

2016 VBSA Season 1 Finals

On Monday 1st August 2016 in a C Reserve snooker Grand Final between Hit Billiards and North Brighton.

A player for Hit Billiards was incorrectly dressed. This was not noticed until the incorrectly dressed player was in the 2nd frame of his first round match. His incorrect dress was not discussed by the referees and the opposing captain until the first round match was completed. The incorrectly dressed player won the match 2 frames to 1

At this point the referee in consultation with both captains decided to award all three frames to the incorrectly dressed players opponent. Naturally, this affected the outcome of the match.

There were mistakes made by all, both participants and referees:

- Players participating in VBSA finals must conform to the dress standard set out in the by laws for finals. If you do not, you will NOT be allowed to play and all frames / points will be forfeited.
- Referees and opposing captains have a duty to make sure players are dressed correctly BEFORE a match starts.
- If a match has started and a player is noticed to be incorrectly dressed, it is too late to do anything about it. By allowing the match to start both the captains and the referee have accepted that participants are correctly dressed.
- If a player changes their dress during the course of a match, the referee has a right to tell the player to adjust their dress in accordance with the by laws. If a player refuses the referees request they will forfeit any incomplete frames. *Example: If a player removes their waist coat, rolls up their sleeves or takes off their bow tie (while not wearing a waist coat).*

After much discussion the VBSA have decided that the match should be called a draw, both teams will be considered as premiers and both teams will receive the prizes and trophies accorded to the winning team.

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VBSA Score Registrar