

The Billiards & Snooker Association of WA Inc
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BILLIARDS & SNOOKER ASSOCIATION of WA Inc

DRUG POLICY

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The Billiards & Snooker Association of WA Inc Inc. in pursuing its mission of encouraging and enabling all persons in all regions and affiliates to participate, enjoy and achieve in the sport of Billiards & Snooker, condemns the use of performance enhancing drugs and doping practices in Billiards and Snooker as being contrary to the ethics of sport and potentially harmful to the health of competitors.

The BSAWA Doping Policy aims to deter doping practices in the sport of billiards and snooker by:

- supporting the Medical Code of WADA sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee
- supporting the drug testing programme and education initiatives of WADA of the IBSF Member Countries
- applying and enforcing effective sanctions on affiliated organisations and persons who are found to have engaged in a doping practice:
- requiring all BSAWA affiliated organisations and their members to endorse this Policy: and
- educating and informing those persons and organisations to which this Policy applies.

1. Definitions

Player

- a) A person who competes or is in training to compete in a billiards or snooker event s to be held within or outside any BSAWA Regions or Affiliates; or
- b) Who receives support or assistance, financial or otherwise, from the BSAWA: or
- c) Who has recorded a Positive Test result and is currently under suspension by the BSAWA or any BSAWA affiliated organisation: or
- d) Who has been prevented from participating, or has become ineligible to participate in billiards or snooker events or activities as a direct result of an approved anti-doping body or the BSAWA who had found that person using a scheduled drug or doping method.
- e) Whom the appointed Sports Drug Agency (SDA) of an affiliate received following a request from:
 - i) A State or Federal government anti-doping body
 - ii) A Billiards & Snooker organisation in a Regions or Affiliates of which the person concerned is a member

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- f) Who is registered as a member of an BSAWA recognised or affiliated regional Association or organisation.

Doping Practice

- a) The taking of prohibitive substances or use of methods identified by the WADA and IOC List of Doping Categories and Methods: or
- b) Refusal to provide a sample for testing when requested by an appointed agency appointed by BSAWA with the sanction of WADA: or
- c) Aiding, abetting, counselling, procuring or being knowingly involved in an activity referred to in a) or b) above.

At Competition

The date on which a billiards or snooker competition, event, game or activity is to be held and in which a competitor is to or does compete.

BSAWA

The Billiards & Snooker Association of WA Inc, being the state governing body for the sport of Billiards & Snooker, to which competing regions are affiliated and competing in its sanctioned events.

IOC

The International Olympic Committee being the organisation entrusted with the control and development of the modern Olympic Games for which WADA is the appointed agency thereof.

Member

- a) any person who, or body which, is a member or an affiliate to the BSAWA;
- b) any person who, or body which, is appointed by the BSAWA to represent it in any capacity; and
- c) any person who is a member affiliated to the BSAWA

SDA

The Sports Drug Agency, WADA and other government approved or equivalent institutions established in Australia and any other IOC recognised Sports Drug Agency.

Positive Test Results

The finding of a prohibited substance in Sample B, taken from a player.

A refusal to comply with the undertaking of a test shall be deemed to be a Positive Test Result

An admission that the player has been engaging in a doping practice shall also be deemed to be a Positive Test Result.

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Sample

Any human biological fluid or tissue. (e.g. urine sample)

Note: Words in the singular include the plural and the masculine gender should be understood to include the feminine and vice versa.

2. Application

This Drug Policy applies to:

- a) members, employees, consultants and contractors of the BSAWA and/or for its affiliated Regional Associations, and other organisations: and
- b) any person and/or member of other organisations who have access to or make use of the facilities and services of the BSAWA or its affiliated organisations.

3. Drug Testing Authorities

- 3.1** The BSAWA recognise the SDA of all BSAWA affiliates, WADA and the IOC, as agencies responsible for procuring samples from players for testing in or out of competition, whether in their own Regions or Affiliates based on the WADA code.
- 3.2** Should the BSAWA or any Regions or Affiliates of the BSAWA undertake testing in a Regions or Affiliates using sample collection procedures not recognised by WADA, the SDA of the Regions or Affiliates, or has samples so collected sent to a non-WADA/IOC accredited laboratory for analysis, the Regions or Affiliates affected reserves the right to request the SDA of that Regions or Affiliates to undertake additional testing on any player so tested.
- 3.3** For the purpose of testing, the BSAWA recognises that the appointed SDA may obtain a sample from any player.
- 3.4** A player may be selected to produce any number of samples for drug testing in a year, whether in or out of competition.

