



QBSA State Junior Ranking Tournament Playing Conditions

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1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- a) All tournaments will be played subject to the Rules of Snooker as prescribed by the WPBSA, unless otherwise agreed to by the Tournament Director and QBSA Management Committee.
- 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
- 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 Entry Fee amount can be set by the tournament organisers.
- h) No prize money is to be offered at any Junior Ranking Event. Trophies and prizes can be given. Prizes may include sponsorship for a specific upcoming event.
- i) There is to be No Smoking and No Alcohol consumed by players, referees or the tournament director during the tournament. Spectators will not smoke or consume alcohol in the playing room.
- j) Qualified Referees must be used at a minimum for the Final. It is at the discretion of the tournament organisers if Qualified Referees are used for any other matches.
- k) The QBSA minimum dress code of Pennant Dress is to be enforced at all tournaments for the group stages and rounds. 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. Full dress is expected for the semi-finals onwards.
- l) Random Drug testing could be conducted at any State Junior Ranking Tournament.
- m) The tournament's entry form must be provided to the QBSA Board 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 Junior Ranking Event' logo as supplied by the QBSA.

- n) Aramith Tournament Champion SuperPro1G balls must be used for Snooker events. Aramith Pro Cup Billiard balls must be used for Billiards events.
- o) Players under suspensions or bans by the WPBSA, IBSF, ABSC, QBSA 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.

2. EVENT FORMAT AND SEEDING

- a) The tournament must be classed as "Junior" and only allow entrants under the age of 18 years old as of the 1st January in that calendar year. These events must be open to all Juniors under this age and cannot be age restricted. eg. Under 15, Under 12 etc. The exception to this is the State Titles which will be scheduled based on the age groups as stipulated by the ABSC (currently U12 snooker, U15 snooker, U18 snooker, U18G snooker, U15 billiards, U18 billiards. Please note that for the 2023 State Titles, there will be an U16 age group instead of an U15 age group. After 2023, this will return to U15).
- b) Match duration for Straight Knockout and Double Eliminations formats will be a minimum Best of 3 frames for early rounds and minimum Best of 5 for the Final. Round Robin matches must be a minimum of 1 frame. All Billiards matches must be a minimum of 45 minutes with a minimum of 75 minutes for the final.
- c) The State Titles, unless otherwise decided by the Tournament Director and QBSA Board, will be run as per the ABSC format for National Championships.
- 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 Junior 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 (regardless of format) will be fully seeded from the Queensland Junior Ranking List only. Any players without a current ranking must be randomly drawn into the remaining seed positions. Those randomly drawn into seed positions are not deemed "seeded players".
- f) If visiting Interstate or International players enter the event, the QBSA Board reserves the right to give a unique seed to that player. Tournament organisers are to forward to the QBSA Board the names and any player profile available for visiting Interstate or International players entering any event before the draw.
- g) State Titles do not allow for visiting Interstate or International players. State Titles are open to Queensland residents and residents of northern NSW who belong to Far North Coast (provided those juniors do not also play in the NSW State Titles). State titles will attract double ranking points.
- h) Once entries have closed, a list of the tournament entrants must be emailed to the QBSA Board. The QBSA Board 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. It is preferred that all QBSA Junior Ranking Events are run on the QBSA Challenge page so that a record is able to be kept by the Association.
- i) The tournament format in preliminary rounds will be at the discretion of the tournament organisers in consultation with the QBSA. Either straight knockout, double elimination, or round-robin may be applied.

j) 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) Players that top their group will be placed into once group and re-seeded based on:
- 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 Junior Ranking.
 - d) If players do not have a ranking, placing will be randomly drawn (in a public place).

This group of players will then be seeded into the knockout draw as per the diagram below.

B) Players that finish second in their group will be placed into two groups dependent on where the player who topped their group is positioned into the knockout draw. Second place players will be placed into the opposite half of the knockout draw then re-seeded based on:

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If taking more than two players from each group through to the knockout stages, the player finishing 3rd will be placed into the same half of the knockout draw as the player finishing 2nd within their group. The player finishing 4th will be placed into the same half of the knockout draw as the player who finished first in their group. Players will be re-seeded based on the criteria as per A) and B).

