

# Australian Billiards & Snooker Council Inc.

By Laws as at 1 September 2018

## 1. IBSF or World Bodies

### Player and/or Officials Suspensions or Bans.

- 1.1. 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.
- 1.2. 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.

- 1.3. 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.

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. 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.

- 2.3. 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.
- 2.4. 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.
- 2.5. 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**

- 3.1. 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.
- 3.2. 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**

- 4.1. Any expenditure incurred on behalf of the ABSC, for whatsoever the reason, must be claimed within a maximum of 6 months of being expended.
- 4.2. After this time the debt incurred will not be accepted by the ABSC as valid.

### **5. Entry to ABSC Events**

- 5.1. 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**

- 6.1. 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**

- 7.1. 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**

- 8.1. All players, on request, must provide proof of their Citizenship or Permanent Residency of Australia.
- 8.2. The only documents that are acceptable as proof of status are copies of Passports or Certificates of Citizenship or Permanent Residency.
- 8.3. 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.

### Ordinary Members

9. On and from 24 February 2018 any person who is or who becomes a

member of an Affiliate shall be deemed to be an Ordinary Member of the Australian Billiards & Snooker Council Incorporated.

10. A person who is an Ordinary Member under the previous by-law does not need to complete an application for membership under Appendix 1 of the Constitution.
11. Ordinary Members are:
  - 11.1. not entitled to vote at any General Meeting;
  - 11.2. entitled to notice, via the Affiliate that they are a member of, of any General Meeting;
  - 11.3. entitled to attend at any General Meeting;
  - 11.4. entitled to seek permission to speak on any motion to be considered at a General Meeting. Permission to speak will not be unreasonably withheld. The Chairman may limit the time allowed for Ordinary Members to speak to any motion to a reasonable time having regard to the circumstances of the meeting; and
  - 11.5. shall be subject to any policies and by-laws imposed from time to time by the Executive;
12. Each of the Affiliates shall make details of their members available to the Secretary upon request.
13. Ordinary Membership under by-law 9 shall cease when a person ceases to be a member of an Affiliate.
14. **Service of Documents**
  - 14.1. In this by-law, document includes a notice.
  - 14.2. The Council may give a document to a Member:
    - 14.2.1. personally;
    - 14.2.2. by sending it by post to the address for the Member in the Register or an alternative address nominated by the Member; or
    - 14.2.3. by sending it to a facsimile number or electronic address nominated by the Member.
  - 14.3. A Member may give a document to the Council:
    - 14.3.1. by delivering it to the Registered Office;
    - 14.3.2. by sending it by post to the Registered Office; or
    - 14.3.3. by sending it to a facsimile number or electronic address nominated by the Council.
  - 14.4. A document sent by post if sent to an address:
    - 14.4.1. in Australia, may be sent by ordinary post; and
    - 14.4.2. outside Australia, or sent from an address outside Australia, must be sent by airmail,

and in either case is taken to have been received on the fourth business day after the date of its posting.
  - 14.5. If a document is sent by facsimile or electronic transmission, delivery of the document is taken to:

- 14.5.1. be effected by properly addressing and transmitting the facsimile or electronic transmission; and
- 14.5.2. have been delivered on the business day following its transmission.