



2021 Queensland Billiards and Snooker Association Inc. Junior Development Support Program

White to Black Program Rollout

The Australian Billiards and Snooker Council have been working with the WPBSA over the past 12 months to bring the White to Black Program to Australia.

The QBSA will help educate our affiliated clubs about the program and make available the resources needed to execute the program throughout the juniors in their club.

Resources will include promotional materials, administration documents and training aids.

Clubs will also be encouraged to contact the schools in their local areas to introduce the White to Black Program as a school sport, or at the very least let the students know about their club and the junior program they have.

If the clubs have any questions or need assistance, they will contact the Queensland State Head of Juniors for guidance.

Junior Coaching

The Queensland State Head of Coaching will work closely with the Queensland State Head of Juniors to develop and scalable coaching program and accreditation system for all QLD Coaches. They will ensure that any Junior Coaches have their required Blue Cards.

The QBSA will help promote any QBSA Accredited Coaches and will pass on details to any juniors who contact the QBSA looking for a club/coach in their area.

Junior Referees

The Queensland State Head of Referees will work with the ABSC to get more juniors involved and accredited as Referees.

Junior Referees will be given close support to help encourage their participation and development as a referee.

National Ranking Events and Queensland Residents

As per the direction of the ABSC, any player under the age of 18 years old will be given free entry into any National Ranking Event held in Queensland and free entry into the Queensland Residents State Titles.

State Junior Titles

Each year the QBSA will hold the following Junior State Championships to match up with the Australian National Junior Championship State Team selection:

Under 12 Snooker

Under 16 Snooker

Under 18 Snooker (combined with Under 18 Girls Snooker)

Under 18 Billiards

Each event will be a straight knockout and will be held during the September School Holidays. They will be fully seeded based on the Queensland Junior Rankings list. Any player without a current ranking, will be randomly drawn into their seeding position.

National Team Selection

The following positions on the Queensland State Junior Team for the Australian National Junior Championships will be filled as follows:

Under 12 Snooker - Winner of State Title.

Under 16 Snooker - Winner of State Title.

Under 18 Snooker - Winner of State Title.

Under 18 Girls Snooker - Winner of State Title.

Under 18 Billiards - Winner of the State Title.

If the same person is the winner in multiple events, they will need to choose the single spot they will represent. The QBSA will then offer the extra spot to the next highest finisher of the given event.

Junior Events

The QBSA will only be running the State Junior Titles each year. Our affiliated clubs will be encouraged to run their own Junior Events as part of their own Junior Development Program.

If a club complies with the QBSA State Junior Ranking Tournament Playing Conditions, the event will be sanctioned as a Junior Ranking Event and award Junior Ranking Points.

Juniors and their parents are encouraged to also speak to their local club about the possibility of more Junior events held at the club.

Junior Rankings

A Queensland State Junior Ranking list has been created to rank the current Junior players and will be used to fully seed Junior State Titles and Junior Ranking Events.

The system will be the same as the current Snooker, Billiards and Womens State Rankings, with ranking points earned from both non-junior and junior State ranking events.

Junior Funding

Any QBSA affiliated club that implements their own Junior Development Program, which the QBSA Board of Directors deems to be sufficient in its size and focus, will be awarded \$1000 per year to help with the

program. This funding must be used within a given year and must be used to run the program. Clubs will need to prove the use of funds at the end of each year.

Junior Players who wish to request funding assistance from the QBSA will need to apply directly to the QBSA Board of Directors in writing. To be successful, players will need to show a certain skill level and have high participation in QBSA run events, such as the Queensland Residents, State Ranking Events and Club Leagues.

The QBSA encourage juniors to look into their funding opportunities via family and friends, Crowd Funding, Local Business Sponsorships, Government Grants and their local affiliated clubs.