

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 of these categories will have their own stand alone double elimination events plus join together 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- 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

Entry fees for Pro's include entry into Pro event and Pro-Am's.

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.

Ranking points available for all events.

Players must purchase official BAPA player series shirts to wear at all events. Any player who is not wearing the official shirt will not be allowed to compete in any matches. Last minute buy in's will be given dispensation for one event only.

Supplier details below.

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

Amateur's Format:

Amateur - 64 Players

Entry fees for Amateur's include entry into Amateur and Pro-am events

Pro-Am is for both Pro Men and Amateurs combined.

- **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

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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 Mens 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

Standards of behaviour:

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

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:

- 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.

MAIN WORLD LEAGUE : Pro Payment Structure ONLY

	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