QBSA State Ranking Tournament Playing Conditions

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 and Billiards as prescribed by the WPBSA, unless otherwise agreed to by the Tournament Director and QBSA Board.

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 associations, clubs or venues holding the event 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 total prize pool must be $1000 Australian Dollars or more. Prize Money is to be paid to the winners no later than 48 hours after the completion of the event. The Total Prize Pool will need to be approved by the QBSA Board. State Titles are not required to pay any prize money.

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 for the group stages and rounds. Collared polo (plain or snooker related) or collared button-up shirt, full-length dress trousers, socks and enclosed leather dress 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 must be worn for the semi-finals onwards.

m) Random Drug testing could be conducted at any State Ranking Tournament.

n) 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, anti-doping policy statement ("I have read and understood and agree to abide by the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy, effective from 1 January 2021, and found on the Sport Integrity Australia website (https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/what-we-do/anti-doping/world-anti-doping-code/australian-national-anti-doping-policy) being the anti-doping policy adopted by The Australian Billiards & Snooker Council and applicable to all members, participants and non-participants."), 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, 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.

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 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 with the exception of Women's only events which can be a minimum of one frame in the round robin. All Billiards matches must be a minimum of 60 minutes in the group stage, 90 minutes for the semi final and two hours for the final.

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. Women's only events may be minimum best of 3 from round of 16 and best of 5 for final. Minimum criteria for billiards matches is as stated at b) above.

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. Randomly drawn players are not considered to be "seeded" when considering ranking points at the end of the tournament.

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) 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.

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) 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:
     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).

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.

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) Points differential/average.
   c) If two or more players are tied, their seeding position will revert to their current Queensland Junior Ranking.
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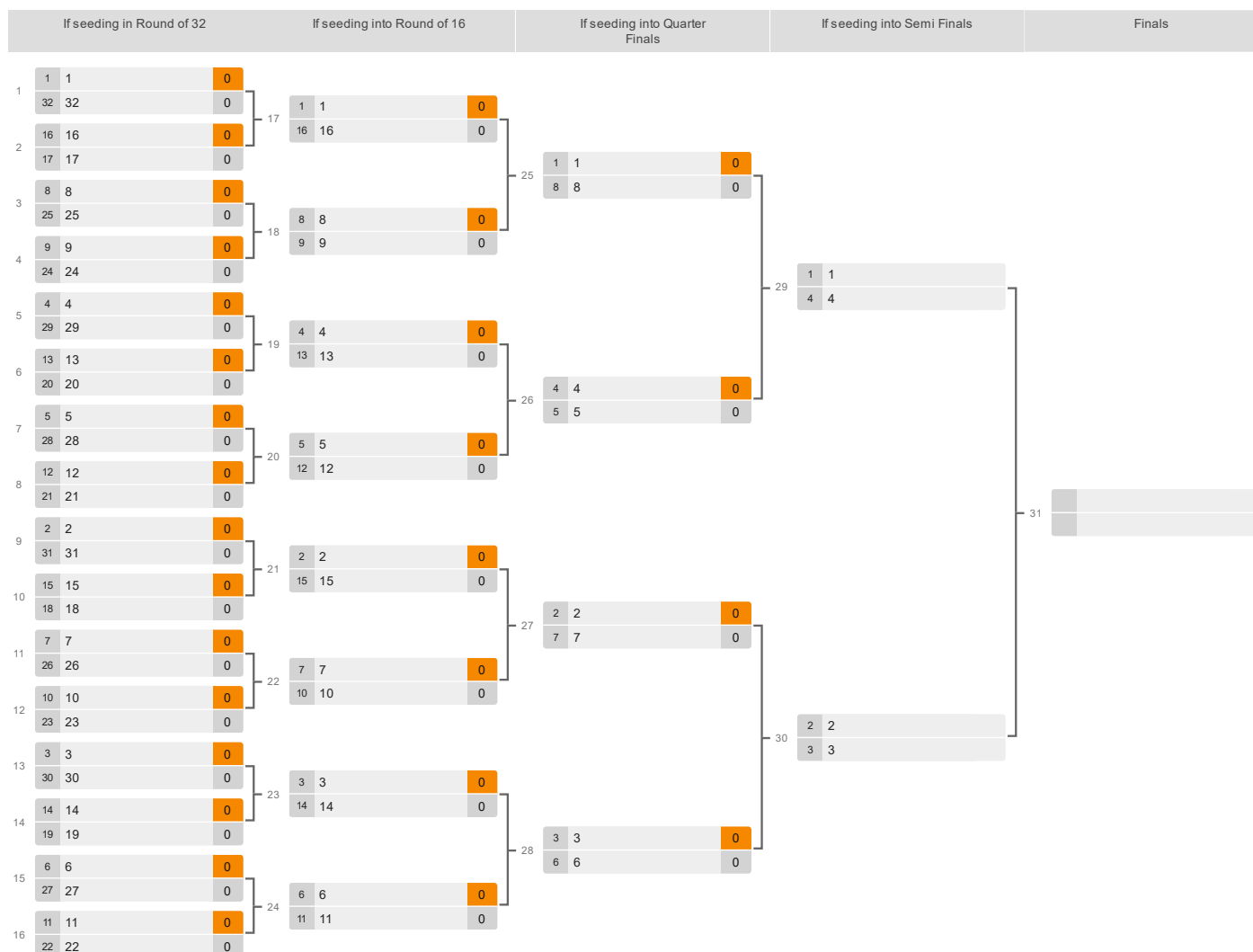   a) Least number of games lost.
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Diagram - Seeding into a knockout draw (if using Challonge, the system should automatically place players into the correct location:

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 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 Board 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 Board within 72 hours of completing the event, 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.