



ABSC Ranking Tournament Playing Conditions

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- All tournaments will be played subject to the Rules of Snooker as prescribed by the IBSF.
- 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
- All tournaments are subject to the ABSC Disciplinary Rules & Procedures.
- A copy of these 'Playing Conditions' and the 'Disciplinary Rules & Procedures' should be displayed at the Tournament venue.
- All clubs or venues must be affiliated to the ABSC through State affiliation.
- All Tournaments will be played over a single weekend including the Friday evening unless officially sanctioned by the ABSC.
- There is to be No Smoking and No Alcohol consumed by players or referees during a game.
- The ABSC Dress code is to be enforced at all tournaments, with particular reference to the wearing of bow ties for all matches.
- Random Drug testing could be conducted at any National Ranking Tournament.
- Match duration will be a minimum Best of 5 frames for early rounds and minimum Best of 7 for the Final. For events with double ranking points, a minimum of Best of 7 frames from the Round of 16, and a minimum Best of 9 for the Final.
- Aramith Tournament Champion balls must be used with white only cue ball.
- The entry form for the tournament must be provided to the ABSC Webmaster (webmaster@absc.com.au) no less than 12 weeks prior to the event. The entry form must comply with the requirements as per the sample provided, with particular reference to the minimum Terms & Conditions, drug testing acknowledgement, and the 'Sanctioned National Ranking Event' logo as supplied by the ABSC.

- The defending Champion will be seeded #1. If the current Champion does not defend their title the seeding will be directly from the National Rankings. The runner up from the previous year's tournament is not afforded any special considerations and is seeded according to their current Ranking.
- Except for the defending Champion, seeding for all Tournaments will be from the National Ranking List only. If visiting International players enter the event then the ABSC Seeding and Selection Committee reserves the right to seed these players. Tournament organisers are to forward to the ABSC Seeding and Selection Committee the names and any player profile available for International players entering any event prior to the draw.
- The format of the tournament in preliminary rounds will be at the discretion of the tournament organisers in consultation with the ABSC. Either straight knockout, staggered draw, or round robin may be applied, however matches from the Round of 32 must be straight knockout.
- A sanction fee of \$5.00 per player for all Ranking Tournaments will be paid to ABSC for Australian representative support. An invoice will be provided, payable within 14 days of receipt.
- Tournaments with prize money \$8,000 - \$12,499 will be deemed 'Group B' tournaments each receiving 1 point earned. Tournaments with prize money of \$12,500 or more will be deemed 'Group A' tournaments where players will receive 1.5 for each point earned. Tournaments allocated Double Ranking points will receive 2 points for each point earned.
- The results of each tournament must be entered onto the ABSC website daily, with the completed results to be entered on the night of completion of the tournament. It is preferred for all frame scores and high breaks of 40 or over to be entered, but at a minimum all match results and breaks of 100 or over. This is to facilitate the update of the National Rankings.
- A photo of the winner, preferably at the time of the trophy presentation, must be forwarded to the ABSC Webmaster (webmaster@absc.com.au) as soon as possible after the completion of the Tournament. This photograph should be suitable for publication on the ABSC website – at least 1000 pixels in each dimension, well-focused and well-lit.
- A report on the Tournament must be forwarded to the ABSC Secretary (secretary@absc.com.au) as soon as possible after the Tournament, highlighting any issues that were encountered, such as players forfeiting frames/matches, or any disciplinary action which may be required.
- Any deviation from these Playing Conditions, unless approved by the ABSC prior to the commencement of the tournament, will exclude the tournament and its results from the National Ranking Scheme.
- Players under suspensions or bans by the IBSF, ABSC or its Affiliates will be ineligible to enter any National Ranking Tournament. Furthermore, the ABSC will support bans imposed by Clubs where players have breached the acceptable Code of Conduct required for entry to that Club's premises.
- Consolidated Leisure & Sport, the ABSC Sponsor of Record, will be recognised at all venues during these tournaments.