

## AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT NUMBER	DATE	ARTICLE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	June 2010	Rewrite	Changes from meetings and rewording and collection of like subjects
2	7 June 2011	Numerous	Word changes and start table.
3	9 June 2011	Rule 10 A,i,b	Snooker. Division 2 player playing in Division 1
4	21 <sup>st</sup> Nov. 2011	Rule 14 (d) & (e) iv	Mailing results have changed + playing off wrong handicap changes
5	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2012	Numerous	Word changes and rule amendments from rule meeting Nov 2012
6	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2013	Numerous	Word changes and rule amendments from rule meeting Nov 2013
7	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	Numerous	Changes from meeting May 2014
8	20 November 2014	Numerous	Changes from Rule change meeting Nov 2014
9	12 December 2014	Numerous	Changes from Committee meeting Dec 2014 (Changes marked by revision marks in left hand margin).
10	3 September 2015		Formatting corrections
11	11 <sup>th</sup> November 2015		Changes accepted at the 2015 Rule Change Meeting
12	20 <sup>th</sup> November 2015		Changes to handicapping for Division 1 players playing down in Division 2

<b>CLUBS</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	
Bomaderry Bowling	154 Meroo Rd, Bomaderry	2541
Bulli Workers 02-42843379	313 Princes Highway, Bulli	2516
Coledale RSL 02-42671873	731 Lawrence HargraveDr, Coledale	2515
Corrimal Leagues 02-42848222	54 Railway Street, Corrimal	2518
Corrimal RSL 02-42844055	168 Princes Highway, Corrimal	2518
Dapto Leagues 02-42611333	Bong Bong Road, Dapto	2530
Fraternity Bowling 02-42833333	11 Bourke Road, Fairy Meadow	2519
Shellharbour Club 02-42967155	Shellharbour Road, Shellharbour	2529
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## ILLAWARRA BILLIARDS & SNOOKER ASSOCIATION INC.

The following rules apply to all competitions conducted by or with the approval of the Illawarra Billiards & Snooker Association Inc.

### **RULE 1**

#### Competition

- a) All competitions will be conducted as set out in the Official Rule Book.
- b) All matches will be played under the Australian Billiards and Snooker Council Rules.
- c) There is to be no smoking until all games have been completed

### **RULE 2**

#### Venue

- a) All players must use the playing facilities of the host Club or Venue.
- b) Any complaint regarding these facilities must be forwarded, in writing, to the Association Secretary.
- c) The Association Committee will then address the issue and any action considered necessary will be taken.

### **RULE 3**

#### Registration

- a) Registration of players and affiliation of Clubs will be accepted at a special meeting on a date and place to be decided by the Committee.
- b) The appropriate fees must accompany registrations and affiliations.
- c) Players must re-register at the appropriate time to be eligible to play competition Snooker and Billiards.

### **RULE 4**

#### New Registrations

- a) New registrations will only be accepted on the official registration form with all applicable fees sent to the Association. The Association will then consider the application.
- b) If straight forward, they will notify the Club of acceptance. If there is any apprehension, it will then go before the Committee.
- c) Any new registration, submitted by any club, failing to have supportive ability status, including past playing grade and possible year, will be given a grade / handicap equivalent of Div 3 or 20 in Snooker or Div 2 in Billiards. If the players ability is understated by the club then the Committee may at their discretion:-
  - I. fine the club,
  - II. deduct all points won by the player from all Divisions
  - III. both of these

- d) Late re-registration of a player after the first competition round in each grade, will be addressed by the Committee on its' individual merits. This late registration may attract a late registration fee.
- e) Players may play only after their Club secretary has been given notice of acceptance and a membership card has been issued.

## **RULE 5**

### Transfer of registration

Once a player has registered to play competition with a particular Club he / she must apply for a transfer to play for another Club in that or any other competition. Reasons for transfer must be substantial and addressed by the Committee.

- a) All applications for transfer must be submitted on the official form to the Association Secretary and be signed by:
  - i. The Player.
  - ii. The present Club.
  - iii. The new Club

and shall incur a fee, if during the season. If transferring at end of season no transfer fee will apply

- b) Players will not be eligible to play for the new Club until advised by the Association Recorder to the new Club Secretary.

## **RULE 6**

### Dual registration

A player, playing in the graded competition for their registered club may play for another club in the 1 Table / 2 table competition provided the matches are not played on the same night.

## **RULE 7**

### Registration & Playing Fees

- a) Re-registration fees will be \$30 per player, paid at the appropriate time, to be eligible to play competition Snooker and Billiards during the next season.
- b) Any new registration will attract a fee of \$35.
- c) Any late registration will attract a fee of \$40
- d) Three frames is \$4.00 Two frames is \$3.00 per player per round.