4. Obligations of the BSAWA

By this Policy the BSAWA:

- 4.1** Permits appointed SDA's to attend competitions conducted by the BSAWA or under its auspices and agrees to co-operate with the SDA, in securing samples for testing for any Doping Practice.
- 4.2** Notifies any player and other Members that players are liable for selection, to provide samples for testing for detection of any doping practices.
- 4.3** Requires and causes its players to permit and cooperate with the SDA in its collection of samples for testing.
- 4.4** Permits and agrees to co-operate with the collection, by the SDA, of samples for testing from its players out of competition.

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- 4.5 Agrees to complete and return such documentation as required by WADA or the SDA.
- 4.6 Will provide the BSAWA Members, affiliated associations, WADA and the IOC with a copy of this Drug Policy and will keep those organisations up to date with any subsequent amendments.
- 4.7 Will provide the SDA's of an Regions or Affiliates due to host any BSAWA event, with a copy of this SDP and will keep those organisations up to date with any subsequent amendments
- 4.8 Agrees to lobby all Regions or Affiliates affiliates and BSAWA affiliated organisations to establish national uniformity in sport drug policies and practices.
- 4.9 Will deal expeditiously with any reported breaches of this sport drug policy.
- 4.10 Will, prior to determining any sanction against a Member alleged to have engaged in a Doping Practice, invite the Member to attend and be heard by an BSAWA appointed Committee of Inquiry.
- 4.11 Will impose sanctions, as specified in the relevant clauses of this Drug Policy, for any breach of the BSAWA's respective sport drug policies and to enforce the WADA code.
- 4.12 Will impose sanctions, as specified In the relevant clauses of this Drug Policy for any breach of the BSAWA's respective sport drug policies and to enforce the WADA code.
- 4.13 Will advise the Regions or Affiliates of which the Member is known to be a member, of any sanctions imposed.
- 4.14 Will ensure, through Regions or Affiliates, that all Members receive adequate education on the issues of testing procedures and the consequences of the results and Doping in general, in accordance with this Policy.

5. BSAWA Advice to Regions or Affiliates and the SDA

The BSAWA will notify the affected Regions or Affiliates and the appointed SDA of:

- a) the outcome of any hearing into an alleged breach of this policy;
- b) details provided by the BSAWA or its appointed Committee concerning the return of a Positive Drug Test Result and the imposition of any sanction on any Member of the BSAWA.

6. Right to Investigate

The BSAWA shall have the right to investigate any person to whom this Drug Policy applies, or any BSAWA affiliated Regions or Affiliates or organisation, that the HC believes is involved in a Doping Practice

7. Invitation to be heard

All Members to whom this Drugs Policy applies will be given the right to a hearing by the BSAWA, in accordance with the principles of natural justice.

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Appendix 1

**Australian Billiards & Snooker Council's Sport Drug Policy
RULES FOR THE CONTROL OF BANNED SUBSTANCES
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1. General

The BSAWA prohibits drug abuse (doping practices) in billiards & snooker on the grounds of both fair play and health. Billiards and Snooker players are forbidden to avail themselves of any of the prohibited substances referred to in the BSAWA's Drug Policy or these Rules as "prohibited drugs, even if they consider that neither their sporting performances or their health would be affected The term drug abuse as adopted in these Rules also covers and prohibits the use of any new substance belonging to specified categories.

2. Principles

2.1 The following categories of conduct are prohibited:

- a) The use by any player of any of the pharmaceutical categories of substances and methods appearing on the list of prohibited agents and methods, as published and amended from time to time by WADA, the BSAWA and/or the IOC, is FORBIDDEN.

The list shall not be exhaustive and may for example merely contain the names of examples of each category of drug for information purposes. Even if the substance is not on the list, drug abuse shall have occurred as a consequence of the use by a player of a substance which does or could have the effect of improving artificially the players physical and/or mental condition and so augmenting the players performance in billiards & snooker.

Unless otherwise stipulated in the list, none of the drugs belonging to a forbidden category may be used. The use of a prohibited drug shall constitute an infringement of the BSAWA's Drug Policy and these Rules regardless of the method of administration and the intent of the user. Blood doping is similarly prohibited.

- b) The use of a substance or substances that might influence the result of an analysis is also prohibited and shall be deemed to be drug abuse.
- c) The assisting or inciting of others to use prohibited drugs is an infringement of the BSAWA Drug Policy and these Rules.

2.2 Should a drug test be administered at any billiards or snooker activity or event, it shall be governed by these Rules.

2.3 The cost of administering the drug test in or out of competition shall be borne by the BSAWA Regions or Affiliates hosting the event, WADA or the appointed SDA by agreement. This shall not include any expenses incurred by a player or nominated representative in attending the testing of a second sample if the first sample testing is deemed positive for banned substances.

2.4 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of these Rules for drug control and any other Rules of the BSAWA, these Rules for Drug Control shall take precedence.

