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BAPA/IPA Tournament Regulations

Below are the rules specific to the BAPA/IPA World Blackball League Australia. The tournaments will be played under Blackball Rules of eightball pool at all times. These rules will be strictly enforced by the BAPA Tournament Director and official referees. Note, where the rules state a penalty of 'loss of frame' this means the opponents score will be incremented by 1 frame unless indicated otherwise.

1. Match time: it is the player's responsibility to check the draw sheet for the time of their next match. Players must be present in the venue and ready to play at their scheduled start time. The Tournament Director will call the match when your table is available but you should not rely on this and ALWAYS check the tournament notice board. Once names are called the Tournament Director will note down the time of the match and players must be present at the table ready to play within 5 minutes of that time. If your opponent is not present within the required time, players must promptly inform the Tournament Director or Referee. Penalty for breach of rule: 5 - 9 minutes late - 1 frame. 10 - 19 minutes late - 3 frames. 20 or more minutes late - loss of match.

2a. Practice immediately before match: After your match has been called play must begin promptly as soon as both players arrive at the designated table. The only exception is where your opponent does not arrive at the table within the permitted time (as per rule 1). In this case you may practice whilst waiting for your opponent, only upon authorisation from the Tournament Director or Referee. Such authorisation will only normally be given when your opponent is at least 5 minutes late and is known to be further delayed. As soon as your opponent arrives at the table no further practice is allowed by either player and play must begin promptly. **Penalty for breach of rule, 1st occasion loss of 1 frame (at the referees discretion) a warning may be given, 2nd occasion - loss of match.**

2b. Practice between matches: Players are not allowed to practice or play on any of the designated match tables whilst the tournament is in progress: however practice sessions will be scheduled throughout the event. The practice must finish promptly prior to the start of play, when announced by the tournament director. Penalty for breach of rule: disqualification from tournament (at the Tournament Director or Referee's discretion a warning may be given). In cases of deliberate repeat offences disciplinary proceedings may also be invoked.

3. Player's Timeout: Each player is allowed one 5 minute timeout per match, which must be taken at the end of a frame (regardless of who is to break next). Player's must otherwise not leave the playing area without the consent of the Tournament Director, Referee or opponent. To exercise their right to a timeout the player must inform the referee or opponent of their intention and mark on the score sheet and make sure the referee or opponent is aware of the fact. During an opponent's timeout, players must not involve themselves in any other activities (practice/coaching etc) otherwise it will be considered exercising a time out and no further timeout will be allowed.
Penalty for breach of rule: first occasion - loss of 1 frame (at the discretion of the Referee a warning may be given instead or if the absence is more than 10 minutes the Tournament Director may at their discretion immediately deem loss of match), Second occasion - loss of match.

4. Sickness timeout: If a player requires a pause in play due to an illness or potential illness they must immediately inform the Tournament Director or Referee who at their sole discretion will authorise a maximum 10 minute sickness time out. Such a timeout can only be taken if the Tournament Director, Referee or their appointed official is present. If the timeout is taken without such approval the player is deemed to be absent from the table and rule 3 applies.

Penalty for breach of rule: 10 minutes exceeded by up to 5 minutes - loss of 1 frame, 15 minutes elapsed - loss of match.

5. Tip timeout: If a player's cue tip becomes loose or significantly damaged during a match they may seek permission from the referee or Tournament Director or appointed official for a 15 minute tip timeout. Whether the tip is damaged sufficiently to warrant a tip timeout is at the sole discretion of this official. If the timeout is taken without approval the player is deemed to be absent from the table and rule 3 applies.

Penalty for breach of rule: 15 minutes exceeded by up to 5 minutes – loss of 1 frame, 20 minutes elapsed – loss of match

6. Alcohol: Alcoholic drinks must not be taken into the playing arena and should be placed on the outer tables.

Penalty for breach of rule: first occasion - warning, second occasion - loss of 1 frame. In cases of deliberate repeat offences - loss of match and disciplinary proceedings may also be invoked.

7. Speed of play: Tournaments are run to strict time schedules and matches are allocated the following times:

- Best of 9 frames - 1 hour
- Best of 11 frames - 1 hour 15 minutes
- Best of 13 frames - 1 hour 30 minutes
- Best of 15 & 17 Frames - 2 hours
- Best of 19 Frames - 2 hours 30 mins

If the match has not progressed passed the half-way point (ie 50% of the total frames completed in 50% of the allocated time) or the referee believes this situation will arise, the referee may, at their sole discretion, warn the players to increase their speed of play or introduce the shot clock. If the shot clock is introduced the Tournament Director or Referee may delegate responsibility for administering this to anyone they deem fit.

8. Referee: It is the player's responsibility to call a referee to a table to watch a shot or make a determination. The player or the opponent has the right to call a referee. If the opponent calls for a referee it must be done before the player commences their shot (if player, plays quickly, then the opponent must act quickly)

The referee's decision is final.

9. Dress code: Players must respect the dress code at all times during tournaments. **Penalty for breach of rule when noticed before the start of the match: at the Tournament Directors sole discretion** any of the following penalties or a combination of these may be used depending upon the Tournament Directors opinion of the severity of the breach and whether it is a repeat offence.

- Permission to play refused before dress is rectified (in which case the rule 1 applies if scheduled times are not adhered to).
 - Permission to play next match is granted but warning that dress must be corrected before subsequent match.
 - Warning that dress code must be corrected before the next tour event.
- Penalty for breach of rule when noticed during a match and breach can be corrected without any delay to the match or within an available time out: at the referee's discretion any of the following penalties may be used depending upon the referee's opinion and the severity of the breach and whether it is a repeat offence:**
- Warning (usually for minor breaches and likely to be offered once only).
 - Loss of 1 frame (usually for serious breach or a second offence). The referee will decide if the current frame is to be awarded against or the following frame.

