

# THE 2020 VICTORIAN JUNIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2020 Victorian juniors was very successful with some entrants coming from Yarrawonga and Maffra and ranging in age from 8 - 16. They all were eager to compete and win.

The day ran smoothly thanks to the help of the referees Denis Coghlan, Abi Newman, Shelly Ames and senior players Kathy Howden and George Spiteri that assisted.

This was the qualifying event for selection to represent Victoria. ALL of these children will compete in snooker and billiards at the 2020 Australian championships at the Commercial Club Albury NSW, in January. This also includes the Australian Snooker Academy learning sessions. 5 will be selected for the team's event



The Victorian juniors competing in Albury.

L-R Zackery Kidgell 10 y.o. Mia Newman 11 y.o. Noah Newman 8 y.o. Damian Thorp 15 y.o. Mia Macheda 9 y.o. Jack Green 16 y.o. Sean Dempsey 14 y.o. Ciaran Dempsey 12 y.o.

Results;

U18 SNOOKER Jack Green defeated Sean Dempsey.

U18 BILLIARDS Jack Green defeated Sean Dempsey.

Jack proved to be too strong and took out both 2020 titles. He will represent Victoria at the 2020 Australian titles.



U15 SNOOKER Sean Dempsey defeated Ciaran Dempsey

U15 BILLIARDS Sean Dempsey defeated Ciaran Dempsey

Sean also won both 2020 titles. His brother, Ciaran, led all the way in the billiards but Sean won in the last minutes by a few points.



U12 SNOOKER Mia Newman defeated Mia Macheda. 11 y.o. Mia Newman, also Victorian 8 ball champion, won by defeating last year's champion and will be a big contender for the 2020 Australian title.

In the U15 semis, 9 y.o. Mia Macheda defeated Mia Newman.

All competitors were presented with a VBSA participation medal.



Victoria's U12 team L-R Mia Newman, Noah Newman, Mia Macheda and Zackery Kidgell.



Special achievement and participation awards were presented to Noah Newman and Zackery Kidgell



Damian Thorp played well and will play at the u18 Australian titles January 2020 in Albury NSW.



Senior referee Denis Coghlan was awarded for his 10th Victorian juniors championship.



Sponsorship from Ben Bain 888 sport saw all the children receive 2 x \$10 century tips each and REVENTON supplied keyrings and badges to all. Chris Christofi's continuing support to our future snooker champions is applauded and will grow in the future.

And, of course, it was a delight to run the tournament with such great little potting machines who were so well behaved. A total testament to their proud parents for their behaviour and competitive pride. With our support they will become our future champions

Report by tournament director Tony Fridman - Victorian Junior Coordinator