



**Victorian Billiards & Snooker  
Association Inc.** (est. 1927)

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*Representing & Developing Billiards & Snooker as a sport in Victoria*

Patron: The Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria

## **TEAMS WANTED for Season 1 2019 Competitions**

**Teams must be entered on or before Sunday 21 Jan 2019**

### **Season Commences:**

Monday 11 Feb 2019 (A & B State Billiards)

Monday 18 Feb 2019 (All State Snooker Grades)

Wednesday 20 Feb 2019 (C State Billiards, All Premier Snooker Grades)

Providing sufficient teams are entered, the competition will consist of the following:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>Night Played</b>	<b>Tables required</b>
A State Billiards	4	Monday	2
B State Billiards	4	Monday	2
C State Billiards	4	Wednesday	2
A State Snooker	4	Monday	2
A Premier Snooker	6	Wednesday	3
B State Snooker	4	Monday	2
B Premier Snooker	6	Wednesday	3
C State Snooker	4	Monday	2
C Premier Snooker	4	Wednesday	2
D State Snooker	4	Monday	2

To enter a team, or for more information, please fill in the details on page 2 on or before the closing date (21 January 2019) and email to [scores@vbsa.org.au](mailto:scores@vbsa.org.au) The home team is to provide a light supper at the end of the match.

Teams may be graded at the discretion of the VBSA Board. It is a condition of membership that each player shall accept and abide by the spirit and terms of the ABSC's Anti-Doping Policy. Each player is personally responsible for knowing which drugs and substances are prohibited and should stay informed using the ASADA website.

**Please take note of the information on VBSA Membership, Fees and Match Formats on pages 3 & 4 of this form.**

## 2019 BILLIARDS & SNOOKER COMPETITION PREMIER & STATE GRADE TEAM ENTRY

### CLUB DETAILS

<b>NAME (Captain/Contact)</b>		<b>PHONE</b>	
<b>EMAIL</b>			
<b>NAME: (Club)</b>			
<b>PREFERRED TEAM NAME</b>	<b>CHOICE 1</b>		
	<b>CHOICE 2</b>		

### TEAM DETAILS - Please print details clearly & use 1 sheet per team

	<b>PLAYER NAME</b>		<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				

### Suggested Grade - Please circle or highlight

A State Billiards (4) <b>Monday</b>	B State Billiards (4) <b>Monday</b>	A State Snooker (4) <b>Monday</b>	B State Snooker (4) <b>Monday</b>	C State Snooker (4) <b>Monday</b>	D State Snooker (4) <b>Monday</b>
C State Billiards (4) <b>Wednesday</b>		A Premier Snooker (6) <b>Wednesday</b>	B Premier Snooker (6) <b>Wednesday</b>	C Premier Snooker (4) <b>Wednesday</b>	

**In 2019 all grades will be limited to a maximum of 10 teams due to fixturing constraints.  
Teams may be graded at the discretion of the VBSA Board**

## Match Fees and VBSA Membership

### MATCH FEES

There is a weekly fee of \$7.00 per player per match, calculated and invoiced at end of each season.

#### Juniors

The VBSA does not charge players under 18 at Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 the \$7 per week to participate in the Pennant or Willis Seasons. Please notify the Score Registrar if you have Junior Player(s) in your team, so we can ensure invoicing is correct at the end of the season. If you do not notify the VBSA that a Junior is playing in your team you will be invoiced the full amount. – email [scores@vbsa.org.au](mailto:scores@vbsa.org.au)

#### VBSSA Life Members

VBSA Life Members do not get charged the weekly fee to play.

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership is now included in your weekly playing fee of \$7 per player per week (invoiced at the end of the season). **PLEASE DO NOT PAY MEMBERSHIP (As per 2016 changes)**

A person is considered a VBSA member when they:

- have been granted Life Membership, or
- have paid the appropriate fee (for tournament play\*\* where a player is not playing weekly), or
- have played or refereed at least one match in the preceding year, AND
- have completed a Membership Application. (Download Application [HERE](#))

\*\* For the purposes of tournament play, as both Victorian and Interstate tournaments require entrants to be a member of their home state association, in the early part of the year any player that was a member in the previous year will be considered a member for this purpose only. As the year progresses a player will need to either be playing on a regular basis or pay the nominated membership fee to enter tournaments.

From February 2018, ALL members are required to have completed a Membership Application, and in doing so agree to be abide by various ABSC & VBSA Codes, etc.

## Format of Snooker and Billiards Matches *(To avoid late finishes in all grades)*

### Extract from the VBSA By Laws

#### 7. Matches

Player positions in teams are numbered in order. It is strongly recommended that team captains place their team in order of ability. Except for A Grade, ALL matches in ALL grades are timed. Snooker matches, including finals, shall be of 90 minutes duration. Billiards matches shall be of 80 minutes duration. Snooker matches shall comprise 3 frames with 1 point available to the winner. Billiards matches will be timed to 80 minutes with 2 points available to the winner per game (in the event of a tied game, 1 point each player). The winning team on points will receive 4 match points, the losing team 0, with 2 match points each for a draw. Frames/games for and against will decide percentage. All first-round matches must begin at 7:30 pm, and all second-round matches must begin no later than 9:10 pm. The clock/timer must be clearly visible to all players and referees.

For Snooker matches (90 minutes):

- a. One countdown timer to be set for 90 minutes.
- b. All first-round matches must commence together and no later than 7:30 pm\*.
- c. If any first-round matches finish ahead of time, second round matches may commence on those tables instead of waiting until all first-round matches are finished.
- d. All second-round matches to start no later than 9:10 pm. The countdown timer should be started when the last match commences.
- e. Except for A Grade, the Colours Plus 10-Points rule applies in all matches. After the last red is potted AND the associated colour has been played at or potted, the frame is deemed won if any player leads by 10 points, or more, in excess of the value of the balls left on the table at any point during the course of potting the colours e.g. with only brown to black remaining (22 points available), if either player is ahead or behind by 32 points or more, the frame is over.

At the completion of 90 minutes:

- f. If any frame is in progress, the player that is in front is the winner. If it is a Black-ball frame, the frame will be played to completion.
- g. If the scores are tied, the frame will be decided by a re-spotted Black.
- h. Any frame that has not been started will be decided by a Black Ball Spot.
- i. If the cue-ball is struck prior to the bell ringing, then any score, fair or foul will count. (Referees are urged to be very diligent when it is close to time.)

\* In those situations where the first round does not begin precisely at 7:30 pm, a commonsense approach will still allow 90 minutes for each round. However, captains should endeavour to begin on time unless there are extenuating circumstances.

#### In Finals (revised January 2018)

- A countdown timer for each table to be set for 90 minutes.
- All first-round matches to start no later than 7.30pm
- All second-round matches to start no later than 9.10pm.
- If first round players have completed their matches prior to the completion of the time limit then the Number 1 players will go on to the first available table and play 4 frames.
- Second-round matches should start as soon as a table is available.
- 10-point rule will still apply in B, C & D Grades only
- Snooker Finals will be decided when
  - a team wins 7 frames OR
  - if the frame score is tied at the end of the second round when all matches have been decided and the number 1 players have started the 4<sup>th</sup> frame it will be completed to decide the result. If the frame score is tied and the number 1 players have not started their 4<sup>th</sup> frame, this frame should start immediately. This frame has a time limit of 30 minutes.
- Billiard Finals. All matches will be 80 minutes, and will be decided on games won. In the event of a tie, total points will decide.