## **RULE 8**

### A) Affiliation Fees

Affiliation fees are as follows:

- Two Table competition \$75
- One Table competition \$50

## B) Meetings

Non attendance of meetings shall incur the following fines:

- 1<sup>st</sup> with no apology \$ 25.00 fine
- 2<sup>nd</sup> with no apology \$ 50.00 fine
- 3<sup>rd</sup> with no apology \$100.00 fine

## **RULE 9**

### Grading and Handicaps

- a) Grading and handicaps will be based on performances in the previous competitions, information to be produced by the Recorder.
- b) For new players, grading / handicaps will be based on information supplied by the nominating Club and / or at the discretion of the Committee.
- c) Players will be allotted their grading / handicaps before the next playing season or after a new registration has been accepted.
- d) The Committee will at their discretion or upon a request, in writing, from an affiliated Club may reassess the handicap / grading of a NEW player at any point during the competitions up to the start of the Finals series.
- e) Players will have their handicap changed 1 increment a year
- f) A player must have two bad years in Div 1 before he can be regraded back to div 2

## **RULE 10** **HANDICAPS**

### A) SNOOKER

All frames will be off scratch, except as provided for in the following.

#### i) Players playing up a Division:

- a) There are to be no handicaps in Div 1 only. However all existing handicaps will be used if a Div 1 player plays in Div 2, they would give the relevant points start, these handicaps will be allocated as per the system in place.
- b) A Division 3 player playing in Div 2 will start at +7
- c) A Division 4 player playing in Div 3 will start at +7

#### ii) Players playing down a Division:

Up to two players may play down a grade however the handicaps will be as follows:

	<u>1<sup>st</sup> player</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> player</u>
Div 1 playing in Div 2	30 start + H/C	45 start + H/C
Div 2 playing in Div 3	20 start	30 start
Div 2 -7 playing in Div 3	27 start	41 start
Div 2 -14 playing in Div 3	34 start	48 start
Div 2 +7 playing in Div 3	13 start	23 start

Div 3 playing in Div 4	15 start	25 start
Div 3 -7 playing in Div 4	22 start	32 start
Div 3 +7 playing in Div 4	8 start	18 start

See table below.

This is limited to a maximum 2 players playing down a grade.

### 1st Player

Higher Grade	Lower Grade	Penalty H/Cap	Higher Graded Player's H/cap	Lower Graded Player's H/cap	Resultant H/Cap
Div 1 Scr	Div 2 -14	30	0	-14	16
Div 1 Scr	Div 2 -7	30	0	-7	23
Div 1 Scr	Div 2 Scr	30	0	0	30
Div 1 Scr	Div 2+7	30	0	+7	37
Div1 -7	Div 2 -14	30	-7	-14	23
Div 1 -7	Div 2 -7	30	-7	-7	30
Div 1 -7	Div 2 Scr	30	-7	0	37
Div 1 -7	Div 2 +7	30	-7	+7	44
Div 1 -14	Div 2 -14	30	-14	-14	30
Div 1 -14	Div 2 -7	30	-14	-7	37
Div 1 -14	Div 2 Scr	30	-14	0	44
Div 1 -14	Div 2 +7	30	-14	+7	51

### SNOOKER HANDICAP RANGES

#### iii) Graded Competition:

Division 1	to	Division 2	30 points
Division 2	to	Division 3	20 points
Division 3	to	Division 4	15 points
Division 4	to	Division 4 +10	10 points

#### iv) 1 Table North and 2 Table South Competition:

Division 1	MINUS	to	0
Division 2	2	to	18
Division 3	20	to	32
Division 4	34	to	42
Division 4 +10	44	to	50

In 1 Table North and 2 Table South competitions, a player's handicap cannot go lower than the range for his grade, but can go higher. At the end of the season a player's handicap will carry over to the next season.

v) Handicap Snooker Tournaments:

Division 1	to	Division 2	30 points
Division 2	to	Division 3	15 points
Division 3	to	Division 4	10 points
Division 4	to	Division 5	10 points

**B) BILLIARDS**

i) Players playing down a Division:

Division 1 players are allowed to play in Division 2, with the first Div 1 player giving 50 penalty points + the relevant Grade handicap points + any Division 1 player's handicap (see table below) and the second Div 1 player will give an extra 25 Penalty Points.

Div 1 Scratch player to Div 2 -75 = 50 (penalty pts) + 25 Handicap pts = total start 75 points to the Div 2 player. This start is to be taken off the board by the Div 1 Player.

