

THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE SNOOKER ASSOCIATION
2018 CONSTITUTION

The members of the Sutherland Shire Snooker Association (SSSA) shall be formed from Registered Clubs in the Sutherland Shire plus any applicant clubs approved at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the SSSA.

The members each year shall be the Clubs participating in the SSSA that year.

Objectives of the SSSA

1. To encourage snooker and billiards by promoting competitions between Clubs in the SSSA.
2. To maintain good relations between Clubs and to renew and enlarge friendships between players in the competitions.

The SSSA Committee

The SSSA Committee shall be elected at the AGM each year by the Delegates present and consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary / Treasurer and a Committee who shall where possible be from different Clubs.

The Committee shall be responsible for organising and conducting:

1. The Better Relations Trophy and the Endeavour Shield Team Competitions.
2. The SSSA Snooker and Billiards Singles Competitions.
3. The SSSA Champion of Champions Competition.
4. Any activities or functions they consider beneficial to members.
5. Presentation Functions.
6. A Disputes Committee of three shall be formed by and from the Committee when required and shall be from Clubs not involved in the dispute.

The SSSA Handicap Sub-Committee

The SSSA Handicap Sub-Committee shall be elected at the AGM each year by the Delegates present and consist of 5 members from different clubs including the Secretary.

The captains must submit their list of players and suggested handicaps at the annual general meeting each year. The Handicap Sub-Committee will then decide on the handicaps of the nominated players and advise the details of the final handicaps prior to the commencement of the Teams Competition.

New Players and their suggested handicaps must be submitted to the Handicap Sub-Committee before they are eligible to play, together with a written acknowledgment by the Captain that the Captain (or a trusted delegate who is familiar with the SSSA handicapping system) has witnessed the new player's game. A New Player cannot have a handicap of 35.

A Returning Player whose game is not witnessed by the Captain (or a trusted delegate who is familiar with the SSSA handicapping system) shall be allocated the same handicap as when they last played (including a handicap of 35), unless there is evidence to the contrary.

For the purpose of the above paragraphs, a “New Player” is a player who did not participate in the preceding year’s competition who is not a “Returning Player”, and a “Returning Player” is a player who did not participate in the preceding year’s competition but did participate in the competition during the year immediately prior to that preceding year.

Any communications regarding handicap matters must come from the captain(s) of the team(s) concerned and any communications by non-captains regarding handicap matters are not to be considered by the SSSA Handicap Sub-Committee.

Any player whose handicap has not been reviewed by the Handicap Sub-Committee will be forfeited.

New players’ handicaps are subject to review by the Handicap Sub-Committee at any time.

All players’ handicaps are subject to review by the Handicap Sub-Committee prior to the commencement of the first round, prior to the commencement of the second round and prior to the commencement of the semi-finals. Further, the SSSA Handicap Sub-Committee has the discretion to amend a player’s handicap at any time.

All decisions made by the Handicap Sub-Committee are final and are not subject to any review other than by the Handicap Sub-Committee.

Dispute Resolution

If a dispute cannot be resolved by the Secretary, the parties shall put their case in writing to him to be referred to the Disputes Committee whose decision shall be final. The Disputes Committee does not have the power to alter a rule, but if its decision creates a rule then it shall stand and be included in the Constitution.

A report on all disputes shall be read at the next AGM.

Rules of the SSSA

1. Clubs wishing to join the SSSA shall apply in writing prior to the AGM, during which their application will be considered by the Delegates present.
2. Each Club shall make 2 tables available on competition nights for each team entered.
3. Each Club shall maintain their Billiard Room, tables and equipment in good condition for all SSSA competitions.
4. Any Club may enter more than one team provided they comply with Rule no.2.
5. The Annual Fee per team shall be determined at the AGM each year and paid to the Secretary as directed.
6. Any team withdrawing from a competition forfeits all fees paid.
7. A team member charged with misconduct in relation to a SSSA competition as a player or spectator shall face the Disputes Committee and if found guilty of misconduct, shall receive

a strong warning from the SSSA for the first offence, and barred from all SSSA competitions for 12 months for a subsequent offence.

