

Australian Billiards & Snooker Council Inc.

By Laws

1. IBSF or World Bodies

Player and/or Officials Suspensions or Bans.

In line with the ABSC Constitution, and for the overall credibility and integrity of our sport Australia wide, it is agreed that the ABSC will recognise all serious disciplinary actions against all players and officials that are announced by the IBSF and the OBSF.

These shall include such disciplinary actions as bringing the sport into disrepute, positive drug testing, etc. If the seriousness of the disciplinary action results in a suspension or ban on the player or official, then the **same period of suspension or ban** will be recognised by the ABSC and its State Affiliates.

Appeals.

Appeals against a Suspension or Ban instigated by an offshore executive body, such as the OBSF or the IBSF, are not recognised by the ABSC or any of its affiliates until they are resolved by the relevant appeal body.

2. ABSC Affiliates

Player and/or Officials Suspensions or Bans.

In line with the ABSC Constitution, and for the overall credibility and integrity of our sport Australia wide, it is agreed that the ABSC will recognise all serious disciplinary actions against all players and officials that are announced by the State Affiliates of the ABSC.

These shall include such disciplinary actions as bringing the sport into disrepute, positive drug testing, etc. If the seriousness of the disciplinary action results in a suspension or ban on the player or official, then the same period of suspension or ban will be recognised by the ABSC and all its State Affiliates.

Appeals.

Appeals against a Suspension or Ban instigated by any ABSC Affiliate or the ABSC itself, may be made by any Player or Official of any State Affiliate. Such an appeal is subject to the Member Protection Policy of that State Affiliate and/or the ABSC.

Appeals must be made in writing to the Secretary of the ABSC within 28 days of the date of the Suspension or Ban decision. The Suspension or Ban will not be imposed until the appeal has been heard and concluded, provided the appeal is lodged within the 28 day timeframe.

If an appeal is lodged after the date the Suspension or Ban comes into effect, even if it falls within the 28 day timeframe, then it may still be heard, but the Suspension or Ban will be recognised by the ABSC until it is proved that it was imposed with malicious intent or the facts do not merit the imposition of a Suspension or Ban.

3. Substantiation for Claims of Expenditure

All claims for expenditure made on behalf of the ABSC must be supported by the original Tax Invoice for the goods or services relevant to that claim.

Under no circumstances will credit card statements be acceptable as substantiation of a debt incurred on behalf of the ABSC without the original Tax Invoice.

4. Claims for Expenditure

Any expenditure incurred on behalf of the ABSC, for whatsoever the reason, must be claimed within a maximum of 6 months of being expended.

After this time the debt incurred will not be accepted by the ABSC as valid.

5. Entry to ABSC Events

If a person seeks to circumvent the integrity of the entry criteria to an ABSC event then such person will be excluded from that event and be subject to disciplinary action by the ABSC.

6. Offences at ABSC events

Players or Officials committing offences during play at an ABSC event will be subject to Disciplinary action from the ABSC. They may also be reported to the State Affiliate where action may be taken against that Player or Official. The venue, if a Club may decide to impose a ban against a Player or Official and such a ban will be supported by the ABSC for that venue.

7. Australian Representation

Any player selected to represent Australia must comply with the Selection Criteria as laid down by the ABSC. The player must enter into an agreement with the ABSC; which will become a contract between the two parties. The player must sign that agreement prior to any financial support being rendered to that player. Failure to fulfil the conditions stipulated in the agreement to the satisfaction of the ABSC will require the selected player to refund all financial support that may have been provided by the ABSC. The player in addition may also be subject to Disciplinary action from the ABSC if the transgression is deemed to be of such a serious nature.

8. Proof of Eligibility for Entry in ABSC National Championships

All players, on request, must provide proof of their Citizenship or Permanent Residency of Australia.

The only documents that are acceptable as proof of status are copies of Passports or Certificates of Citizenship or Permanent Residency.

Failure to comply with this request will result in the exclusion of that player from that Championship and all other National Championships until such documentation is provided.