

- BILLIARDS** - number of matches won, if equal, then
- Points differential, if still equal, then who beat who?
- SNOOKER** - number of matches won, if equal, then
- Frame differential, if still equal, then frames percentage (frames won, divided by frames played), if still equal, then who beat who?

In the NZ B Grade Snooker if Players are equal from different sections, vying for a position in the Knockout Draw, then a 1 frame playoff is required, as per **NZBSA R18**.

Post-section Qualifiers

See programme for schedule of play.

NZ Billiards and NZ B Grade Billiards & Snooker.

Players will be re-seeded into knockout play, as per a standard knockout draw, on the basis of their performance in section play. Where two or more qualifiers have an equal performance in section play, their separation and seeding into the draw, will be determined by their position on the NZBSA Ranking list originally used, with the higher ranked player awarded the higher seeded position. If a late entrant is used to fill a place in section play, that player will assume the Tournament Rank / Seeding order and number of the person they replaced.

NZ Snooker

On completion of section play the players who qualify will be re-seeded into knockout play. The draw will be made in public as soon as possible after section play, as per IBSF Seeding and Draw of the Last 32 – IBSF Rules: 9.1, 9.2. the draw shall be final.

An outline of the procedure follows:

- (a) The **8 section winners** will be seeded on performance, based on wins first, then frame differential and placed into positions **1** to **8** in the draw. Where **2** or more of the winners are equal, a draw by lot will settle the seeding order.
- (b) The number **2** of each section will be drawn in the opposite half to their own section winner, who they can only meet in the Final.
- (c) The number **3** of each section will be drawn in the same half as the number **2** of their section, but in the opposite quarter.
- (d) The number **4** of each section will be drawn in the same half as the number **1** of their section, but in the opposite quarter.
(Note: Copies of the criteria and procedure will be available).

Post-section Non-Qualifiers

Players will be re-seeded into the Plate draw, on the basis of their performance. Plate matches to be played in conjunction with Main Events.

eliminated from the Tournament, with matches amended as if the offender had not taken part, as a result of:

- (a) Any act or misbehaviour which could bring the game into disrepute, or
- (b) Failure to be in attendance for more than one match.

Lateness

Any player not in attendance at the specified start time for any match shall forfeit:

- **100 points** (Billiards) - **1 frame** (Snooker).

If still not in attendance 10 minutes after the specified start time, the player will forfeit:

- **The match.**

During section play the winner shall be awarded, and the loser penalised:

- **The average** points differential of all wins of all players in their respective sections (Billiards)
- **3 – 0 frame score** (Snooker).

Should both players be late, but in attendance within 10 minutes, the match will be played out as normal, although for Billiards only the session time left, is to be played and at the completion of all section play, they will each have deducted from their aggregate results:

- **100 points** (Billiards) - **1 frame** (Snooker).

If both players are still not in attendance 10 minutes after start time, each player will forfeit:

- The match and be penalised as per **NZBSA R17.6**

During Snooker post-section play, if both players are late, they will each have deducted:

- **1 frame.**

If both players exceed the 10 minute limit during post-section play, then each is:

- **Defaulted and disqualified** (Billiards or Snooker).

The Chief Referee, or in his absence the Tournament Controller, shall administer the penalties for lateness.

Match Results and responsibilities

The winner of each match is responsible for the prompt delivery of the correctly completed Result Sheet and Name Plates etc. To the Duty Official.

In the event of uneven sections sizes, players in smaller sections shall receive default match wins and maximum differentials as per **NZBSA R13**.

In the event of a tie in Billiards post-section play, competitors will play a further 30 minutes, after stringing and commencing in the usual way.

The loser of each match is to ensure the table is padded and the balls reset.

Match Committee

The Match Committee will have the final say in any dispute. Match forfeiture will be at the discretion of the Match committee and processed in accordance with **NZBSA R17.12**.

Qualifying

The winner and runner-up from each section will qualify for post-section play.

All 3rd placed players from all sections must qualify ahead of any 4th placed players, and so on. Qualifiers will be determined strictly on the basis of the player's placing in their respective sections as follows:

The standard of dress at all times shall be:

- (a) A basically one-coloured long sleeve shirt fastened at the wrist.
- (b) A bow tie or plain dress tie for section play (a bow tie is compulsory for post-section matches).
- (c) Dress trousers and dress shoes.
- (d) An optional knitted or material waistcoat. (A plain cardigan or v-neck jersey may be worn during section-play only).
- (e) An optional eye-shade (i.e. visor), but no other form of headwear.
- (f) White gloves (for Referees) if they are required to be worn.

