



Snooker & Billiards Ireland

## ***SBI SENIOR RANKING TOURNAMENT RULES***

1. Only players who are citizens or persons who have been resident for more than one year in the Republic of Ireland are eligible to play in Points Tournaments and must be registered members of SBI to compete in any Points Tournament.
2. The prize fund for Points Tournaments will be determined by SBI.
3. The Committee will determine the entry fee prior to the start of each season. All entries must be submitted on line through the online section of the website [www.sbireland.ie](http://www.sbireland.ie). Entries must be received no later than 12 noon on the Thursday prior to commencement of tournament.
4. The tournament draw will be published on the SBI website prior to the commencement of the tournament, with the date and time of first matches.
5. The allocation of tables for each session during the tournament must be fair and equitable.
6. Match balls at all Points Tournaments to be approved by SBI.
7. Tournament Director appointed by SBI will officiate at each Points Tournament.
  - (a) The ranking position of seeds for the opening tournament of a season will be based on closing position of previous season, i.e. the final point's table.
  - (b) Following the opening tournament of the season, the last 16 from that tournament will be the Top 16 in tournament two. Where two or more players are level on ranking points, position for opening tournament will determine position in tournament number two.
  - (c) For tournament following the number two tournament, current accumulated points will determine seeding's. Where two or more players are equal on ranking and merit points, following tournament two, whichever player was highest in previous list, will retain highest position.
  - (d) Top 16 will automatically be entered into each tournament. Players must notify SBI themselves, if they are unable to play.
8. Supervising Referees will be used in the earlier stages of a Tournament. Players may have to play matches without a referee.
9. Referees of the highest standard possible are to be used at all Points tournaments.
10. No alteration to fixtures after the draw takes place.
11. Competitors must identify themselves to the Tournament Director at Control Desk at least 15 minutes 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.



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12. Ranking points will be awarded for each match won, a bye or a walkover, provided always that the player plays in subsequent rounds of the tournament.
13. Ranking 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 pts for Last 64 - 10 points for Last 128
14. Merit Points will be awarded as follows:
15. For a 5-0 win = 5 points, 4-0 win = 4 points, 3-0 win = 3 points
16. For a 5-1 win = 4 points, 4-1 win = 3 points, 3-1 win = 2 points
17. For a 5-2 win = 3 points, 4-2 win = 2 points, 3-2 win = 1 point
18. For a 5-3 win = 2 points, 4-3 win = 1 point
19. For a 5-4 win = 1 point
20. Neat dress essential for all matches, e.g. trousers and long sleeved, one-coloured shirt, buttoned at the wrist. Jeans, tee shirts, jumpers or sneakers are not acceptable. Any player not conforming to this rule will be disqualified and will forfeit his/her entry fee. The Tournament Director shall be required to enforce these rules. Waistcoats must be worn at all times. International waistcoats are not permissible at Points Tournaments.
21. Required number of frames for all Points Tournaments, except the Irish Snooker Championship will be as follows:
  - i. 5 frames to quarter-finals,
  - ii. 5 frames for quarter-finals,
  - iii. 5 frames for semi-finals,
  - iv. 7 frames for final.
22. The number of frames for the Irish Snooker Championship will be as follows:
  - i. 7 frames for all rounds to Last 16
  - ii. 9 frames for Last 16
  - iii. 9 frames for quarter-finals
  - iv. 11 frames for semi-finals
  - v. 13 frames for final.
23. The 128 Stage will be played down to the Last 16.
24. Tournament Director will have authority to adjust match schedules at tournaments.
25. Following the final Points Tournament before the Irish Snooker Championship, the Top 16 players available from the Ranking List will be entered into Irish Championships. However, they must notify SBI if they are unable to play.
26. On completion of all Points Tournaments and the Championships, the National Champion and the Top 3 players available on the Senior Ranking List will qualify for the Republic of Ireland Home International Snooker team.



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27. Complaints regarding match venue, referees, etc... must be put in writing within 24 hours of completion of match to Tournament Director who shall note such complaint and report the matter to the Control Council. The Tournament Director will not have the power to alter any match result.
28. All members attending official tournaments, whether in a playing capacity or otherwise, shall be expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting a member of SBI, 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.
29. The consumption of alcohol by players and officials is strictly prohibited during play.
30. A current Ranking List will be on display at each tournament venue.
31. A copy of these rules will be available at each tournament venue.
32. The decisions of the Committee are final in all matters.
33. All players must abide by the Constitution and Rules of Snooker & Billiards Ireland. By signing the Player Registration Form, all players understand that Drug Testing can be carried out at any time and consent to this. SBI competitions are subject to the Sports Ireland Anti-Doping Rules.

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