



SBI MASTERS RANKING TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Only players who are citizens of the Republic of Ireland or persons who have been resident for more than one year are eligible to play in Masters Tournaments and must be registered members of SBI to compete in any Masters Tournament.
2. Players must be 40 years of age or older on the day of the Tournament.
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. Entries must be received no later than 6pm on the Saturday 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. Neat dress is essential for all matches, e.g. trousers and long sleeved one-coloured shirt, buttoned at the wrist. Jeans, tee shirts 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 permissible.
6. All matches are the best of five frames.
7. 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.
8. The Prize Fund will be dependent on number of entries.
 - a. Winner €7 per entry Runner-u €4 per entry
 - b. Semi-finalist x 2 - €2 per entry
 - c. High Break - €1 per entry
 - d. Host Club - €2 per entry
 - e. Tournament Director - €2 per entry
9. 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.



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10. Ranking points will be awarded as follows:

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| a. 100 points for Winner | 40 points for Last 16 |
| b. 75 points for Runner-up | 30 points for Last 32 |
| c. 60 points for beaten Semi-finalists | 20 points for Last 64 |
| d. 50 Points for quarter finalist | |

11. Merit Points are being re-introduced and will be awarded as follows:

For a 5-0 win = 5 points, 4-0 win = 4 points, 3-0 win = 3 points

For a 5-1 win = 4 points, 4-1 win = 3 points, 3-1 win = 2 points

For a 5-2 win = 3 points, 4-2 win = 2 points, 3-2 win = 1 point

For a 5-3 win = 2 points, 4-3 win = 1 point

For a 5-4 win = 1 point

12. An Over 40's Championship will be held at the end of the season after the final Over 40's Ranking Tournament.

13. All players must abide by the Constitution and Rules of the 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 Irish Sports Council Anti-Doping Rules.

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