

Clubs NZ South Island Snooker Pairs Championship

Tournament Rules

1. Eligibility

- (a) All tournaments shall be conducted in accordance with the guidelines laid down by Clubs NZ Inc. – Sports Rules.**
- (b) Only members of clubs affiliated to Clubs NZ are permitted to enter this tournament.**
- (c) Teams must enter under the name of one club only, but in the event of extenuating circumstances which would cause a team to be a player short, the Host Club shall have the right to include a replacement player, thus enabling the team to compete in the tournament. Such a team will be eligible for all prizes except the major prize, unless the replacement player is accepted as a registered member of the club of entry before the tournament commences, in which case the team will be eligible for all prizes.**

2. Prize Pool Donations

- (a) Prize Pool Donations shall be set at the AGM of Delegates. All such monies collected shall be used to fund prizes and/or trophies for all events at the tournament.**
- (b) Nominations for Entry shall be made in writing on Club letterhead or supplied Entry Form, signed by the authorised personnel and accompanied by the required fees.**
- (c) A letter of acceptance of teams shall be sent to the participating clubs within 14 days after the closing date for entries.**

3. Tournament Format

- (a) The tournament shall be conducted under the accepted Rules of Snooker as approved by the NZBSA.**
- (b) Host Clubs should aim to provide sections of at least eight (8) teams, with the proviso that an even number of sections is desirable, with qualifying to be on a round robin basis. Each match is to be one (1) frame or best-of-three (3) frames at the discretion of the host Club, depending on the venue, availability of tables, etc.**
- (c) Section qualifiers to be based on:
 - (i) Number of wins**
 - (ii) ‘Victim system’ to be used where Section play of one (1) frame has been played. Frame differential where best-of-three (3) has been played.**
 - (iii) Ties to be decided by a one (1) frame playoff.****
- (d) Post Section is to be played on a knockout basis with matches to be best-of-three (3) frames minimum, and the final best-of-five (5) frames minimum.**

- (e) Section play is to be played in sessions, with half the sections starting in the morning and the other half starting in the afternoon. Any match started in a session must be completed in that session.**
- (f) The playing order will be advertised in the programme, together with a refereeing schedule.**
- (g) A Plate Consolation shall be held for non-qualifiers. Playing in the Plate shall be part of each players tournament obligations, and each non-qualifying team shall be in the draw unless the tournament controller is notified before the draw is completed.**
- (h) A Flight competition for first round losers in the main event, and/or a Plate Consolation competition for first round losers in the Plate, may be held at the discretion of the Host Club.**

4. Post Section Draw

- (a) Up to thirty-two (32) teams are to qualify for Post Section play. The draw is to be kept confidential until after Section play is completed.**
- (b) A section winner shall not meet the winner of another section in the first round. Third qualifiers shall be placed on the same side of the draw as runners up, and fourth qualifiers placed on the same side of the draw as the winners. Seeding positions of teams with the same points shall be by ballot.**
- (d) If a draw is posted and does not comply with (a) & (b), it shall be done again before the first round commences. If the first round has commenced, but no first frame has been completed, the tournament shall be stopped temporarily and the draw corrected. Any matches correctly drawn will continue, incorrect matches will be abandoned and the first round re-started. Any high break from an abandoned match will be recognised. If a first frame has been completed, the draw will stand.**
- (e) When a Plate event is held, seeding shall be done for up to the top sixteen (16) teams, based on section play results.**

5. Referees

- (a) Referees shall be arranged by the Host Club, or from within the draw. The arrangement shall be described in the programme.**
- (b) The Host Club will appoint a Chief Referee to decide on all disputes concerning the rules. The Chief Referee's decision will be final.**
- (c) Each match shall be under the control of a referee, and in qualifying rounds each player is to referee the player following them to the table.**
- (d) All post-section referees to be the loser of the previous game on that table, except:
 - (i) the first round when non-qualifiers should be used where possible, and****

- (ii) late stages of the tournament when the controller may decide to use losers from the main draw to referee the main draw, e.g. losers of semi-final to referee final if no qualified referee is available.
- (e) When refereeing, players must stand in a suitable position close to the table to ensure a clear vision of play.
- (e) When refereeing a 'foul and a miss' situation, consideration must be given to the abilities of the player in hand. A maximum of three attempts shall be played on any one such situation.

6. Time Penalties

After being called, players have five (5) minutes to be at the table ready to play, or the frame shall be forfeited. Should the match be best-of-three, thereafter a further five (5) minutes the match shall be forfeited.

7. Dress

- (a) A reasonable standard of dress must be maintained whenever playing or refereeing during the tournament. Dress Shoes, Dress Trousers/Slacks or Dress Skirt, Dress Shirt/Blouse (long-sleeved and fastened at the cuff) must be worn during all tournament play from the semi-final stage onward, and while refereeing same. A Tie or Bowtie, and Waistcoat or Club Jersey may be worn if desired. Short or long-sleeved, matching, monogrammed club shirts (with or without ties) shall be permitted if worn by both team members. T-shirts, Tank-Tops, Sports Shoes, Jeans, Shorts, Jandals, etc. will not be permitted.
- (b) The Dress Standard is to be administered and strictly enforced by the Host Club.
- (c) Any player who is unable to meet the Dress Standards due to medical reasons is required to provide a medical dispensation to the Host Club at time of registration.