(The Div 1 Scratch player is assumed to be a 25 point better player than a Div 2 - 75 player, therefore 25 pts handicap

The Div 1 Scratch player is assumed to be a 50 point better player than a Div 2 - 50 player and so on) This is known as Grade Handicap in the following table)

**DIVISION 1 PLAYER PLAYING DOWN IN DIVISION 2 BILLIARDS (1<sup>st</sup> player)**

Higher Graded Player	Lower Graded Player	Penalty Pts (1 <sup>st</sup> player playing down)	Handicap Pts = Grade + Opponent's	Total points start to Div 2 player taken off the board by the Div 1 player
Div 1 Scr	Div 2 - 75	50	25 + 0	75
Div 1 Scr	Div 2 - 50	50	50 + 0	100
Div 1 Scr	Div 2 - 25	50	75 + 0	125
Div 1 Scr	Div 2 Scr	50	100 + 0	150
Div 1 - 25	Div 2 -75	50	25 + 25	100
Div 1 - 25	Div 2 - 50	50	50 + 25	125
Div 1 - 25	Div 2 - 25	50	75 + 25	150
Div 1 - 25	Div 2 Scr	50	100 + 25	175
Div 1 - 50	Div 2 -75	50	25 + 50	125
Div 1 - 50	Div 2 - 50	50	50 + 50	150

Div 1 - 50	Div 2 - 25	50	75 + 50	175
Div 1 - 50	Div 2 Scr	50	100 + 50	200
Div 1 - 75	Div 2 -75	50	25 + 75	150
Div 1 - 75	Div 2 - 50	50	50 + 75	175
Div 1 - 75	Div 2 - 25	50	75 + 75	200
Div 1 - 75	Div 2 Scr	50	100 + 75	225
Div 1 - 100	Div 2 -75	50	25 + 100	175
Div 1 - 100	Div 2 - 50	50	50 + 100	200
Div 1 - 100	Div 2 - 25	50	75 + 100	225
Div 1 - 100	Div 2 Scr	50	100 + 100	250

The 2<sup>nd</sup> player playing down in the same Division 2 team will incur an extra 25 penalty points. (See table below)

Div 1 Scr	Div 2 - 75	75	25	100
Div 1 Scr	Div 2 - 50	75	50	125
Div 1 Scr	Div 2 - 25	75	75	150
Div 1 Scr	Div 2 Scratch	75	100	175

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A Div 2 player playing in Div 3 gives 50pts + any of his handicap start - any of his opponent's handicap start.

Only one Div 2 player may play in Div 3 and must be listed first on the result sheet and must give the appropriate start.

### Players playing up a Division

Lower graded players, playing in Division 1 must play in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> position.

A maximum of 3 Division 2 players may play in a Division 1 team, however 1 Division 2 player must assume a Division 1 scratch status.

### ii) BILLIARDS HANDICAP RANGES

Starts in Billiards are to be as follows:-

Players playing in a higher Division will assume that Division for that match, except in Division 1 where:

- a Division 2 scratch and Division 2 -25 player will receive 50 points start from the Division 1 player
- a Division 2 -50 and Division 2 -75 player will receive 25 points start from the Division 1 player.
- All Division 2 players will also receive the allocated handicap of their opponent

Players playing in their own Division may receive start within their own Division.



iii) The lower graded player's handicap will be subtracted from the higher graded player's handicap and the difference will go on the board for the lower graded player

ie IN DIVISION 1 ONLY IF A DIVISION 2 PLAYER PLAYS IN DIVISION 1 –then the Division 2 Player's start goes "on the Board"

See the following table for further examples.

### BILLIARDS GRADINGS

#### iv) 2 Table Competition

The following are the handicaps applicable to the appropriate grading:-

Div 1 Scr, -25 -50 -75 -100 -125

Div 2 Scr, -25 -50 -75

Div 3 Scr, -25

The table below outlines the appropriate starts.