BILLIARDS

IN EACH GROUP, TO DECIDE PLACINGS:

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

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- A) Players that top their group will be placed into once group and re-seeded based on:
- a) Least number of games lost.
 - b) Points differential/average.
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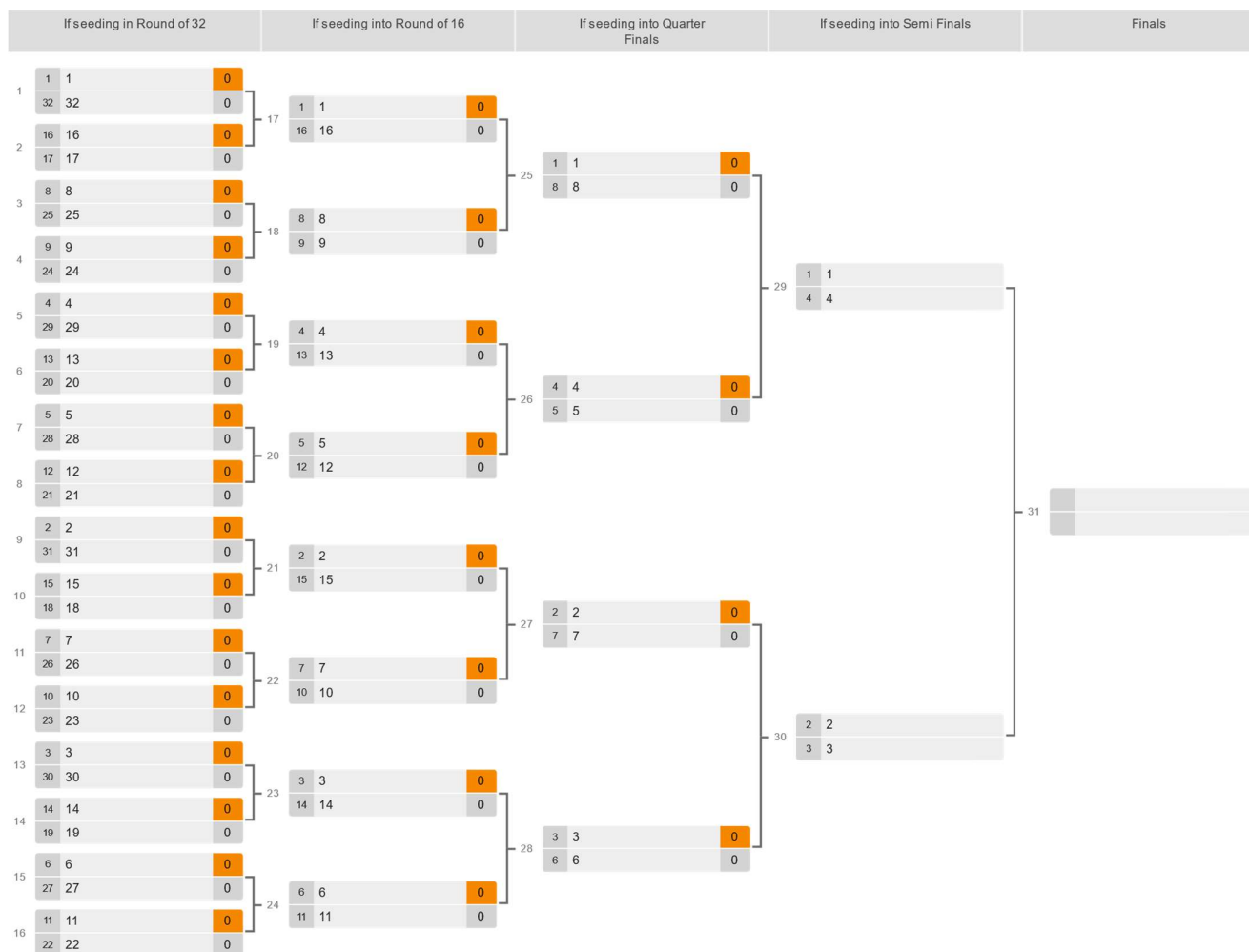
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Diagram - Seeding into a knockout draw (if using Challenge, the system should automatically place players into the correct location):



example knockout



3. AFTER THE EVENT

- a) Each tournament's results must be emailed to the QBSA Board, with all frame scores and high breaks (U12: 20 or over; U15/U16/U18G: 40 or over; U18: 50 or over), within 48 hours of completing the event. This is to facilitate the update of the Queensland State Junior Rankings. A link to the Challenge page is sufficient as long as high breaks are noted in the Description section on the Settings tab of the tournament in Challenge.
- 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 Board within 3 hours after completing the tournament. These will be published as an online news story on the QBSA website and/or social media page/s. 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 Board within 48 hours 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.