



# 2024 Billiards Events

## ● Pacific International Championship

11–14th June, at Yarraville club

Prize Money \$7,500 | High break prize \$250

## ● Australian National Championship

15–18th June, at Yarraville club

Prize Money \$4,000 | High break prize \$250

Entries close on the 2nd June 2024



We would like to thank our sponsors for making these events possible and wish our entrants the best in competition

## **EVENT DETAILS**

### **2024 PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**11th - 14th June 2024** at Yarraville Club, 135 and 175D Stephen St Yarraville VIC, 3013

### **2024 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**15th - 18th June 2024** at Yarraville Club, 135 and 175D Stephen St Yarraville VIC, 3013

### **PLAYER REFEREE DUTIES**

All players will be scheduled to referee part or all of a match in each event they enter. This will be shown in the draw. In the case of two players being named, the first named player will referee the first half (unless the players swap by mutual agreement).

### **DRESS CODE**

Long- sleeve predominantly plain coloured shirts buttoned at the wrist, bow ties, dress trousers and dark colour dress shoes must be worn for all matches. Waistcoats to be worn from the Quarter Finals onwards.

### **THE VENUE**

The Yarraville Club is at 135 Stephen Street, Yarraville. It has a restaurant, sports bar, lounge, and poker machine area. The Billiards room, carpeted and air-conditioned, is at 175D Stephen Street (a 3-minute walk from the club). All eight tables will have new Strachan cloth and all tables have standard pockets (1981 IBSF template) – except for 1 Star Table. In addition to the bar and dining facilities at the club. The Yarraville Village is a 5-minute walk and has many cafes and restaurants.

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## **ENTRY FEES**

**(Entries for both events close 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2024)**

### **1. PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL BILLIARDS (ONLY)**

- **\$135** (Australian players) for one event only
- **\$165** (International players) for one event only
- **\$60** (Women & Pensioners) for one event only
- **\$30** (Juniors) for one event only

### **2. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP (ONLY)**

**(Only Australian citizens may enter the National Billiards Championship)**

- **\$135** for one event only
- **\$60** (Women & Pensioners) for one event only
- **\$30** (Juniors) for one event only

### **3. FOR BOTH EVENTS**

- **\$230** to enter both events.

**\*NOTE:** International players requiring an Invitation Letter to assist with obtaining a visa should email Simon Fortune at [secretary@absc.com.au](mailto:secretary@absc.com.au)

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## **HOW TO ENTER - WEBSITE REGISTRATION**

Go to the VBSA shop at [https://www.vbsa.org.au/vbsa\\_shop/shop\\_cart.php](https://www.vbsa.org.au/vbsa_shop/shop_cart.php) and choose the appropriate shopping cart item. You can pay via Credit card or PayPal (no PayPal account needed). All entries must be received by the closing date.

**Note: all entries are deemed to have read and accepted the tournament conditions.**

### **INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS REQUIRING VISA ASSISTANCE**

International players requiring an Invitation Letter to assist with obtaining a visa should email Simon Fortune at [secretary@absc.com.au](mailto:secretary@absc.com.au)

### **ANY OTHER ENQUIRIES:**

Email: [board@vbsa.org.au](mailto:board@vbsa.org.au)

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## **PLAYING SCHEDULES**

### **PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Open Championship will commence at 10.00am on Tuesday 11th June.

Practice time on the tables will be possible on the Monday evening after the conclusion of the Lance Pannell Snooker final.

Round robin matches will conclude on the Wednesday. The final will commence at 11 am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June and will finish before the presentation function at 6.30 pm on Friday 14th June.

### **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP**

The National championship will commence at 9.30 am on Saturday 15th June, and the round robin section will conclude Sunday afternoon. The final is scheduled to end around 6.00 pm on Tuesday 18th June.

## **BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT PLAYING CONDITIONS**

1. The Championships will be conducted under Australian Billiards and Snooker Council Playing Conditions, and all matters pertaining to Players' Code of Conduct' will be adhered to.
2. For all entries players are deemed to have accepted the conditions of entry.
3. **Pacific International:** 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. Round robin matches will be timed; knock-out matches will be played under the long-up format. The baulk-line crossing rule will be used.
4. **National:** 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. The length of round robin matches will depend on the number of entries, but they will not be shorter than 90 minutes and not longer than 2 hours. The baulk- line crossing rule will not be used.
5. **Championship Dress Code is required:** Long- sleeve predominantly plain coloured shirts buttoned at the wrist, bow ties, dress trousers and dark colour dress shoes must be worn for all matches. Waistcoats to be worn from the Quarter Finals onwards. Failure to comply with these conditions will result in forfeiture of the game. The tournament director may vary this dress code in extreme circumstances.
6. All players will be scheduled to referee all or part of a round-robin match, & this will be shown on the draw.
7. All players are to be ready to play at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of their match. The following rule applies to any players not ready to commence their match on time. At the scheduled start time a player not present will forfeit 100 points. After 15 minutes the player will forfeit the match. The tournament director may vary this rule in exceptional circumstances beyond a player's control.
8. Seeding into the knock-out stage from the round robin will be calculated based on the following: firstly (a) group position, secondly (b) average differential of points for and points against. Where players are tied on (a) and (b) the original seeding will apply. The ABSC/WBL process for 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).
9. Losing quarter-finalists and semi-finalists MUST attend the presentation after the final. Failure to do so will result in a \$150 penalty from the prize winnings, to go towards next year's event. This is a requirement from the sponsors. If this causes a player hardship, they will need to apply to the tournament director for a waiver.
10. The Entry Form constitutes part of the Conditions of Entry.
11. The Tournament Director has absolute discretion to vary these conditions when circumstances dictate and to make decisions on any matter not covered by these rules.
12. All prize money will be paid by way of bank transfer. Players will need to provide the tournament director with bank account details, and international players will additionally need to provide their bank's **SWIFT code** and their residential address, in order for prize money to be paid.

### **ENTRY CONDITIONS**

- This entry form constitutes part of the conditions of entry.
  - Indemnity & Acknowledgement: All participants enter at their own risk. None of the ABSC, the VBSA, the venue, the sponsors nor the organisers shall be responsible for any loss, injury or misadventure arising.
  - I have read and understood the above, and I am conversant with the ABSC Code of Conduct and Member Protection Policy. I agree to abide by any decision of the Tournament Director in relation to these tournaments.
  - 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 [Read Here](#) being the anti-doping policy adopted by The Australian Billiards & Snooker Council and applicable to all members, participants and non-participants.
  - All Australian players and officials are required to complete a level one anti-doping course at: [elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au](http://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au)
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