This table represents the starts to be given to a Division 2 player by a Division 1 player whilst playing in Division 1.		
Division 2	Division 1	Div 2 Player's Start
Scr	Scr	50
-25	Scr	50
-50	Scr	25
-75	Scr	25
Scr	-25	75
-25	-25	75
-50	-25	50
-75	-25	50
Scr	-50	100
-25	-50	100
-50	-50	75

-75	-50	75
Scr	-75	125
-25	-75	125
-50	-75	100
-75	-75	100
Scr	-100	150
-25	-100	150
-50	-100	125
-75	-100	125
Scr	-125	175
-25	-125	175
-50	-125	150
-75	-125	150
This table represents the starts to be given to a Division 3 player by a Division 2 player whilst playing in Division 3.		
Division 3	Division 2	Start
Scr	Scr	50
-25	Scr	25
Scr	-25	75
-25	-25	50
Scr	-50	100
-25	-50	75
Scr	-75	125
-25	-75	100

y) 1 Table Competition Handicap ranges:

Division 1	scr	=	16
	-25	=	20
	-50	=	24

	-75	=	28
	-100	=	30
	-125	=	36
Division 2	scr	=	8
	-25	=	10
	-50	=	12
	-75	=	14
Division 3	scr	=	6
	-25	=	7

## RULE 11

### A)COMPETITION RULES

The following rules relate to the specific competition and should be read in conjunction with the General rules. Precedence is to be given to these rules when anomalies exist.

#### i) 2 TABLE SNOOKER COMPETITION

Where a club has two teams in the same Division a player can only play in one team for that club in that division. Ie. Once a player has played in one of the teams he cannot play in the other team for that season.

All competitions will be played on 2 tables unless both Captains agree to play on more, where available.

The competition format will be:

Division 1:	4 player team	3 frames each	played	Monday
Division 2:	4 player team	3 frames each	played	Wednesday
Division 3:	4 player team	3 frames each	played	Monday
Division 4:	4 player team	3 frames each	played	Wednesday

In all Divisions, 1 point will be awarded for each frame won.

### SNOOKER RATING POINTS

12 points per frame won 6 points for playing. This applies to all grades

#### ii) 1 TABLE NORTH HANDICAP SNOOKER COMPETITION

3 Snooker players 2 frames each played Thursday

### iii) 2 TABLE SOUTH HANDICAP SNOOKER COMPETITION

1 Billiard player                      2x 30 min games      played      Thursday  
3 Snooker players 2 frames each

### iv) 1 & 2 TABLE HANDICAP SNOOKER COMPETITION RULES

Competitions will be played on 1 table unless the Captains agree to play on more, where available.

- a) There is a limit of 7 players only per team in this competition. If there are more required it is to be at the Committee's discretion.
- b) Any registered player may play in the 1 and 2 Table handicap comp, but must have their handicap verified by the Recorder prior to playing and be in receipt of a handicap card.
- c) Players will play off their handicaps and give or receive the appropriate start.
- d) Players handicaps shall carry over from the previous season provided they competed in the previous season.
- e) 1 point will be awarded for each frame won.
- f) Player's handicaps will be adjusted weekly on a 2 up / 2 down loss / win basis.
- g) Billiards player must play first and be listed first on the Official result sheet.
- h) Players must keep their own handicap record card up to date, to be shown to opposing Captains, members of the opposing affiliated Club's committee or the IB&SA committee on request.
- i) Players handicaps will not be capped at the high end  
In 1 Table North the highest handicap of any player shall be 50.
- j) If a tie occurs in a game of Billiards refer to rule 11 paragraph vi clause h.

### v) 2 TABLE BILLIARDS COMPETITION

The "Crossing the Baulkline" rule will not be enforced in any Illawarra Competition or Tournament, however for any "Open" Tournament run by the IBSA the rule may be applied.

All competitions will be played on 2 tables unless both Captains agree to play on more, where available.

The competition format will be:

Division 1:	4 players	1 game to 300 pts	played	Monday
Division 2:	4 players	1 game to 200 pts	played	Wednesday
Division 3:	4 players	1 game to 150 pts	played	Monday

In Division 1    1 pt will be awarded for every 25 pts scored from zero.  
Division 2    1 pt will be awarded for every 25 pts scored from zero  
Division 3    1 pt will be awarded for every 25 pts scored from zero.

- a) Games will be played according to handicaps as set out in Rule 10.
- b) Teams in all Divisions will be responsible for refereeing half of the available points in any one match, with the home team responsible for referees / markers to BEGIN matches, unless BOTH players agree otherwise.

c)

### BILLIARD RATING POINTS

Shall consist of game points earned on the night, plus 2 pts for playing.

### vi) 2 TABLE BILLIARDS HANDICAP COMPETITION

1 Snooker player	2 frames each		
3 Billiard players	2 x 30 min games	played	Thursday

The following rules relate to the specific competition and should be read in conjunction with the General rules. Precedence is to be given to these rules when anomalies exist.