- Loss of match (usually used for persistent or deliberate offenders).

Penalty for breach of rule when noticed during a match and breach cannot be corrected without any delay to the match or within an available time out: at the referee's discretion any of the following penalties may be used depending upon the referee's opinion of the severity of the breach and whether it is a repeat offence.

- Warning that dress must be corrected before next match (usually for minor breaches and likely to be offered once only).
- Loss of 1 frame (usually for serious breach or a second offence). The referee will decide if the current frame is to be awarded against or the following frame.
- Loss of match (usually used for persistent or deliberate offenders).

10. Unsporting conduct: Players must conduct themselves in a fair and sporting fashion and obey the spirit of the rules at all times.

Unsportsmanlike conduct is any intentional behaviour that brings disrepute to the sport or which disrupts or changes the game to the extent that it cannot be played fairly, it includes:

- Any behaviour which is likely to distract, intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against (on the grounds of race, colour, religion, sex or ethnic origin) their opponent.

Penalty for breach of rule: at the Tournament Director or Referees discretion any of the following penalties or a combination of these may be used: Warning/loss of frame/loss of match/disqualification from tour/reported to disciplinary committee.

11. Entry fees: Players must pay their entry fee instalments by the due date. A player is not allowed to transfer his/her place to another person e.g. if they are unable to attend.

Penalty for breach of rule: refused entry into the league stops until fees are up to date or suspended from entering further events until outstanding fees are paid.

12. Score sheets: Both players are responsible for updating/completing the score sheets correctly. If you start the next frame without checking the score you will be deemed to have accepted the score. The winning player should ensure the scores are correct before commencing the next frame. Any errors, which cannot be corrected by the players, must be reported immediately to the Tournament Director or Referee. All boxes must be completed with running totals after every frame. The winning player should ensure the score sheet is completed correctly and with both signatures present before submission to the tournament desk.

Penalty for breach of rule:

- **Incorrectly submitted match result - disqualification.**
- **Break and runs not completed after each rack (manual score sheets) - break and runs nullified by referee for that match. (At the discretion of the Tournament Director or Referee a warning may be given for either of the above).**

13. Equipment: Wearing of headphones or other electronic devices are not permitted during a match except during a players time out when they may be used outside the playing arena.

Penalty for breach of rule: at the Tournament Director or Referees discretion any of the following penalties or a combination of these may be used: **Warning/Loss of frame/ Loss of match.**

14. Performance: Players must try to play to the best of their ability at all times. Any player who in the opinion of the Tournament Officials is guilty of deliberately under performing in a match will be severely dealt with.

Penalty for breach of rule: at the Tournament Director or Referees discretion any of the following penalties or a combination of these may be used: **Warning/ Forfeiture of all prize money for the tournament in which the breach occurs/Reported to disciplinary committee.**

15. Situations not covered by the rules: If any situation or question arises that is not covered in the rules the Tournament Director will be consulted and their decision will be final.

16. Players responsibility: It is the player's responsibility to be aware of all the rules applying to the competition. While tournament officials will make every reasonable effort to have such information readily available to all players as appropriate the ultimate responsibility rests with the player.

17. Commencement of frame: The lag is the first shot of the match and determines order of play. The player who wins the lag chooses who will break first.

18. Prize monies: BAPA will aim to pay all prize monies within 7 days of the completion of the event. All prizes are paid by BACS transfer. Any player who fails to turn up for a match and has reached the prize money rounds, will forfeit any prize monies due, unless in exceptional circumstances.

BAPA/IPA dress code:

The following dress code will be strictly enforced during all matches. There is no requirement to be in dress code in between matches though we would obviously prefer all players to be dressed smartly and appropriately when in the tournament venue. It is a player's responsibility to be familiar with this dress code. Any questions about certain garments that might not meet this code **MUST** be cleared by the Tournament Director in advance.

Men

- Smart trousers any colour (see below for exceptions).
- Smart shoes Black or Brown in colour (clean and polished).
- Tournament regulation dress shirt/polo shirt.
- While playing, players may not roll up their sleeves.
- Dress shirts must be tucked in, polo shirts not required to be tucked in.

Ladies

- Smart trousers any colour (see below for exceptions).
- Smart shoes Black or Brown in colour (clean and polished).
- Tournament regulation dress shirt/polo shirt.
- While playing, players may not roll up their sleeves.
- **NO 3/4 Trousers are allowed or Skirts. Casual sun dresses or any other casual attire is not allowed.**

All players note.

The following are not allowed:

- Jeans (any denim of any kind) and corduroys/cargo pants/shorts/baseball caps/berets/sock hats/visors/or any casual hat or cap/training shoes/flip flops or sandals.
- Trousers closely resembling jeans. If in doubt get approval from the Tournament Director in advance or wear a smart pair of trousers with a traditional cut. If players are not sure if their attire will meet the dress code regulations they should have it cleared in advance by

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19. Professional Players Agreement:

By joining the BAPA / IPA World League the player agrees to the following:

- All entry fees paid in are non-refundable and places are non-exchangeable.
- Pay all entry fees by the agreed dates. (If not paid BAPA reserves the right to give your allocated space to another player on the reserve list.)
- Agree to wear the Official playing shirt for all events.
- Supply BAPA with requested Player photos for event marketing.
- Agree to let BAPA use player photos for event marketing.
- Agree to the standards of behaviour as set out in event rules.
- Agree to follow event rules.
- Share the event posts on social media.
- Professional players agree to fill out player profile information for advertising.