

2023 Club Marconi Sydney Open Billiards Championship

Friday November 3rd to Sunday November 5th 2023

(Friday matches will start no earlier than 5.00 pm)



Prairie Vale Road, Bossley Park

Guaranteed Minimum Prize Pool \$5500

**Winner \$1600, Runner-Up \$800, Losing Semis \$400,
Losing Quarters \$250, Last 16 \$125, High Break \$200
One Encouragement Awards \$100**

Level 4 World Ranking Event

Full National Ranking Points

Entry Fee \$95 (including \$3 ABSC levy)

Women & Juniors—Free Entry

In addition, Billiards Australia will be offering 4 special awards

- **\$100 each to the best performing woman and Under 21 player**
- **\$50 each to the next best performing Woman and Under 21 player**

***As defined by win/loss % followed by points for and against %**

Entries Close at midnight on Friday October 27th

See page 2 & 3 for how to enter and conditions of entry

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Sanctioned National Ranking Tournament



ENTRY FORM

Payment of the entry fee indicates your agreement to the tournament conditions outlined on page 3

PAYMENT METHODS

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

Players may be subjected to Drug testing in accordance with the ABSC Drugs in Sport Policy.
INDEMNITY: All participants enter at their own risk. Neither the Club, nor sponsors, nor organisers shall be liable for any loss, injury or misadventure however arising.

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Tournament Playing Conditions

1. The Championship 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 events where online entry or payment on the day is permitted, players are deemed to have accepted the conditions on the entry form when they submit their entry fee.
3. 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.
4. 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 quarter-final stage 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.
5. 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.
6. 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:
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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).
10. The prize fund, and prize money breakdown will be 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.
11. The Entry Form constitutes part of the Conditions of Entry.
12. 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.