- a) Any registered player may play in the 1 Table competition but must have his / her handicap verified by the Recorder prior to playing, and be in receipt of a handicap card.
- b) There is a limit of 7 players per team per Club.
- c) 1 point will be awarded for each game won.
- d) Billiard player's handicaps will be adjusted weekly on a 1 up / 1 down win / loss basis.
- e) Players must keep their own handicap record card up to date, to be shown to opposing Captains, members of the opposing affiliated Club's committee or the IB&SA committee on request. (The lowest handicap of a player shall be 4 or if played for more than 2 seasons shall be 6)
- f) Players handicaps will not be capped at the high end.
- g) Players score above their handicap will only be placed on the board.
- h) If points are equal at the end of time, a new game of 10 minutes duration will be played. If scores are still equal, then play will continue as a new game with the winner decided by the first scoring shot (irrespective of their handicap) and includes a score from a foul .
- i) All Clubs playing in this competition must have an accurate timing device to time the duration of games played.
- j) Snooker players will play off existing handicap system as per snooker 1 and 2 Table handicap competition.
- k) Snooker players handicaps to be adjusted according to Rule 10.
- l) Snooker players must play first and be listed first on the official result sheet.

**RULE 12**  
**CONDUCT OF PLAY**

1) Team Lists

- a) Teams will be listed individually by the team Captains. This must take place before the commencement of the nights play and in such times as to comply with the official starting time of 7.00 PM.
- b) Players in attendance are to be listed first on the Official Result Sheet before result sheets are exchanged. Others are to be listed in order of arrival.  
PLEASE NOTE: If playing a higher graded player, they must be listed first on the official result sheet. (This rule does not apply to 1 & 2 Table handicap competition).
- c) For known late arrivals, a team Captain will notify the opposition team Captain, prior to the starting of the match, of the expected time of arrival, which in any case must not be later than 8.30 PM, or 8.00 PM for Clubs with starting time of 6.30PM.  
NOTE: Clubs may apply for a special dispensation for players unable to meet these requirements.
- d) Individual games will be determined by bringing the team lists together.

2) Games

- a) Play should commence no later than 7.00 or 6.30PM for clubs with starting times of 6.30PM. If play has not commenced by 6.30 / 7.00 PM the offending team will forfeit 1 frame in Snooker, or 50 points in Billiards immediately, followed by 1 frame in snooker and 50pts in billiards for any other game that is delayed on any table every 15mins thereafter.
- b) Play is to be continuous throughout the match.
- c) Apart from Rule 12.1.c) when play in any match is not continuous on any table the offending team will forfeit 1 frame in Snooker, or 50 points in Billiards, for every 15 minutes that any game is delayed on any table.
- d) If a team does not have two players in attendance ready to start at 7.00 or 6.30 PM, for clubs with starting times of 6.30PM, then one player may start, but the second player will forfeit frames or points as per rule 12.2.a)
- e) If frames are not completed at club's closing time then the player in front will be declared the Winner. (2010 AGM)

3) Handicap Start

Any start is to be posted on the scoreboard prior to the start of each frame. If this is not done before the first player plays a stroke on their second visit to the table then the start is forfeited.

Note: It is the Players own responsibility to ensure the appropriate start is entered

4) Substitution

A listed player may be substituted at any time, prior to 8.30 PM or (8.00 PM where the starting time is 6.30pm), by another registered player who is not listed, providing that the playing of that player does not contravene any rule.

#### 5) Referees and Markers

The team captains will ensure that all Referees or markers are either qualified Referees or registered players of the Association. Home teams are to provide referees and / or markers for all matches except when 3 or more frames are played in a game, when the visiting team will referee / mark 1 frame in each game.

Home teams may face fines or loss of points if referees are not available to start matches.

### **RULE 13**

#### Disputes

Any dispute not settled to the satisfaction of both team Captains on the night of the match must be referred to the Association, in writing, after noting on the Official Result sheet that a dispute has occurred. The Disputes Committee will then look into the matter.

NOTE: UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE ANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO BE CONTACTED CONCERNING THE INCIDENT, UNLESS A COMMITTEE PERSON IS PRESENT.

### **RULE 14**

#### Official result sheet

- a) The Official result Sheet must have ALL information completely and correctly recorded.
- b) It is the home team captain's responsibility to advise the Recorder of the match result, ON THE NIGHT OF THE MATCH, PRIOR TO MIDNIGHT by phone / fax.
- c) Giving, sending E-mail, should be done within 24hrs of the match.
- d) Posting of result sheets should be received duly signed by both Captains within 7 days, including (5) working days of completion of the match.
- e) Late, non-telephoning / advising, incomplete, incorrect or illegible Official Result Sheets will incur the following penalties by the offending Team:

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- i. First offence automatic loss of 2 pts
- ii. Second offence loss of 4 pts
- iii. Third offence loss of 6pts.

