

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.

For 2025 we are launching 2 new playing categories of Senior Pro and Senior Amateur events, both categories will have their own stand-alone double elimination events plus join for a pro-am event.

The 40 plus age criteria is open to any player male or female over the age of 40 years the day before each of the events.

For the inaugural year 2025 we are opening up Senior professional status to the first 16 players who pay their non-refundable deposit. The amateur events will then be open to everyone over the age of 40. The top 8 of the amateur end of year rankings will then qualify to become a senior pro in the following year 2026. 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 Senior 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.

Senior Pro and Senior Amateur 4 Events Dates:

- **Event 1 – SENIORS AUSTRALIAN OPEN**
JULY - Friday 25th - 12pm start, Saturday 26th, Sunday 27th JULY.
- **Event 2 – SENIORS AUSTRALIAN CLASSIC**
SEPTEMBER - Friday 12th - 12pm start, Saturday 13th, Sunday 14th September.
- **Event 3 - SENIORS OCEANIA OPEN**
October - Friday 3rd - 12pm start, Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th October.
- **Event 4 – SENIORS AUSTRALIAN MASTERS**
November - Friday 28th - 12pm start, Saturday 29th, Sunday 30th November.

Senior's Pro Format:

Professional League- 16 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 Seniors and Senior Amateurs combined.

Senior's Amateur Format:

Senior Amateur - 32 Players

- Amateur – Double Elimination up to last 8
- Race to 7 Winners side / Losers side Race to 5
(Match times 1hr 45 mins winners' side, 1hr 30mins loser side)
- 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 Race to 8 Match time 1 hr 45 mins
- Final Race to 8 - No match time
- Pro-Am is for both Pro Seniors and Senior 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.

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/Ladies/Seniors:

- **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, NO HOODIES TO BE WORN WHILE PLAYING**

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 immediately 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. Tournament Director will be the final authority on any action or decision taken on behalf of BAPA.

Social Media:

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

Entry fees for the BAPA PLAYER SERIES:

- Men Professionals – \$2,000
- Amateurs League: Men – \$1,000
- Juniors under 18 – \$800
- Membership to BAPA \$30 per player (COMPULSORY - 01/01 - 31/12)
- SHIRTS COST \$60 PER SHIRT (COMPULSORY - 1 SHIRT REQUIRED)

ALL PLAYERS GET 2 EVENTS (PRO/AMATEUR AND PRO AM) EACH EVENT WEEKEND AMATEUR PAYMENTS ONLY ARE TAKEN VIA TRYBOOKING.COM. 64 PLACES FOR EACH EVENT ARE AVAILABLE. FULL PAYMENT WILL SECURE PLACE FOR EACH EVENT.

EACH AMATEUR EVENT WILL BE CHARGED AT \$250. ALL PLAYERS MUST BE MEMBERS OF BAPA TO PARTICIPATE.

Seniors Players Series: Payment Structure

	Deposit*	2nd Payment	3rd Payment	4TH Payment	Total
Paid By	31st January	31st March	30th May	Event 1 - 25th July	
Senior Pro	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00