8. Each player shall be a financial member of the Club they represent.
9. The AGM shall be held on the second Tuesday in February each year at a time and place decided by the Secretary who shall notify all affiliated clubs at least 14 days beforehand.
10. Notices of Motion must be in writing and be in the hands of the Secretary 21 days before the AGM. Alternatively, Notices of Motion may be made at the AGM with the unanimous consent of the attendees at the AGM.
11. A rule may be made or changed only at an Annual General Meeting.
12. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee or by 25% or more of the SSSA members.
13. Each Club (not Team) may be represented at the Annual General Meeting by 2 delegates who are entitled to one vote each.
14. The resignation of the President and / or the Secretary can be asked for only at an Annual General Meeting.
15. The resignation of a Committeeman can be asked for by a majority of the full Committee who can nominate a replacement.
16. If an AGM cannot form a Committee, the Club holding the Better Relations Trophy shall do so. If they decline the Better Relations Trophy shall be surrendered to the Port Hacking Businessmen's Club and the Endeavour Shield shall be surrendered to the Cronulla Sutherland Leagues Club.
17. Teams in the Snooker Teams Competition shall play for the Better Relations Trophy and the Endeavour Shield which will be held by the winners for the following year.

Rules of the Snooker Teams Competition

1. A team consists of 8 players, 4 playing at home and 4 playing away. Players are allocated handicaps of 0, 7, 14, 21, 28 or 35 and negative handicaps (in multiples of 7) at the discretion of the Handicap Sub-Committee. Registered professional players shall be given a maximum handicap of minus 28. If a player incorrectly plays off a higher handicap in a particular frame, the player will forfeit that particular frame to his opponent. Maximum start given between two players is limited to 56.
2. The team Captains shall be present before 7.00pm to list their players on the Official Result Sheet.
3. The first matches must commence by no later than 7.15pm. Any listed player not in attendance by 8.00pm shall be replaced by a qualified reserve who if not present shall forfeit one frame. Any listed player not in attendance by 8.30pm shall be replaced by a qualified reserve who if not present shall forfeit both frames. Forfeits shall first be made against the opposing team's number 4 player, then against the opposing team's number 3 player, then against the opposing team's number 2 player, and then against the opposing team's number 1 player. The opposing team member must be physically in attendance to 8.30pm in order to receive the forfeit, unless the opposing team's Captain

is notified by the other Captain before the commencement of the match that a forfeit will be taking place.

4. The home Captain nominates the tables to be used and the visiting Captain has choice of tables for the first matches.
5. Each player plays 2 frames making a total of 16 frames per team, each frame scoring one point. A team win of 9 frames or more scores 2 additional points, a draw of 8 frames each scores one additional point each team. A frame shall be automatically conceded by a player in the preliminary rounds of the Snooker Teams Competition (but not in the semi finals, finals or grand finals) if the player is:
 - 47 or more points behind on the yellow
 - 45 or more points behind on the green
 - 42 or more points behind on the brown
 - 38 or more points behind on the blue
 - 33 or more points behind on the pink.
6. The frames result of each match (2/0, 1/1 or 0/2) (but not the points result) shall be recorded on the Official Result Sheet, signed by each Captain and be received by the Secretary no later than the following Friday. Failure to comply will result in the loss of one match point for the first offence, two points for the second offence, three points for the third offence, four points for the fourth offence and five points for all subsequent offences.
7. The Rules of Snooker as set out in the Billiards Association Handbook shall apply to all games.
8. The Markers decision shall be final.
9. Any member of a team who has played 3 or more matches shall not play for any other team in that year.
10. To qualify for the second round, a player must play at least 2 matches in the first round.
11. To qualify for the Semi Finals, Finals or Grand Finals a player must play 5 matches throughout the Competition with at least 2 matches being played in the first round.
12. The Semi Finals, Finals and Grand Finals shall be played at neutral Clubs as nominated by the Secretary. The players shall be listed 1 to 8 and the order of play shall be decided by ballot. Before commencement each Captain shall nominate 3 players to play 1 frame each in the event of a draw. These players shall also be listed on the Official Result Sheet. Any listed player not in attendance at the time the previous match is completed shall be replaced by a qualified reserve who if not present shall forfeit the match. A team representative must provide this list of players before the commencement time nominated by the Secretary so that the draw can be completed by the commencement time. If the draw is not completed by the nominated commencement time due to a team's player list not being provided sufficiently before that time, the number 8 player shall be forfeited. If the draw is not completed within 15 minutes of the nominated commencement time, both the number 7 player and the number 8 player shall be forfeited. If the draw is not completed within 30 minutes of the nominated commencement time, the number 5 player, the number 6 player, the number 7 player and the number 8 player shall be forfeited. If the draw is not completed within 45 minutes of the nominated commencement time, the whole team shall be forfeited.

