



Masters Billiards Challenge 2018

1. The Masters Billiards competition will continue in 2018. It is only open to life members and financial members (which includes junior members).
2. It will once again be a handicap based competition involving one hour matches of billiards. Each session/challenge date and time to be arranged by the players themselves and must be played at The Venue.
3. There are several changes from the last two years competitions.
4. All persons who play in the Billiards League either as part of a team or as a floater are automatically entered into the Masters Billiards.
5. Scores and results on each League night from Round 1 on 18 October 2017 count and the premiership table has been retrospectively calculated from that date.
6. The handicap for the Masters Billiards competition will be determined by the handicap from time to time for those players playing in the Billiards League and not by any additional Masters' matches during the League season. If you play after the Billiards League finishes, then your handicap will be adjusted under 7.2 to 7.5 below.
7. If you enter the Masters Billiards but do not play in the weekly Billiards League then your handicap is determined in the following manner: –
 - 7.1. The Tournament Director or his nominee will allocate an initial handicap either based on existing records or after an assessment of your billiards skill level.
 - 7.2. The handicap is adjusted at the end of each day based on match results submitted. Thus, a player's handicap is effectively fixed for all matches played during a given day; whether one or multiple matches are played.
 - 7.3. For every win recorded your handicap is reduced by 5 points.
 - 7.4. For every loss recorded your handicap is increased by 5 points.
 - 7.5. All draws recorded do not alter your handicap.
8. Matches may be played as single one-hour matches and against different opponents (as is the case on League nights).
9. Each match starts with the players' full handicap on the scoreboard. Regardless of the handicap differential between opponents a maximum differential of 150 points will be applied in matches.
10. Each one hour match won will attract one premiership point while a loss will attract a one point penalty – drawn matches attract zero points.
11. To qualify for the final round of eight you must play at least 15 one hour matches outside of games in the Billiards League and these 15 one-hour matches must be spread against at least five different opponents with a minimum of three matches per opponent if you only play five.

12. The Tournament Director reserves the right to exclude results from the premiership table calculation if there has been an unfair weighting caused by multiple matches between the same players.
13. The minor round will close on 30 September 2018 with the semi-finals and finals to be played in October 2018 on dates to be confirmed (across 2 days and likely on weekends).
14. In the final series the top eight format will be the same as applies in AFL football (refer finals format below).
15. Each round of the finals will be a best of three timed event of 45 minutes with handicaps adjusted accordingly.
16. The handicaps used in the finals will ignore the last four one-hour matches played.
17. Entry into the Masters is free. Table time outside of the League night competition will be \$10 per player per match and will include 30 minutes of practice time prior to the match commencing (subject to table availability).
18. Results must be submitted to Dennis Wignall via email or SMS (dennis.wignall@macrologic.com.au or mobile 0438 195 704 – SMS photo of result)

Finals Format for players P1 to P8

Day 1		Day 2	
<i>Round 1</i>	<i>Round 2</i>	<i>Semi Finals</i>	<i>Final</i>
M1	P1 P4		
M2	P2 P3	M5 Loser M1 Winner M4	M7 Winner M1 Winner M6
M3	P5 P8	M6 Loser M2 Winner M3	M8 Winner M2 Winner M5
M4	P6 P7		Winner M7 Winner M8