

# CONSTITUTION OF THE HSS CUP SNOOKER COMPETITION

## 01 DEFINITIONS

### 01:01 "CLUB"

Shall mean any Club registered under the Registered Clubs Act, as amended, that competes in the HSS.

### 01:02 "HSS"

Shall mean the Hardware and Systems Sales Snooker Competition.

### 01:03 "RULES"

Shall mean these rules.

### 01:04 "COMMITTEE"

Shall mean the duly elected Club delegates that adjudicate on the Rules.

### 01:05 "DELEGATE"

Shall mean a representative from a competing Club who is empowered to act on behalf of the Club they represent on matters pertaining to the HSS.

### 01:06 "PLAYER"

Shall mean:

- i) Be a financial member of a Team that competes in the HSS.
- ii) A registered competitor who is not under any form of suspension as set out in Rule 17.

### 01:07 "AGM"

Shall mean the Annual General Meeting of Club delegates at a nominated venue to propose the coming year's competition.

### 01:08 "SECRETARY"

Shall mean a person elected at the AGM to record all competing player's names and Club badge numbers together with Club Captain's telephone numbers and to act as the secretary/Treasurer.

### 01:09 "FEE"

Shall mean a sum of money, as proposed at the AGM, payable by each competing Team as an entry Fee to compete in the current HSS season.

### 01:10 "THE DRAW"

Shall mean the competition draw for each HSS competition year.

### 01:11 "THE COMPETITOR"

Shall mean a financial member of a Club that competes in the HSS.

## **02 QUALIFICATION**

**02:01** At the AGM each Club intending to compete in the forthcoming HSS season may nominate up to twelve (12) players per team.

**02:02** Players nominated under Rule 02:01 shall be required to register with the Secretary as defined in Rule 03.

**02:03** Players are required to be eligible as defined under Rule 03.

**02:04** Without exception a player can only represent one (1) Team in any one HSS season.

**02:05** Any player found in breach of Rule 02:02, and 02:04 shall, at the discretion of the Committee, be disqualified from the competition.

**02:06** For a player to qualify to take part in the Finals, such player shall have competed in at least fifty per cent (50%) of tournament rounds.

## **03 ELIGIBILITY**

**03:01** Players are required to be a current financial member of the Club they represent.

## **04 REGISTRATION**

**04:01** All players are required to register with the Secretary the following:

Name

Club Badge Number

Club Captains are required to register with the Secretary a telephone number where they can be readily contacted.

**04:02** Rule 04:01 must be complied with before the commencement of any HSS season.

**04:03** A player who fails to comply with Rule 04:01, and 04:02 may, at the discretion of the Committee, be disqualified.

## **05 LATE REGISTRATION**

**05:01** A Club may nominate substitute players ONLY during the first half of any HSS season.

**05:02** Nominations referred to in **Rule 05:01** shall be limited to three (3) players per team per season, but in no way can Late Registration of players increase the number of players nominated under Rule 02:01.

**05:03** Late registrations shall comply with Rule 03, 04:01 and 04:03.

## **06 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**06:01** Before each HSS season commences a meeting of Delegates from all interested Clubs shall be held.

**06:02** The venue for the AGM shall be at the discretion of the Committee.

**06:03** The date and time of the AGM will be at the discretion of the Committee.

**06:04** The AGM shall decide:

The venue, dates and play-off's of the Pre-season Competition, (if any).

The HSS Competition draw.

Competition commencement date.

The dates of finals.

Amendments, if any, to these Rules.

**06:05** Amendments to these Rules shall be proposed, seconded and accepted by the majority of the Delegates present at the AGM.

**06:06** Sixty per cent (60%) of the participating Clubs, are to have Delegates present to form a quorum.

**06:07** By majority vote the AGM shall elect the committee for the forthcoming HSS season.

## **07 FEE**

**07:01** Entry fees shall be accepted by the majority of the Delegates present at the AGM.

**07:02** Each competing team shall be liable to tender a fee, no later than the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) round of the competition.

**07:03** Fees, once tendered, are not refundable.

**07:04** Fees are to be presented to the Secretary/Treasurer. Cheques are to be made payable to The HSS Snooker Competition.