Members of Winners of top group and bottom group: individual trophies (maximum of 12 each team)

Players to win most frames during the Minor Premiership in top group and the bottom group: individual trophies and the Trevor Blanchford Memorial Shield

Players to score highest breaks during the Minor Premiership in top group and the bottom group: individual trophies

Rules of the SSSA Singles Championships

1. To qualify for entry into the SSSA Singles Snooker and/or Billiards Championships, a nominee must be a financial member of a club affiliated with the SSSA. Should that nominee not be a participant in the Teams Competition in the current year, the rules applying to “New Players” and “Returning Players” under the heading “The SSSA Handicap Sub-Committee” shall apply.
2. There is no limit to the number of nominations from a club.
3. A nomination fee of \$2.00 per entry for each event shall be paid to the Secretary by the nominee/s or their club.
4. The draw and rules governing the Championships shall be made by the Committee and copies issued to each club. The event shall be a handicap event based on the handicaps allocated by the Handicap Sub-Committee.
5. Disputes in the Championships shall be dealt with as in the SSSA Teams Competition.
6. The Semi Finals and Final shall be played in neutral clubs or as directed by the Secretary.
7. All matches excluding the Final are to be the best of five frames. The Final shall be the best of seven frames. The Final may be re-scheduled in exceptional circumstances with the approval of both players and 2 executive committee members.
8. Billiards matches are 200 up and the final 350 up.
9. Winners and Runners Up are awarded trophies supplied by the SSSA.

Rules of the SSSA Champion of Champions Competition

1. The SSSA Champion of Champions Competition shall be an annual February event organised by the Committee and hosted by Cronulla RSL Club. The Winner trophy and the Runner Up trophy are supplied by the SSSA. The event shall be a non-handicap event.
2. Eligible players are the best available player of each club affiliated with the SSSA plus the winner and runner up of the previous year’s SSSA Champion of Champions and the winner and runner up of the previous year’s SSSA Singles Competition. In the event that a winner or runner up of the previous year’s Champion of Champions or Shire Singles Competitions is also the best available player from a particular club, the representative of the relevant club may nominate another player for the Champion of Champions Competition.

3. The draw and rules shall be made by the Committee and a copy of the draw issued to each club.
4. All matches excluding the Final are to be the best of five frames. The Final shall be the best of seven frames. The Final may be re-scheduled in exceptional circumstances with the approval of both players and 2 executive committee members.
5. A modified version of the foul and miss rule will apply to the SSSA Champion of Champions Competition such that a foul and miss will be called where the cue ball falls short of the object ball, where the cue ball fails to contact the object ball notwithstanding that direct contact with any part of the object ball was possible and where the cue ball fails to contact the object ball following a player not choosing the easiest route to the object ball.