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**Victorian Billiards
and
Snooker Association**

**Scholarship Program
2013**

Funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria
Department of Planning and Community Development.

In association with the
Victorian Institute of Sport

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Program Objective

- To assist in the development of snooker and billiards in Victoria by providing training and development support to Victorian players who show potential to achieve success at the national and international level.

Program Description

The VBSA Scholarship Program is made possible through a Victorian Government funding grant from Sport and Recreation Victoria - Department of Planning and Community Development.

The Scholarship Program will provide a 7 month scholarship to selected Victorian players who show potential to achieve success at the national and international level.

The Scholarship Program will provide funding for the period June 2013 to December 2013.

Scholarship recipients can use scholarship funds for a range of agreed training and development initiatives.

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Approved training and development activities

A coaching/ training/ competition plan will be submitted in writing by the scholarship athlete for the approval by the Program Administrator, Mr. George Hoy. The plan will detail agreed activities and funding amounts. Activities not detailed in the agreed plan are not eligible for funding/reimbursement.

The range of possible training and development activities for players which may be funded under the VBSA Scholarship Program include:

- Individual coaching, training or mentoring by an approved billiards or snooker coach.
- Participation in group coaching or training sessions by an approved billiards and snooker coach.
- Individual or group coaching from recognized Sports Psychologists from the Victoria Institute of Sport.
- Financial contributions towards approved travel costs to attend National or International competitions.
- Limited financial contributions towards travel costs to attend Q-School in the United Kingdom.

All coaches will be approved by the Program Administrator. If you require confirmation that a coach is approved for the purposes of this scholarship, please contact Mr. George Hoy, the Program Administrator.

Some funding may be approved for Scholarship recipients to attend National or International competitions.

2013 Scholarships:

The scholarship program will provide up to 5 scholarships with funding of between \$3,000 and \$4,000 per scholarship recipient

The Victorian Billiards and Snooker Association reserves the right to vary the number of Scholarships awarded and to determine the level of funding awarded to each scholarship recipient.

The 2013 scholarship program is open both to players who received scholarships in 2012 and any other VBSA members.

Players must be financial members of the VBSA to be eligible to apply for a scholarship.

Any VBSA members, except players who have won an individual World Title in billiards or snooker, will be eligible for a scholarship.

The Scholarship payments above are inclusive of Goods and Service Tax.

Victorian Institute of Sport - Sports Psychologist coaching

All scholarship recipients will be encouraged to undertake sports psychology coaching and training with Sports Psychologists to be made available through the Victoria Institute of Sport (VIS).

Coaching with approved VIS Sports Psychologists will be funded from within the recipient's allocation of Scholarship Program funds.

Details of the arrangements and fees for working with VIS Sports Psychologists will be made available to successful scholarship recipients.

Nomination and selection process

The VBSA Board will appoint a Scholarship Selection and Management Committee that will decide on the successful Scholarship recipients for 2013. The Selection and Management Committee will include members who are not members of the Board of the VBSA.

The VBSA Board has appointed Mr. George Hoy as Program Administrator to oversee the approval of the scholarship plans, the administration of the program, and the financial reimbursement of scholarship costs.

Prior to assessing scholarship applications , the Selection and Management committee will develop a selection criteria which will take into account the athlete's current VBSA billiards and/or snooker ranking, achievements over the last 5 years, and the committee's view of the capacity for the athlete to achieve national and/ or international success within the next 5 years.

Players who reside in Victoria and are financial members of the VBSA may nominate for 2013 Scholarships by completing an application form and submitting it to the Program Administrator, VBSA by 5 pm on Monday 10 June 2013.

The Selection and Management Committee will evaluate candidates based on their potential for future development competitive success in billiards or snooker at the National or International level.

The decision of the VBSA Board Selection and Management Committee will be final. There will be no appeal process available to unsuccessful candidates.

Successful and unsuccessful candidates will be advised by Friday 21 June 2013.

Program administration:

The VBSA has appointed Mr. George Hoy as Program Administrator for the 2013 Program. Scholarship recipients will work with the Program Administrator to develop their 2013 development program.

Scholarship recipients must have their proposed coaching and development program approved in writing by the Program Administrator prior to the commencement of the 2013 program.

A list of Nationally Accredited Billiards and Snooker Coaches who are based in Victoria is provided below. Other coaches may also be approved.

Scholarship recipients must provide receipts for coaching, travel or other development costs in line with their approved training program in order to obtain reimbursement of expenses.

Receipts should be submitted by scholarship recipients to Mr. George Hoy for reimbursement.

Any scholarship funding not expended and claimed for reimbursement by 30 January 2014 will be forfeited by the Scholarship recipient.

No reimbursement will be made for any activities undertaken by scholarship recipients if it is not part of their approved program. Amendments to agreed programs can be made at any time during the 2013 program year but must be agreed in writing by the Program Administrator.

Program Plan Approval Forms and reimbursement forms are available from the Program Administrator.

The Selection and Management Committee reserve the right to remove Scholarship recipients from the Program if the Program Administrator advises that they are not undertaking any activities in accordance with their development plan.

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Nationally Accredited Billiards and Snooker Coaches based in Victoria:

Rob Foldvari	0418 178 574
Steve Ebejer	0400 628 890
Kelvin Small	0411 734 122
David Cosgriff	0412 791 544
George Spitteri	0412 574 830
Paul Thomerson	0400 995 210

Other coaches may be approved by the Program Administrator. If you require confirmation that a coach is approved for the purposes of this scholarship, please contact Mr. George Hoy, the Program Administrator.

Program Review

The Scholarship Program will be reviewed by the VBSA in conjunction with Sport and Recreation Victoria before finalizing the scholarship program in 2014.

As part of this review 2013 scholarship recipients and coaches are required to provide feedback to assess and review the effectiveness of program activities.

Players who have held scholarships in 2012 will be eligible for application and consideration for the 2013 and 2014 VBSA scholarship programs.

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Enquiries

Any enquiries about this program may be directed to the Program Administrator Mr. Geotge Hoy on 0403 047 840 or to Ron Cole, President, VBSA on phone 0418 337 878.

Application forms for the 2013 VBSA Scholarships may be downloaded from the VBSA website www.vbsa.org. See below.

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Application form - Scholarship Program 2013

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Home _____ Mobile _____

Please attach a response addressing the following questions:

- 1.) Brief summary of billiards/snooker achievements (last 5 years)
- 2.) Current or previous coach and overview of any current training program
- 3.) Initial proposal for how athlete will expend scholarship funds
- 4.) Areas/skills athlete would most like to develop
- 5.) Current VBSA billiards and/or snooker ranking score.

If successful in gaining a Scholarship I agree to the terms and conditions as outlined in the Program description and Program review.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please submit to the Program Administrator by 5 pm Monday 10 June 2013.

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Application form - Scholarship Program 2013

Name: _____

- 1.) Brief summary of your billiards/snooker achievements (last 5 years)
 - 2.) Current or previous coach and overview of any current training program

- - 3.) Initial proposal for how you would expend scholarship funds (If you are successful in being awarded a scholarship this proposal will subsequently be refined in conjunction with your coach and the Program Administrator)
 - 4.) Areas/skills you would most like to develop
 - 5.) Current VBSA billiards and/or snooker ranking score