**07:05** After the fourth round, Teams failing to tender the entry fee as laid out under Rule 07:01 and 07:02 will be disqualified from the HSS competition until payment in full is tendered.

**07:06** Teams drawn to play against a disqualified team under Rule 07:05, will receive the maximum allowable points for the round.

## **08 THE COMMITTEE**

**08:01** The HSS Committee shall consist of the following:

The President

The Secretary/Treasurer

And one other nominated competing Club, not subject to the dispute.

## **09 COMPETITION TIES**

**09:01** Should any number of teams attain equal competition points at the conclusion of the final round the following will apply:

On neutral ground, the teams shall take part in a play-off, played and scored as if it was a normal competition night, the winner attaining the higher number in the competition ladder at the end of competition rounds.

**09:02** Rule 09:01 shall apply only to the first nine (9) places in the competition ladder.

## **10 THE COMPETITION**

**10:01** The HSS shall consist of a maximum of fourteen (14) teams from representative Clubs.

**10:02** Preference shall be given to single team nominations from each club.

**10:03** Second team nominations shall be considered where historically such Clubs have consistently fielded two teams.

**10:04** The application of Rule 10:03 shall apply where the number of single team applications from Clubs does not number fourteen (14).

**10:05** The competition between teams shall consist of:

Three (3) front singles matches, each match played over two (2) individual frames with alternate breaks, a single point being scored for each frame win.

Three (3) back singles played and scored as laid out in Rule 10:05 (a).

Three (3) doubles matches, each match played over a (1) frame, a single point being scored for each frame win.

The Rules of Billiards and Snooker, as amended shall apply to all competitions frames.

**10:06** Competition points shall be awarded as follows:

One (1) point for each singles frame.

One (1) point for each doubles frame.

The winning team for any one round being that team that scores the most out of a possible fifteen (15).

**10:07** It is the visiting Teams Captain's prerogative not to commence any doubles matches on any particular competition night until ALL singles matches have been decided.

**10:08** It is the Visiting Teams Captain's responsibility to ensure that the away teams' first three (3) players are in attendance at the competition venue before commencement of a nights play.

**10:09** It is the Home Teams Captain's responsibility to ensure that his nominated team and/or referees are in attendance to play and act as referees for each round.

**10:10** The competition shall be played on a "Home and Away" basis.

**10:11** It is the Home Teams Captain's responsibility to provide, if requested, referees for each doubles match played.

**10:12** Rule 10:11 may be varied by agreement between opposing Team Captains.

## **11 TEAMS**

**11:01** Each team shall consist of up to twelve (12) nominated players.

**11:02** Only six (6) players from each team can play one (1) round of singles per competition round.

**11:03** Doubles matches can consist of players who competed in the singles matches and/or players from each team who comply with Rule 11:01.

**11:04** No player shall compete in more than one (1) frame of doubles per competition round.

## **12 RESULT SHEETS**

**12:01** Result Sheets will be supplied to each Team Captain before the commencement of each HSS season.

**12:02** Each Team Captain shall fill out the Result Sheet with his team players names, the venue, the opposing team's players names and the date of the competition round.

**12:03** Each Team Captain shall further fill out the Result Sheet with the results of each frame played on a win one (1) point, loss zero basis.

**12:04** On completion of the round the points shall be added together to determine the round winner.

**12:05** Each Team Captain shall sign his Team Result Sheet and the opposing Team's Result Sheet.

**12:06** It is the Team Captain's responsibility to keep his Result Sheet current.

**12:07** The Result Sheet shall be produced at each competition venue for the recording of players and results.

**12:08** Failure to comply with Rules 12:07 could result in loss of competition points and nominations for the highest break of the competition. (See Rule 16).

### **13 PLAYER FORFEIT**

**13:01** It is the Team Captain's responsibility to nominate in the Result Sheet before starting time of a competition round the selection of at least three (3) singles players.

**13:02** If any such nominated player fails to attend the competition venue after fifteen (15) minutes have elapsed from the round starting time then that player's position in the team for that round will be forfeited and the competition points for the unplayed frames will be awarded to the opposing team.

**13:03** No substitute player shall be permitted to occupy the forfeited position referred to in Rules 13:01 and 13:02 in either singles or doubles frames.