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3. Control of Drug Abuse

- 3.1** The BSAWA may require any player to submit to one or more drug tests. Testing shall not be confined to competition situations but may be required at any time before and/or after competition and whether or not, the player actually takes part in any competition or completes an event.
- 3.2** Failure to submit to a drug test at the time and place required shall be a breach of the BSAWA's Drug Policy and an offence under these Rules. The player will be deemed to have recorded a positive result from a drug test, unless in the absolute discretion of the BSAWA, it is considered that the failure to submit to a drug test was due solely to overriding personal circumstances outside the control of the player, who maybe required himself to a rescheduled drug test. The BSAWA shall use its discretion under this Rule sparingly and normally only in circumstances such as debilitating illness, injury or death of a close relative.
- 3.3** The control and conduct of any drug testing shall be carried out by the BSAWA approved by SDA. The BSAWA or an or a Regions or Affiliates affiliate acting on its behalf, shall be responsible for the preparation for drug tests. The BSAWA or its agents shall ensure that all personnel, necessary equipment and facilities are available and that the test may proceed in accordance with these Rules or the requirements of the SDA. At any time the BSAWA or the SDA may arrange for players to use drug testing services which are to be used by competitors of other sports.
- 3.4** The SDA may select players for testing on any criteria it thinks fit but no player shall be subject to an unreasonable number of tests in one period as decided by the SDA.
- 3.5** To facilitate the analysis, any form of medication administered by any route during the two days prior to the drug test must be declared in writing to the SDA officer conducting the examination.
- 3.6** The BSAWA or its Regions or Affiliates and the SDA shall ensure facilities for testing, which are:
- a) secured from intruders.
 - b) clearly marked and signposted at competitions.
- 3.7** The following provisions shall apply in respect of the giving of notice of a drug test:
- a) The player to be tested shall be notified in writing requiring him to attend a drug test at the time and place stipulated in the notice. The notice shall specify the penalties for failing to comply. The player shall acknowledge receipt on the relevant section of the notice.
 - b) Where the test occurs in competition, notice of the test shall be served discreetly within 60 minutes after completion of play to the player, who shall permit being supervised by his representative official from the time of the serving to the time of the test.
 - c) For testing out of competition, the test shall normally take place within a 48 hour period from the time of receipt of the notice.
- 3.8** In addition to the player and any accompanying team official, only the following persons may be present at the testing station.
- Members of any appointed BSAWA Drug Control Committee
 - The SDA Official, or its Agent, in charge of the station

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- The Official in charge of taking samples
- An interpreter, if required
- A Medical Officer, if one is appointed to be on duty

3.9 The procedure for the collection of test samples shall be as described below except where the requirements of a testing laboratory accredited and commissioned by the SDA, make changes to the procedure required.

- a) The player shall provide at the doping test under the personal supervision of an appointed chaperon, a minimum of 100 ml. of urine, which shall be divided into two approximately equal samples both of which shall be coded so as to be easily distinguishable from other samples and between themselves. One sample shall be clearly labelled as being for the reserve test.
- b) Only the player and chaperon shall be present. in the examination room or WC when urine samples are collected.
- c) The player must:
 - select the containers for the samples from the containers available; and
 - personally verify the sealing and identification of the containers.
- d) The written confirmation of the player and the SDA Official or the SDA's authorised representative, shall be obtained to the effect that the required procedures have been substantially carried out. A copy of the confirmation shall be handed to the player. Any variation from such procedures shall be endorsed on the confirmation.
- e) The player shall upon completion of the test, be handed a receipt with the details of the container coding, date and time taken and endorsed by the examining officer. This receipt may be incorporated in the written confirmation in 3.9 c) above.

3.10 The sample shall be forwarded to a SDA approved laboratory for analysis, as soon as practical after collection.

3.11 Only laboratories accredited or approved by the SDA may be used to carry out the analysis in connection with drug abuse control.

3.12 The SDA shall promptly advise the player of the test results in writing. If the result is positive the player must. within two days, notify the SDA whether or he or his representative will attend the second test. The player will be notified in writing of the venue, date and time of the second test. The player shall meet the cost of attendance of the player or his representative.

When the result of the second test is received by the BSAWA or its appointed agent from the SDA, the BSAWA or agent shall notify the player in writing-refer 3.14 below.

3.13 The BSAWA and/or Regions or Affiliates affiliate concerned, shall take reasonable steps to ensure that all details concerning any testing are kept confidential, unless the player is found guilty of drug abuse and advised accordingly under these Rules.

3.14 In respect. of alleged infringement of Rules 2.1 b) or c) above, which fall within the scope of Rule 2.1 a), the BSAWA or its appointed agent, shall notify the player concerned of details of the alleged infringement. If grounds exist, the BSAWA shall conduct an appropriate hearing to determine if an infringement has been committed. Until the BSAWA has rendered its decision, it may suspend the player concerned.

