

Victorian 150 Up Championship

Important information for all players.

During extensive consultation with players, I have decided to modify the format of this event. We all felt that the long drawn-out matches of previous years, with all the associated waiting around for other players, was not conducive to a good tournament. If we wanted to spend all day waiting around for our match to start we could play snooker!

Saturday

The Saturday will now be a qualifying day for the 150-up championship. The top 4 seeds will continue to have byes straight through to the Sunday. The remaining players will play 1 hour round robin matches in 4 groups on the Saturday, with the winner of each group going through to meet the top 4 seeds on the Sunday in the 150-up championship. Championship dress code will continue to apply for both days. Please note that all players have been scheduled to referee one match on the Saturday. Matches without referees will be refereed as usual by the players, with the non-striker acting as referee for his opponent. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your first match (or referee duty).

There were too many entries for us all to have a lunch break together, but each group has a break somewhere around the middle of the day.

The winner of each group will be determined on matches won, with average points differential to decide ties between players with the same number of wins. Seeding through to Sunday will be determined with firstly the undefeated group winners being separated by average points differential, and after that any group winners who may have lost the same number of matches also being separated by average points differential. Walkovers will be awarded a 250 to 125 win.

Sunday

Play will commence at 10.30 am. The club does not open until 11.00 am, but someone will come to the door at 10.15 to admit players.

Matches will be best of 5 games of 150-up. However, all matches will be also on a 2.5 hour match clock. After 2.5 hours, any games not yet commenced will be 50 up. The clock will continue to run if players take brief comfort breaks between matches, so please keep breaks to a minimum.

Losing quarter-finalists are encouraged to stay to referee the semi-finals, and players eliminated on Saturday are welcome to help with refereeing quarter-finals if you are available.

Ranking Points

The ranking system will remain unchanged. Players on Saturday will have up to 4 hours of billiards in which they can rack up ranking points with breaks of 50 or more – your chance to close the gap on the top 4 and then knock them off on the Sunday!

Feedback

After this year's event, I will be interested to hear from anyone with feedback regarding the changes to the format. Apologies to anyone who was not consulted on these changes in the limited time available.

Regards,
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