- iv. If results sheets are not received by the Recorder within the 7 day time frame and still the Recorder does not receive them after 10 days then more points will be deducted.

## BILLIARDS

Div 1. 1<sup>st</sup> offence loss of 5pts. 2<sup>nd</sup> offence 10pts. 3<sup>rd</sup> Offence 15pts  
Div 2. 1<sup>st</sup> offence loss of 4pts. 2<sup>nd</sup> offence 8pts. 3<sup>rd</sup> Offence 12pts  
Div 3. 1<sup>st</sup> offence loss of 3pts. 2<sup>nd</sup> offence 6pts. 3<sup>rd</sup> Offence 9pts

In 1 Table and 2 Table handicap Snooker, these will be halved.

- f) In the event of a player playing off a wrong handicap, only the offending team will lose the points.  
g) Team Captains who counter-sign incorrectly completed Official Result Sheets will be deemed guilty of committing an offence and penalised.

## **RULE 15**

### Forfeits and Withdrawals

- a) If a Club withdraws / forfeits a team(s) after the Games Secretary has made the competition draws, the Club will be fined \$50.  
b) If a Club withdraws a team(s) after the competition has commenced, the fine will be increased to \$100  
c) The forfeiting team will have 14 days to pay the fine to the Association before further action will be taken.  
d) Verbal notification, with written confirmation, will be given to the offending teams' Club Secretary regarding the occurrence.  
e) The team receiving the forfeit shall notify the Recorder as per Rule 14.b) including the sending of a result sheet with player's names etc.  
f) When a team forfeits the non-offending team will receive the AVERAGE winning points of the winning teams in that Division in that round.

## **RULE 16**

### Playing ineligible players while unregistered or under suspension

- a) Any player that is under fine or suspension to the Association is ineligible to play in any competition sanctioned or conducted by the Association until such time as the fine has been paid or the suspension has been removed.  
b) If a Player is suspended from a Club and not the IBSA that player is still then eligible to play the away matches for their team.  
c) If a Club plays a player (in any competition) who is unregistered or under fine or suspension to the Association, and having been notified in writing that such a



player is under fine or suspension, then that Club is liable to a fine and / or disqualification from that competition.

- d) If a fine is in dispute and the Association Secretary has been notified in writing to that effect, the player will be able to play until the Disputes Committee has resolved the matter.

## **RULE 17**

### Eligibility to play in finals

- a) A Player must play in at least 40% of available matches in a particular team to be eligible to play in the Final Series for that team. The Committee may make special dispensation in extenuating circumstances.
- b) A Player who qualifies in a lower grade is qualified to play in the Final Series in a grade higher than their own. If a Club has more than one team in a particular Division and that Player has qualified in one team, then he / she is not eligible to play in the other team.

Note: this will not apply where a Player has changed Clubs (Rule 5a) or where a team has withdrawn from competition (Rule 15 a and b).

- c) A Player may not play in any other team unless special dispensation has been given.
- d) In 2 table handicap for a player to be eligible to play their selected discipline in the final series, must play 5 rounds of that discipline.

## **RULE 18**

### Eligibility for performance awards

- a) Most consistent

A player must play in at least 65% of matches in a particular Division to be eligible for consideration as the most consistent player in that Division.

- b) Highest Break A player's highest break will be awarded in their own grade if made in their own grade or higher.

Players are now eligible to achieve the season's highest break during the semi-finals and final series.

#### HIGH BREAKS

Div 1	50 and over,
Div 2	35 and over
Div 3	30 and over
Div 4	25 and over
1 & 2 Table handicap	25 and over.

## **RULE 19**

### **Correct Dress**

Neat and tidy correct dress is required by both players and officials at all times. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

(This includes players acting in an official capacity).

Adherence to dress rules of the hosting venue is essential.

Minimum standard for players is as follows:-

- a) Long trousers / slacks, skirt / dress, collared shirt/blouse, formal foot wear and socks / stockings.
- b) Shirts of a like kind (Club shirts) should be worn by all members in all Divisions, if supplied by the host Club.
- c) For IB&SA sanctioned tournaments, a more formal dress is required. This includes club shirts.
- d) There is no change to any of these dress rules for the semi-finals or finals.  
Note: Any team captain or tournament organiser condoning any breach of the above dress rules will also be deemed guilty of committing an offence and face disciplinary action from the committee.

