



# RSL (Victoria) Billiards & Snooker Association

## COVID-19 Guidelines

Current as at 27 February 2021 (supersedes all earlier versions)

The following COVID-19 guidelines have been prepared for the RSL Victoria Billiards & Snooker Association. The guidelines are largely based on the VBSA's discussions with Victorian Government authorities, via Sports & Recreation Victoria. They also take into account published changes to COVIDSafe Settings.

As it is expected that these guidelines will change over time, revisions will be published when necessary.

### **ROOM OCCUPANCY**

1. Home captain, in liaison with venue management, to manage overall adherence to Guidelines, including provision of wipes, sanitiser, registration, etc.
2. Room capacities and player registration to be strictly observed – QR codes or attendance sheets.
3. Home captain should assume role of COVID Marshall for the billiards room for duration of match.
4. Both captains to check and agree before start of play.

### **SOCIAL DISTANCING & MASKS**

5. Be aware of the 1.5 metre rule and endeavour to maintain that distance apart from others.
6. Avoid shaking hands, fist bumps, hugs, etc. Consider eye contact, a smile, and verbal greeting.
7. Masks are no longer mandated in billiards rooms except when 1.5m distancing can't be maintained. Masks should still be carried at all times.
8. Masks **MUST** be worn whilst travelling in ride share vehicles (e.g. travelling between clubs).

### **EQUIPMENT & SANITISATION**

9. Only the referee to touch the balls. When possible, players use only cue tip to position cue-ball.  
**NOTE:** Rules of Snooker Section 3, Rule 5(b) and Rules of Billiards Section 3, Rule 6 each state:  
*"If the tip of the cue should touch the cue-ball while positioning it, and the referee is satisfied that the striker was not attempting to play a stroke, then the cue-ball is not in play."*
10. Short rests – one exclusively per player, to be allocated to that player (not left on hooks). If two rests not available, same rule as "Other rests".
11. Other rests – only the player to touch rest. Sanitise rest and hands after use.
12. After each frame/game, referee to sanitise short rests, table cushion rails, and all balls. Reset table. This process may be postponed if the same referee will officiate the following frame/game.

### **SUPPERS**

13. Provision of suppers is at the discretion of the clubs, although sharing of food platters, for example, is **NOT** recommended.

Any queries on the above should be referred directly to your Zone Delegate in the first instance.

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