

# The Republic of Ireland Billiards & Snooker Association



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## RULES FOR UNDER AGE TOURNAMENTS

1. All players to be under the required age at December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season. This rule applies for U 12, U14, U16, U18, U19 and U21.
2. Date of Birth must be stated on the online Registration Form. Proof of age must be supplied by player prior to his or her first match if required.
3. Only players who are Citizens of the Republic of Ireland or persons who have been resident for more than one year in the Republic of Ireland are eligible to play in Junior Tournaments. Players must be registered members of RIBSA.
4. Entry fee €11.00. All entries must be submitted via the on line payment system and entry must be received no later than 10am on the morning the tournament.
5. The Draw will be made on the morning of the tournament at 10.15am.
6. Prize Fund.
  - Cash Prizes for U/18 and U/21 events
  - Trophies for U/12, U/14 and U/16 and U/19 events.
7. The match venues will be subject to RIBSA approval and may be changed by RIBSA at any time. Notice of any such change during the season will be posted on the Website.
8. Ranking points will be awarded for each match played, a bye or a walkover, provided always that the player plays in subsequent rounds of the tournament.  
Points will be awarded as follows:

100 points for Winner	50 points for beaten quarter-finalists	
75 points for Runner-up	40 points for Last 16	
60 points for beaten Semi-finalists	30 points for Last 32	20 points last 64
- Merit points will be awarded for every frame you win by, for example.  
For a 3-0 win = 3 points - For a 3-1 win = 2 points - For a 3-2 win = 1 point
9. All matches will be played on appointed dates as per time schedule. Timings will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
10. Competitors must identify themselves to the Tournament Director at Control Desk prior to commencement of match. At the match time, the names of players will be called; a table will be allocated subject to availability. Any player not at the Control Desk at the time appointed for the match will forfeit one frame for being 15 minutes late or part thereof and one frame every five minutes thereafter. This penalty will apply even when no table is available.
11. Neat dress is essential for all matches, e.g. trousers and long sleeved one-coloured shirt, buttoned

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at the wrist. Jeans, tee shirts, jumpers or sneakers are not acceptable. Any player not conforming to this rule may be disqualified and will forfeit his/her entry fee. The Tournament Director shall monitor the quality of dress. Waistcoats must be worn for all matches. International waistcoats are not permitted at junior tournaments.

12. All persons attending official tournaments, whether in a playing capacity, or otherwise, shall be expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting a member of RIBSA, i.e. in clubs, pubs, discos, hotels or other public places. Anyone failing to comply with this ruling shall be brought before the Disciplinary Committee, on a charge of bringing the Association into disrepute, and if found guilty, may be disciplined. The right to appeal is recognised and preserved.
13. Tournament Director will have authority to adjust match schedules at tournaments.
14. **FORMAT FOR JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS**  
There will be 3 ranking tournaments and a National Championship in the U14, U16, and U21 series plus a U/12, U/18 and U/19 National Championship.
15. The decision of RIBSA is final in all matters.
16. On completion of all under 16 Ranking Tournaments, the National Champion plus the top 3 available on ranking list will qualify for the Republic of Ireland under16 Home International Snooker team and World U-16 Championships. The Top 12 must be asked before the Manager will be allowed one wild card for each team.
17. The top 3 players after the Under 18 and Under 21 Ranking tournaments will qualify for the European under 18 and 21 Championships. Additional players from the Ranking List.
18. The under 21 Champion plus the top 3 after the Ranking tournaments will qualify for the World under 21 Championships and the under 21 Home International team. Additional players from the Ranking List.
19. All players must abide by the Constitution and Rules of the Republic of Ireland Billiards and Snooker Association. By signing the Player Registration Form, all players understand that Drug Testing can be carried out at any time and consent to this. RIBSA competitions are subject to the Irish Sports Council Anti-Doping Rules.
20. Celtic Challenge teams will be selected with the National under 14 and 16 champions plus top 5 players available on each ranking list. Additional players from the Ranking List

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