Formal dress is required for the Semi-finals and Finals only of the Illawarra Singles Tournament eg. Long Sleeved Collared shirt, waistcoat, long trousers, formal footwear. (Club shirts not permitted)

Shirts / blouses without full collars, denim jeans of any description, skirts / dresses with higher than knee hemline, joggers, thongs, scuffs, opened toe shoes, shorts are not permitted at any time.

## **RULE 20**

### Selection of teams for finals (System to decide any position from 1 –4)

- a) At the completion of the rounds the four teams with the highest points scores will play in the semi finals, unless 20f) applies. Or in the case of a 4 team competition, the Minor premiers will advance to the Grand final with 2<sup>nd</sup> playing 3<sup>rd</sup> and the winner of that match to play the Minor Premiers in the Grand Final.
- b) At the completion of the rounds, should more than 1 team be ahead on equal points, if the same number of away matches are played, the total number of away wins by those teams will be used to decide the positions. (If a different number of away games by these teams are played then go to Rule 20 f)
- c) If more than 1 team is still on equal points after 20 b) or 20f), points amassed in away matches will be used to decide the positions.
- d) In the event that more than 1 team is still on equal points after 20c), results of matches between those teams involved, will be taken into consideration to decide the positions.

- e) In the event that more than 1 team is still on equal points after 20d), those teams will play off, at a venue to be decided by the Committee, to decide the positions.
- f) At the completion of the rounds should more than one team be ahead on equal points, and the total number of away matches is different, then the team with the most away matches will not count their first away match. The total number of away wins will then be used to decide the positions. If more than one team is still tied then go to Rule 20c)
- g) The above formulas will decide any ties for all placing within the competition table.

## **RULE 21**

### Finals draw and venue

In all grades the venue will be decided by the following formula unless deemed otherwise by the Committee. Minor and Major semi-finals will be played in the same week. In the case of a 4 team competition 2<sup>nd</sup> will play 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 2<sup>nd</sup> place getters club.

#### a) Minor Semi Final:

Fourth will play third at the third place getters club.

#### b) Major semi Final.

First will play second at the minor premiers Club.

#### c) Final

Winner of Rule 21a) against the loser of 21b) at the winner of 21a's) Club

#### d) Grand Final

Division 1,2,3,4 and 2 Table handicap competitions grand finals, will be played at a Club which is to be rotated each year between Clubs.

#### e) 1 Table handicap competition Grand Final

Will be played at the Minor Premiers Club.

f) Players are expected to referee Finals (excluding the Grand Final) unless otherwise notified.

g) Order Of Play. The order of play shall be the same as during the competition proper. IE. Should players playing at #2 finish before #1 then players #4 shall be the next match on.

## **RULE 22**

### Finals results

During the finals' series, in any play off, semi final, final or grand final, the team winning the most matches will be declared the winner.

**SNOOKER**

- a) The team with the most points will be declared the winner.
- b) However if both teams are on equal points, and 3 players, from one team win two frames each, that team will be declared the winner.
- c) If teams are on equal points and 3 players from one team have not scored 2 frames each the following will apply to decide the winner.
  - i. Divisions 1,2,3 and 4 the Team Captains will select 3 players (who must have played in the tied match) to play 1 frame each.  
Where possible all 3 frames to be played at the same time.
  - ii. In 1 and 2 Table Handicap the team captain will select 1 Snooker player (who must have played Snooker in the tied match) to play 1 frame.

## BILLIARDS

- a) The team with the most points will be declared the winner.
- b) However if both teams are on equal points, and 3 players, from one team win their games, that team will be declared the winner.
- c) Should a draw occur in 1 Table final the team captain will select 1 Billiard player (who must have played Billiards in the tied match) to play 1 game.
- d) Should a draw occur in Div 1 2 3 Billiards finals matches the team captains will select 3 players to play one game each. These games to have time, points and start where applicable halved, with fractional starts rounded down. Eg 20 start would now be 10.
- e) NOTE IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WINNING TEAM CAPTAIN TO NOTIFY THE RECORDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 14 DURING THE FINAL SERIES.

## RULE 23

### A)Tournaments

- 1) Nominations will be accepted by the Games Secretary until the advertised closing date and time.
- 2) All nominations must be accompanied by the appropriate entry fee, or fee to be paid on commencement of play, unless otherwise indicated.
- 3) Nominations will only be accepted on the forms provided or E-mail.  
Forms may be sent by facsimile, email or post.
- 4) A fine may be imposed for this not being carried out.
- 5) A player may nominate for more than one Division in Divisional championships provided it is their own grade or higher and not played on the same night.
- 6) Players wishing to change their playing date and / or time and / or venue must receive approval from the Tournament Organiser.
- 7) The entry age for the Veterans Billiards and Snooker tournaments is 50 for women and 55 for men

## B) Tournament Forfeits

1. In the event of a player having to forfeit they must inform the Tournament Organiser at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled starting time. If that person cannot be contacted then a Committee person must be notified.
2. A player that forfeits with notice will be required to pay the nomination fee within 7 days unless there are extenuating circumstances.
3. A player who forfeits without notice shall be fined \$25 as well as the nomination fee and shall be suspended from all competition until the fine is paid to the Treasurer or an appeal is lodged in writing with the Secretary.