**13:04** Rules 13:02 and 13:03 may be varied by agreement between the opposing Team Captains.

### **14 COMPETITION STARTING TIMES**

**14:01** The following competition starting times shall apply to all rounds of the HSS:

Clubs must have three (3) competition tables available for play to commence at 7.30 pm.

**14:02** Rule 14:01 may be varied by prior agreement between the opposing Team Captains.

### **15 POSTING OF RESULTS**

**15:01** The Home Team Captain shall be responsible to supply the result of each competition round to the Secretary/Treasurer before 11.00 a.m. the day after the competition round.

**15:02** Failure to comply with Rule 15:01 may, at the decision of the HSS Committee, result in a penalty of up to five (5) competition points.

### **16 NOTIFICATION OF BREAKS**

**16:01** Any single break over forty (40) shall be immediately entered in the competition Result Sheet by the Captain whose player made the break.

**16:02** The entry made under Rule 16:01 shall be duly confirmed, dated and witnessed by the opposing team Captain.

**16:03** Claims for breaks not in accordance with Rules 16:01 and 16:02 shall not be recognised.

**16:04** Signature of the Result Sheet as laid out in Rule 12:05 does not constitute witness to a break.

## **17 COMPETITOR'S BEHAVIOUR**

**17:01** All players shall abide strictly to the Rules and Regulations of the Clubs they attend during the HSS.

**17:02** Any visiting player, during the HSS season, found or cited by the Host Club to be in breach of any Club Rule may be suspended, at the discretion of the Committee from any further competition for the remainder of the HSS season in which the breach of Rules occurred.

**17:03** Home team members found or cited to be in breach of their own Club Rules may be suspended, at the discretion of the Committee from any further competition for the remainder of the HSS season in which the breach of Rules occurred.

**17:04** Any Club Team member cited and subsequently suspended for any breach of any Club Rule will be automatically disqualified from the HSS competition for the duration of any such suspension.

**17:04** No substitute player will be allowed to compete in the HSS for any player found to be in breach of Rule 17:02, 17:03 and 17:04.

## **18 PLAYING RULES**

**18:01** The "Rules of Billiards and Snooker", as amended, shall apply to all HSS matches.

**18:02** Each Team Captain shall be conversant with the "Rules of Billiards and Snooker" and any amendments.

**18:03** Each club is required to readily supply, upon request, the latest version of the Rules as defined in Rule 18:01 at any HSS round should reference be necessary during the competition.

## **19 BREACH OF HSS RULES**

**19:01** Should a Captain consider that a breach of these Rules has been made then that Captain shall notify the Secretary, in writing, no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the considered breach occurred.

**19:02** The Committee shall within seven (7) days, consider and adjudicate upon the matter.

**19:03** The decision of the Committee in matters under Rule 19:01 shall be final.

**19:04** Teams that are found to be in breach of these Rules shall be deducted competition points at the discretion of the Committee.

## **20 USE OF SNOOKER BALLS**

**20:01** Each Host Club shall supply the required sets of snooker balls for each competition round.

**20:02** The balls refereed to in Rule 20:01 shall be of the same manufacture per set, and be consistent in weight, colour and size.

**20:03** Players are forbidden to substitute any ball in a manufacturer's supplied set with a ball that does not belong to that set.

**20:04** Notwithstanding Rule 20:03 a player MAY substitute the white ball in a set **ONLY IF THE OPPOSING PLAYER IS IN AGREEMENT.**

## **21 FINALS PLAY**

**21:01** The HSS snooker competition finals shall be played:

(a) One plays two: Winner to Grand Final Loser to Final

(b) Three plays four: Winner to Final Loser out

**21:02** The Scottish Cup Trophy shall be played in accordance with Rule 21:01.

## **22 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

**22:01** Extraordinary General Meetings shall be called by the President upon written application from a nominated Club Delegate.

**22:02** Such written application shall be seconded by a Delegate from another nominated Club.

**22:03** The President shall nominate the venue, date and time for all Extraordinary General Meetings.

**22:04** All correspondence shall be addressed to:

The Secretary/Treasurer  
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c/- Hornsby RSL Club Ltd  
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HORNSBY NSW 2077