



RSL (Victoria) Billiards & Snooker Association

2021 Snooker Season – Update: 17 October 2021

Victoria's COVID-19 "Roadmap" and associated modelling, originally published by the State Government on 19th September 2021, clearly establishes that indoor community sports will not be permitted to recommence until at least 5th November. This tentative date is subject to COVID-19 developments in the interim.

The full "Roadmap" summaries and associated modelling is available via the following link:

<https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/victorias-roadmap-delivering-national-plan>.

As soon as State authorities publish further developments, this committee will finalise schedules to complete our competitions that have been suspended indefinitely. Broadly, the plans are as follows:

Impacts on 2021 Snooker Season

We are determined to complete the full season's play, although on a much varied schedule. A definite date for recommencement of play will be determined as soon as Government policy allows.

Bayside Zone has only the Finals series to complete, usually played over 3 separate Thursdays. Every effort will be made to schedule these matches in this traditional manner to ensure completion of the season prior to mid-December 2021. However, if we are forced to complete outstanding matches in an exceptionally short time, it may be necessary to schedule the preliminary and grand finals to be played consecutively on one day (e.g. Saturday or Sunday). All Bayside Zone Finals matches shall take place at Hampton RSL Club.

North Zone has 4 remaining "home and away" matches as well as the Finals series to complete. North Zone team captains have resolved to play these matches in the usual manner over 7 separate Thursdays, which will undoubtedly extend their playing schedule into the new year and may delay North Zone's 2022 Snooker season start date.

In all these circumstances, the traditional **Metropolitan RSL Championship Final** between North Zone and Bayside Zone champion teams is abandoned for the Season 2021.

Evidence of Vaccination – IMPORTANT

Victoria's current COVID-19 "Roadmap" mandates that participants in indoor community sports **must be fully vaccinated** (see "Physical recreation & community sport" and "Entertainment and Leisure" – Phase C).

Until further notice, each player participating in matches conducted by this Association **MUST** be fully vaccinated per the National COVID-19 Vaccination Program.

Each player will be required to demonstrate proof of their full vaccination status to the Committee's reasonable satisfaction before they will be permitted to participate in or attend a scheduled match.

Separate specific communication will be issued to relevant registered players via Club Delegates shortly to invite each affected player to demonstrate evidence of full vaccination to the Association.

Paul Black
Honorary President
[by direction of the Executive Committee]

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