## C) Tournament Play

- 1) Players must be ready to commence play when called to the table (providing it is after the scheduled starting time.)
- 2) If a Player is not present he / she will forfeit 1 frame in Snooker or 50pts in Billiards. The same again after 15mins, then after 30 mins the match will be forfeited, unless prior arrangements have been agreed to by the Committee and the opposing Player.
- 3) A player will be notified of receiving a forfeit as soon as practicable

## D) Additional tournament rules

- 1) Additional rules on specific Nomination Sheets (with particular emphasis to dress rules) must be adhered to.
- 2) In snooker the Under 25's tournament is played off grade start as indicated on the draw sheet.
- 3) All Divisional tournaments are played off the appropriate handicap as indicated on the draw sheet.
- 4) The handicaps for the Veterans Snooker tournament are as follows :  
Div 1 to Div 2      16              Div 2 to Div 3      14  
Div 3 to Div 4      12              Div 4 to Div 4 +10      8

The handicap for the veterans Billiard tournament are as follows:

Division	Handicap	Play to
3	scratch	150
	-25	175
2	scratch	200
	-25	225
	-50	250
	-75	275
1	scratch	300
	-25	325
	-50	350

-75	375
-100	400
-125	425

- 4) Contravention of any of these Rules (including dress rules) may, at the discretion of the Committee, result in a penalty and / or fine being imposed.
- 5) In Doubles tournaments, Division 1 and Division 2 players may only have a lower graded player as a partner.
- 6) A player must play in 40% of scheduled matches in interclub competition before nomination closing date to be eligible to play in any tournament
- 7) Life Members are eligible to play in any tournament regardless of their participation in the Interclub Competitions.
- 8) Senior players who are unable to play in the Interclub Competitions may apply through their club to the IBSA Committee for dispensation to play in daytime tournaments. These will be dealt with by the IBSA Committee on a case by case basis.
- 9) The Illawarra Singles will be a round robin tournament in both Snooker and Billiards.

#### E) Tournament Prize money

Unless there are at least 12 entrants in any competition, in any tournament other than the Illawarra Singles, Illawarra Ladies, Under 25's, Veterans and Champion of Champions, there will be no prize money.

The Illawarra Singles Championships in Snooker / Billiards will pay the winner and runner up only, if less than 12 players play on the day then prize money will be apportioned by percentage.

EG. If only 11 players compete then the prize money allocated will be 11/12ths of the available total prize money.

The minimum number of players is 7.

#### F) Seedings

1) In all tournaments the previous year's Finalists and semi-finalists (if possible) will be seeded except for the Champion of Champions and Drawn Doubles which will be unseeded.

2) Illawarra Singles - Ratings points will be used to determine the seedings of places 5 onwards.

## **RULE 24**

## Representative Teams

The best performed IB&SA players will be selected for Representative teams. Preference will be given in return matches for players who played in the first match.

## **RULE 25**

### Amendments

- a) No amendments or alterations shall be made to the Rule Book except at a Delegates meeting convened for that purpose.
- b) All Clubs must be notified of proposed changes twenty one (21) days prior to the Delegates meeting.
- c) The proposal must be written in the form of a Rule.
- d) Each amendment must be voted on individually.
- e) Voting will be decided on a simple majority, with the Chairman having a second or casting vote if necessary.

## **RULE 26**

### Foul and Miss

The foul and miss rule will now only apply when:-

- a. The ball on is not completely snookered and a foul is committed before coming into contact with the ball on.
- b. If the cue ball is not hit with sufficient strength to reach the ball on.
- c. If the cue ball is not going at some stage during the stroke in the direction of the ball on.

## **RULE 27**

### End of Frame

The following applies to all competitions except the Challenge Cup.

To facilitate the ending of games in reasonable time players should use the following information.

If a player is behind by 40+ points on the Yellow Ball (or 38+ on the Green Ball etc) then the leader should be declared the winner at this time.

END OF	FR
COLOUR ON	PC E
YELLOW	
GREEN	
BROWN	
BLUE	
PINK	

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