Clothing that is unacceptable includes corduroys, jeans, tracksuits, jandals, sandshoes, sandals, slippers, beachwear, roll neck pullovers, T-shirts and the like.

Match Times

Allocated start times as per the programme, or as the Tournament Controller and / or Chief Referee may otherwise determine, are to be adhered to.

Although, during Snooker section play:

- (a) If the allocated table, and a referee are available and ready, **and both players agree**, play may commence earlier. Either or both player(s) may forego practise.
- (b) **Any frame or frames of a match not commenced** within 20 minutes of the next allocated start time, irrespective of the match situation, may be **held over**, and when both players are free, play will recommence on the first available table, as personally advised by the Chief Referee or Tournament Controller.

Competitors are to be available at least 20 minutes prior to their allocated match start time. NZ Billiards matches are expected to commence at the same time and players will be informed when the time clock is about to be started.

Practise (as per NZBSA R17.4)

A practise period, of 5 minutes maximum per player, is allocated each round of play. The first player may commence practise prior to the next allocated start time (say 15+ minutes) and the second player must cease all practise 5 minutes before the allocated start time. Any player(s) not present or late will have their practise time adjusted accordingly. For ease of applying these practise times, the lowest ranked player will be offered the first practise period. Once a match has commenced or recommenced, practise shots are not permitted on any table, whilst the match is in progress, between sessions or frames of the match itself.

Refereeing

Players must referee and score matches as shown in the programme, or arrange for a suitable substitute. Any substitutions or changes must be approved by the Chief Referee and / or Tournament Controller.

During Post-section, Main and plate events, players will be required to referee through to at least the next match after a loss. Failure to complete such duties may result in loss of prizemoney, loss of ranking points and disqualification from some future events.

Disqualification

Under the Rules of Billiards and Snooker a player may be disqualified during a particular match, but not necessarily from the whole Tournament. A player will be

New Zealand Billiards and Snooker Association (Inc)

New Zealand Billiards & Snooker Championships Rules and Conditions

The following Rules and conditions will apply in conjunction with the NZBSA Inc. Official Rules, January 2005 and subsequent amendments. (copies available).

Rules of the Games

All matches must be played in accordance with the Rules of the Games of SNOOKER and ENGLISH BILLIARDS as published by the WPBSA and IBSF.

Code of Conduct

All players, supporters and officials have a responsibility to behave in an exemplary fashion at all times and, as ambassadors for Billiards and Snooker, must represent the sport in the best possible manner while respecting and caring for the rights and property of the host venue. The consumption of ALCOHOL or SMOKING during a MATCH, by PLAYERS and OFFICIALS is expressly forbidden (NO EXCEPTIONS) and any notified transgressions will be dealt with immediately by the Tournament Officials.

General

The host association and / or Tournament Officials, will only accept eligible entries and fees on the correctly completed Official Forms, submitted via the respective local affiliated Associations and reserves the right to:

- (a) Transfer any match to any other table or venue.
- (b) Reschedule the time of any match.
- (c) Replace any competitor who:
 - Withdraws from the tournament before playing his first game, or
 - Fails to register by the specified time without prior notice, or
 - Fails to arrive at the official start time of his first match without prior notice to the Chief referee and / or Tournament Controller.
- (d) Withhold any prize money, from any player who has not fulfilled their obligations during the Tournament.
- (e) Enforce within the MATCH ROOM area at all times:
 - **NO SMOKING, ALCOHOL or DRUGS.**
 - **NO FOOD** consumption.
 - **NO MOBILE** phones, pagers etc are **on**.

Competitors are to attend their respective scheduled Players' meetings.

Some specific conditions exist for the NZ 'B' Grade Tournaments (e.g. Eligibility, match start times, practise, refereeing and Post-section play), as published.

Dress

All players, competitors who are refereeing and referees must comply with the standard of dress as laid down by the NZBSA.

Non-compliance may, at the discretion of the Match Committee, result in match forfeiture or disqualification, although, where special circumstances exist, the Chief Referee and / or Tournament Controller will decide if dispensation is to be granted.