*Level 4 World Ranking Event
*Full National Ranking Points

Sydney Open Billiards

at Club Marconi

Billiards Australia

WORLD BILLIARDS

31 January – 2 February 2025
(Friday matches will start no earlier than 5.00 pm)

ENTRY FEE: $95

Entries Close: Midnight, Mon 27 January

Guaranteed minimum prize pool $5400

Enter online at
www.billiardsaustralia.com

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Entry Conditions

- Entrants must be a financial member of a Member State of the Australian Billiards and Snooker Council (ABSC), and in good standing. Or if from another country, in good standing with their national federation.
- A completed online purchase for entry to the event (including payment) constitutes acceptance of all terms and conditions and is required before any player is permitted to compete.
- By entering this tournament, I acknowledge and agree that:
  a. I am bound by and must comply with all SBNSW Policies, including but not limited to, the ABSC Policies adopted by SBNSW – the ABSC National Integrity Framework, Anti-Doping Policy, Code of Conduct and Social Media Policy. All ABSC Policies can be found here www.absc.com.au/governance, and SBNSW Policies here https://www.snookernsw.com/new-page-1
  b. it is my responsibility to be familiar with these policies; and
  c. a breach of these policies could result in disciplinary action being taken, as outlined in the complaints or discipline procedures for the relevant policy/ies.
- 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-wedo/ anti-doping/world-anti-dopingcode/australiannational-anti-doping-policy) being the anti-doping policy adopted by the Australian Billiards & Snooker Council and applicable to all members, participants and nonparticipants.
- All players are required to complete the Sport Integrity Australia Anti-Doping Fundamentals on-line course which is available on the Sports Integrity Australia website – https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/login/index.php. You will need to create an account to access the course, and once completed you will be sent an electronic certificate of attainment that you may be required to produce as a condition of entry.

Tournament Conditions

- The Tournament will be played subject to the Rules of Billiards as prescribed by the WPBSA.
- ABSC Playing Conditions and all matters pertaining to the Player's Code of Ethics will also be adhered to. Any breach of such rules or non-adherence to standard etiquette may result in disciplinary action being taken against the offenders. See: https://absc.com.au/governance
- Players eligible for prize money will need to provide the Tournament Director with their bank account details. All prize money will be paid by way of bank transfer.
- Championship Dress Code is required: Long sleeve predominately plain coloured shirts buttoned at the wrist, bow ties and dark colour dress shoes must be worn for all games. Waistcoat is required from the quarterfinal stage onwards. The tournament director may vary this dress code in extreme circumstances.
- Failure to comply with these conditions will result in forfeiture of the game.
- Smoking or vaping is not permitted on the premises. Consumption of alcohol is not permitted whilst involved in a game.

Tournament Conditions

- All players will be scheduled to referee one or more round robin matches, and this will be shown on the draw. Those prepared to referee matches in the knock-out stage, if eliminated from the draw, should advise the tournament director.
- Changes to these terms & conditions may be made at the discretion of the Tournament Director, and I agree to abide by any such decision.
- INDEMNITY: All participants enter at their own risk. None of the ABSC, SBNSW, Club, sponsors, or organisers shall be liable for any loss, injury or misadventure however arising.
- All players are to be ready to play at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start of their match.
- The following rules apply to a player or players not ready to commence their match on time: - The clock will be started on time, even if one or both players are not present. After 5 minutes, if one player is not present the opponent will be awarded 50 points. After 10 minutes the match will be awarded with a score of 150 to 0. If neither play is present both players will be recorded as having lost 0 to 150. (The tournament director has absolute discretion to grant some leeway to this rule in exceptional circumstances completely beyond a players control).
- If a player gives two walkovers the player will be removed from the draw and all their matches will be null and void.
- Tied matches: for Round Robin and Knock-out matches where the score is level when the timer sounds – each player will be allowed one visit, starting in the “re-spot” position, with 3 minutes allotted on the clock. Players will toss to see who goes first. The highest break wins. If the result is again tied, the players will string for the match.
- Seeding into knock-out stage from the round robin will be calculated based on the following: firstly (a) group position, secondly (b) matches won (or, in the case of an uneven draw least losses), finally (c) average points differential. The normal process from seeding into the knockout stage will apply, where second in each group goes into the opposite half of the draw to the group winner (if possible).
- The prize fund is listed on the entry form. In some cases, this may include a disclaimer: “based on x entries”. Where the prize pool needs to be modified, up or down, due to higher or lower than expected entry numbers, this will be advised when the draw is published. If the prize pool is “guaranteed” on the entry form, it will not be revised down.

Tournament Format:

- Format of the tournament is a ROUND ROBIN draw, the top 2 players from each group (at a minimum) will qualify for the knockout stage. The draw will be at the discretion of the organizing committee and no debate will be entered into. The length of round robin matches may depend on entry numbers and available tables, but 1 hour will be a minimum for all events

Payment and Entries

- Enter online at www.billiardsaustralia.com—Events and Payments— Online Payments.
- International players may pay the entry fee in cash by confirming entry and flight details by email to petetankard@gmail.com

Tournament Director - Mr Steve Cowie ESM

All Enquiries to David McMahon (0404 821 741)

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