imposed by Clubs where players have breached the acceptable Code of Conduct required for entry to that Club's premises.
- q) QBSA Affiliated clubs who hold a sanctioned Queensland State Ranking Event, following these Playing Conditions, will receive \$500 Australian Dollars from the QBSA to support the event's running. The affiliated Club will need to send an invoice before receiving payment.
- r) Each QBSA Affiliated club will only be able to run a maximum of two QBSA Ranking Tournaments per year.

## **2. EVENT FORMAT AND SEEDING**

- a) The tournament must be classed as "Open" to allow participation by as many players as possible. Handicap or Age Restricted events will not be sanctioned as a Queensland State Ranking Event. This excludes Women's events as long as they are not Handicap or Age Restricted.
- b) Match duration for Straight Knockout and Double Eliminations formats will be a minimum Best of 5 frames for early rounds and minimum Best of 7 for the Final. Round Robin matches must be a minimum of Best of 3. All Billiards matches must be a minimum of 75 minutes.
- c) For events given double ranking points, a minimum of Best of 7 frames from the Round of 16, and a minimum Best of 9 for the Final. Billiards matches must be a minimum of 90 minutes.
- d) The defending Champion will be seeded #1. If the current Champion does not defend their title, the seedings will be fully seeded directly from the Queensland State Rankings. The runner up from the previous year's tournament is not afforded any special considerations and is seeded according to their current Ranking.
- e) Except for the defending Champion, seeding for all Tournaments will be fully seeded from the Queensland Ranking List only. Any players without a current ranking must be randomly drawn into the remaining seed positions.
- f) If visiting Interstate or International players enter the event, the QBSA Management Committee reserves the right to give a unique seed to that player. Tournament organisers are to forward to the QBSA Management Committee the names and any player profile available for visiting Interstate or International players entering any event before the draw.
- g) Once entries have closed, a list of the tournament entrants must be emailed to the QBSA Management Committee. The QBSA Management Committee will create a full seedings list, and will perform any random

seedings via Facebook Live. Please allow 48 hours for this process to be completed. The completed seedings list will then be sent to the tournament organisers so they can do the draw and the playing schedule.

- h) The tournament format in preliminary rounds will be at the discretion of the tournament organisers in consultation with the QBSA. Either straight knockout, staggered draw, or round-robin may be applied. However, matches from the Round of 16 must be a straight knockout.
- i) If a Round Robin format is used for the preliminary rounds, then the following must apply:

### **SNOOKER**

#### **IN EACH GROUP, TO DECIDE PLACINGS:**

- 1) Games won.
- 2) Frame differential.
- 3) Result between the players.

#### **ON COMPLETION OF THE ROUND ROBIN STAGES, THE GROUP QUALIFIERS WILL BE RE-SEEDED AS FOLLOWS:**

- a) Least number of games lost.
- b) Highest Frame Average (i.e. FRAME DIFFERENCE divided by GAMES PLAYED).
- c) If two or more players are tied, their seeding position will revert to their current Queensland Ranking.

### **BILLIARDS**

#### **IN EACH GROUP, TO DECIDE PLACINGS:**

- 1) Games won.
- 2) Points differential.
- 3) Result between the players.

#### **ON COMPLETION OF THE ROUND ROBIN STAGES, THE GROUP QUALIFIERS WILL BE RE-SEEDED AS FOLLOWS:**

- a) Least number of games lost.
- b) Points differential/average.
- c) If two or more players are tied, their seeding position will revert to their current Queensland Ranking.

### **3. AFTER THE EVENT**

- a) Each tournament's results must be emailed to the QBSA Management Committee, with all frame scores and high breaks of 50 or over, within 72 hours of completing the event. This is to facilitate the update of the Queensland State Rankings.
- b) A photo of the winner, preferably at the time of the trophy presentation, along with a brief tournament summary, must be forwarded to the QBSA Management Committee as soon as possible after completing the tournament. These will be published as a news story on the QBSA website. The photograph should be suitable for publication – at least 1000 pixels in each dimension, well-focused and well-lit.
- c) A report on the tournament must be forwarded to the QBSA Management Committee as soon as possible after the tournament, highlighting any encountered issues, such as players forfeiting frames/matches, or any disciplinary action that may be required.

**Any deviation from these Playing Conditions, unless approved by the QBSA before the tournament's commencement, will exclude the tournament and its results from the Queensland State Ranking Scheme.**