8. Prizes & Trophies

- (a) The minimum prize pool will amount to the total of the Prize Pool Donations, and shall be returned to the players by way of cash prizes and/or trophies, together with any sponsored prizes.
- (b) Additional prizes or trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Host Club.
- (c) The amount of the prize monies will be detailed in the programme.
- (d) Existing trophies shall be used, with any additions deemed necessary.
- (e) The Highest Break prize may be cash or goods, at the discretion of the Host Club. In the case of two or more breaks being equally highest, the first break recorded shall win.
- (f) Plate and Flight prizes are at the discretion of the Host Club.

9. Sponsorship

- (a) All sponsorship shall be the responsibility of the Host Club, with due consideration given to previous sponsors.**

10. Venue

- (a) The venue for each tournament shall be confirmed at the AGM one (1) year in advance. Applications to host the tournament may be made at the AGM, or in writing prior to that event. Intent of interested parties can be lodged in advance, but by no more than three (3) years.**
- (b) All applications are to include a declaration of availability of tables (minimum 8) and a description of proposed venue, catering, accommodation and transport. Any additional entertainment may be included if desired. If more than one (1) venue is proposed, then the proximity, detail, etc. to the Host Club must be stated.**
- (c) Where possible, the tournament venue shall rotate between Christchurch and the rest of the South Island; (i.e. 1 year in Christchurch, 1 year away, and so on).**
- (d) The rotation shall stay in order unless otherwise agreed by delegates.**
- (e) Should no application be received, or an approved venue falls through, an approved venue may be arranged by delegates.**
- (f) Clubs celebrating Jubilees may receive preference providing the application is in accordance with Venue Rules (a), (b) & (c) above.**

11. Tournament Date

- (a) Tournaments are to be held in early August, or as close to that time as possible.**

12. Advertising

- (a) Posters, Entry Forms, and any other related documents must be sent to all Affiliated Chartered Clubs in the South Island) at least ninety (90) days prior to the event. Notification shall advise format, date, duration, venue, fees, closing date for entries, and other relevant information; (i.e. accommodation, transport, etc...).**

13. Programme

- (a) At registration, all players shall produce their current Club Membership Card and then be presented with a programme by the Host Club giving full details of the following:**
 - (i) Tournament conditions**
 - (ii) Draw**
 - (iii) Session times**
 - (iv) Playing order**
 - (v) Refereeing schedule**

- (vi) Detailed prize list
- (vii) List of previous prize-winners, including year, names, Club represented and venue.

14. Annual General Meeting

- (a) An annual meeting of Delegates shall take place during the tournament
- (b) The meeting shall be chaired by a member of the Host Club, or by a representative of Clubs NZ Inc. invited by the Host Club.
- (c) The Host Club shall provide a minutes secretary who shall record the business conducted, and shall forward same to all participating Clubs, together with an audited balance sheet, within three (3) months of the completion of the tournament. Included with this information, a completed programme, including results, will be forwarded to the next Host Club. A copy of the AGM minutes shall also be sent to ClubsNZ for their records.
- (d) Every participating Club shall be entitled to two (2) delegates. Both delegates shall have speaking rights, with one (1) vote per Club.
- (e) Voting shall be by a show of hands unless requested by delegates that a secret ballot be taken (majority vote). In this case, two (2) scrutineers are to be appointed from the floor to control the declaration of votes. Voting shall be decided by a simple majority, except for Rule changes which require a seventy-five percent (75%) majority.
- (f) All proposed changes to the Tournament Rules shall be in the form of a remit. Remits proposing the changes shall be circulated to all relevant Clubs at least thirty (30) days prior to the AGM and a copy provided with the tournament programme.
- (g) In the event of a tied vote, the status quo shall remain.

15. General

- (a) Players and visitors are to strictly observe the rules of the Host Club.
- (b) Participating Clubs shall be responsible for the behaviour of the representatives. Any dispute shall be handled by a sub-committee of the Host Club, with their decision being conveyed in writing to the parties concerned.
- (c) Any player who does not complete their required duties, or whose behaviour brings the game or tournament into disrepute, shall be accountable to the AGM. All charges shall be heard by the delegates and voted on accordingly. The results of such trials shall be conveyed in writing to the defendant, the defendant's home Club, the next Host Club and any other parties involved. Should an appeal be lodged, the home Club of the defendant shall make formal application to Clubs NZ Inc.
- (d) Any Host Club deliberately infringing these rules shall face disqualification as a venue for Chartered Clubs tournaments, for a period as determined by Clubs NZ Inc.
- (e) Any rule and/or ruling not adequately covered by this document, shall be decided on by the Host Club, whose decision shall be final.

