

# BAPA Players Series

# Australia



## EVENT INFORMATION

Welcome to the newly branded BAPA players series formerly known as the IPA Australia World League.

Also new for 2025 is we have moved to our new home for BAPA blackball pool events BAR EIGHT in Bundoora, Melbourne. All the BAPA player series events will take place at Bar Eight.

Again, we will see the 2 playing categories of Men Pro and Amateur events, both categories will have their own stand-alone double elimination events plus join for the pro-am event.

The only way to gain your professional status is by entering the amateur events and qualifying by coming in the top 8 of the amateur end of year rankings. The name of amateur is just a title and is open to any standard of player.

The Pro-am will take place on the Friday with a 12 pm start time, the amateur and pro events will then start on the Saturday with finals on the Sunday afternoon.

We will see the continuation of the Official Australia Blackball player ranking system and the BAPA player series will also have its own ranking system just for BAPA player series events.

All matches will have a match time clock to which the match should be completed within that time, any match not finished when that time runs out the score at that time will decide the winner, in the event the match is a draw when the clock runs out the players will either finish the frame if started or a blackball shootout will take place to decide the winner.

## Men Pro and Amateur 4 Events Dates:

- **Event 1 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN**  
**MAY** - Friday 30th - 12pm start, Saturday 31st, Sunday 1st June.
- **Event 2 - AUSTRALIAN CLASSIC**  
**July** - Friday 4th - 12pm start, Saturday 5th, Sunday 6th July.
- **Event 3 - OCEANIA OPEN**  
**August** - Friday 15th - 12pm start, Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th August.
- **Event 4 - AUSTRALIAN MASTERS**  
**November** - Friday 21st - 12pm start, Saturday 22nd, Sunday 23rd November.

## Men's Pro World League Format:

### Professional League- 24 Men Players\*\*

- **Professional Men** – Double Elimination - Up to Last 8
- Winners side race to 8, Losers side race to 5  
(Match times 1hr 45 mins winners' side, 1hr 30mins loser side)
- 1/4 Finals race to 8 - Match times 1hr 45 mins
- Semi Final race to 9 - Match times 2 hrs
- Final race to 10 - No Match Time
  
- **Pro-Am** – Single Elimination-
- Rounds Race to 6 Match time 1 hr 30 mins
- Semi's 8 Match time 1 hr 45 mins
- Final 8 - No match Time
- Pro-Am is for both Pro Men and Amateurs combined.

There will be no buy in's available for the Men's Pro. This will only happen if we exhaust the list of the 64 amateurs.

\*\*Depending on how many existing pro players stay pro, if we can take numbers to 32 we will

## Amateur's Format:

### Amateur - 64 Players

- Amateur – Double Elimination up to last 16
- Race to 7 Winners side / Losers side Race to 5 - (Match times 1hr 45 mins winners' side, 1hr 30mins loser side)
- Last 16 Race to 7 - Match times 1 hr 45 mins
- 1/4 Finals Race to 7 - Match times 1 hr 45 mins
- Semi Final Race to 8 - Match time 2 hrs
- Final 8 frames

- **Pro-Am** – Single Elimination
- Rounds Race to 6 Match time 1 hr 30 mins
- Semi's 8 Match time 1 hr 45 mins
- Final 8 - No match time
- Pro-Am is for both Pro Men and Amateurs combined.

### **Draws/Schedules:**

The draws and schedules are usually available online around 10 days before the event. If you have an issue with your match times you should contact BAPA as soon as possible at [blackballaus@gmail.com](mailto:blackballaus@gmail.com).

Where possible we will try to accommodate a later start time in exceptional circumstances, but this cannot be guaranteed.

The World League will be 3 full days of action – Times will be worked out depending on entries and players will be notified well in advance.

### **Official Playing Polo Shirts:**

It is an entry requirement for all players to wear the official playing tops for the BAPA player series, these can be ordered through BAPA. Any player not wearing the official polo playing shirt will have to forfeit their match.

You are required to purchase minimum of 1 shirt which is NOT INCLUDED within your entry fee, these shirts are to be ordered through BAPA for a cost of \$60 each, they come in 5 different of colours. Additional shirts may also be ordered, Shirts need to be ordered at time of confirming entry along with your deposit.

### **Dress code: For both Men's and Ladies:**

- **Official BAPA player series playing polo shirt.**
- **Dress trousers: Any colour, No skirts or 3/4 trousers.**
- **Dress Shoes: Black or brown in colour and enclosed toes.**
- **NO TRAINERS OR TRAINER TYPE OF SHOE, NO HATS OF ANY KIND, NO SUNGLASSES**

### **Standards of behaviour:**

The BAPA player series will be a professionally ran event and we expect all players to always conduct themselves appropriately, especially during matches. Bad behaviour will be severely dealt with, through either a fine, or suspension from all BAPA events.

**All players will be required to complete a players conduct form which confirms each players agreement to our rules and regulations. No player is permitted to compete in any unsanctioned national blackball event whether in Australia or Internationally. It is the players responsibility to ensure you are aware of all rules and regulations prior to signing.**

## Social Media:

We do ask players to share all posts that we put out for the BAPA/IPA World League on our Facebook pages. It only takes a second and can provide huge benefits to the World League in terms of increased awareness, higher profile etc, which makes us more attractive to potential sponsors.

## Entry fees for the BAPA PLAYER SERIES:

\*\* Entry fee covers all 4 Pro/Amateur events plus the Pro-am.

**ALL PLAYERS GET 2 EVENTS EACH EVENT WEEKEND**

- Men Professionals – \$2,000
- Amateurs League – \$1,000
- Juniors under 18 – \$800
- SHIRTS COST \$60 PER SHIRT (**Minimum 1 SHIRT REQUIRED**) Extra can be ordered
- BAPA Membership per player \$30.00

All players taking part must be paid members of BAPA for the playing year, at a cost of \$30 on top of your fees.

Ranking points available for all events.

## MAIN WORLD LEAGUE: Payment Structure:

	Deposit*	2nd Payment	3rd Payment	4TH Payment	Total
Paid By	31st January	31st March	Event 1 - May 30th	Event 2 - 4th July	
Men Pro	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Amateurs	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		\$ 1,000.00
Juniors U18	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00		\$ 800.00

**\* NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT - PLACE NOT CONFIRMED UNTIL DEPOSIT HAS BEEN PAID**

**IF PAYMENT IS NOT MADE BY SET DATE ENTRY FOR THE CORRESPONDING EVENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**PLAYERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENTS & WILL NOT BE CHASED FOR PAYMENTS YOU WILL BE EXCLUDED & PRIZE FUND ADJUSTED.**

**ENTRY FEES ARE FOR ALL 4 EVENTS**

**Prize fund for events 1 to 4**

**EVENTS 1 -4 PRIZE FUND**

<b>BASED ON PLAYERS</b>	<b>MEN PRO 24</b>	<b>PRO AM 88</b>	<b>AMATEUR 64</b>
<b>WINNER</b>	<b>\$ 2,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,400.00</b>
<b>RUNNER UP</b>	<b>\$ 1,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>
<b>SEMI FINALS</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>
<b>1/4 FINALS</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
<b>LAST 16</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
	<b>\$ 7,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,300.00</b>