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4. Sanctions

- 4.1** Where a player is found to have infringed the BSAWA's Sport Drug Policy and these Rules for the duration of a sanction, the player will:
- a) automatically lose all rights to membership of the BSAWA or any BSAWA Regions or Affiliates.
 - b) be automatically disqualified from any competition or activity under the auspices of the BSAWA with such disqualification to take effect (subject to Rule 4A) from and inclusive of the date that the sample was procured from the player and to continue until such time as the BSAWA reinstates him.
 - c) not be eligible to be selected to represent his State, Territory, or Country in national or international competition in any sport:
 - d) be banned from competing in any events and competitions conducted by or under the auspices of any National Sporting Organisation:
 - e) have awards, placing, ranking points and records won from the date of a Doping Practice withdrawn
 - t) not be eligible to receive directly or indirectly funding or assistance from the BSAWA or any BSAWA Regions or Affiliates:
 - g) remain on the SDA's register for the purpose of out-of-competition testing:
- and
- h) not be able to hold office in any State Sporting Organisation.
- 4.2** Subject to Rule 4.3 below, sanctions for infringement of the BSAWA's Drug Policy and these Rules will apply to players for the following periods:
- a) a minimum suspension of two years for the first breach:
 - b) a life ban for the second breach.
- 4.3** When a breach occurs out of competition a lesser suspension may be imposed if it involves a substance on the WADA List of Doping Classes and Methods., other than anabolic steroids or peptide hormones and analogues which were administered for a specific therapeutic purpose. When such a circumstance occurs in competition the minimum penalty for the first offence will be disqualification and withdrawal of awards., placing, ranking points and records won at the event. The minimum penalty for a second offence in competition will be a six month suspension and thereafter the sanctions as prescribed In Rule 4.2 above. A refusal to comply will be treated the same as a Positive Test for anabolic steroids.
- 4.4** If the result of the first test Is positive a player may be suspended from competition at the discretion of the BSAWA, provided that the BSAWA or its appointed agent shall first give the player the opportunity to be heard.
- 4.5** Where a player has infringed Rule 2.1 a) at any competition the disqualification shall commence from the start of such event. For the purpose of this Rule a "competition event" includes any billiards & snooker competition., event or activity held over or more than one day and/or involving of one or more individual events.
- 4.6** Where a player either of Rules 2.1 b) or 2.1 c) of these Rules, that player shall be liable to disqualification in the same manner as if the player had infringed 2.1 a) with

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disqualification taking effect from the date the infringement is determined to have taken place. .

- 4.7** Precedence shall be given to any special requirement by the BSAWA to impose sanctions for longer periods than is required by these rules.
- 4.8** The BSAWA shall notify the player of its decision concerning the infringement prior to releasing it to the media.
- 4.9** Any penalty to be imposed on a Regions or Affiliates team as the result in a Doping Practice by one or more of its players will be determined by the BSAWA.
- 4.10** Where an BSAWA Regions or Affiliates affiliate or other affiliated organisation is found to have committed a breach of this Drug Policy or these Rules, that association's or organisations membership and affiliation to the BSAWA shall be immediately withdrawn. Financial or other assistance and consideration will cease for the current financial year and for the succeeding financial year. Sanctions are cumulative and each breach of this Policy will invalidate affiliation and eligibility for assistance for each successive financial year.
- 4.11** Where a member of the staff of the BSAWA, its affiliated organisations, persons on contract to BSAWA or any of its affiliates, a Member (other than a player) or Official of the BSAWA or any of its affiliates is found to have committed a breach of this policy, the BSAWA will take disciplinary action against that person as it deems appropriate.

5. Determinations

Determinations that a Doping Infraction has been committed shall be made by the BSAWA or any committee and/ or agency it has established for this purpose.

6. Appeal

- 6.1** There shall be no rights of appeal against a disqualification or suspension for a breach at the BSAWA's Drug Policy or these Rules, except on the grounds of non-compliance by the BSAWA or its appointed agents or the SDA , with the provisions and required procedures of any Sports Drug Agency Act or Legislation of Australia and any prescribed guidelines for drug testing where the non-compliance was such as to have falsified the result of the analysis.
- 6.2** A player who has received notification of a determination of a Doping Infraction may appeal to the Court in the country of testing against that determination. Where applicable the procedures and grounds for appeal are detailed in the relevant Acts and Legislation of the country in which the testing was carried out.

7. Professional Disclosure

The BSAWA's Drug Policy and these Rules do not require any medical practitioner, sport scientist, psychologist or other person in a position of professional confidentiality, employed or engaged by the BSAWA or its affiliates, to make a disclosure concerning a Member under the Policy of these Rules.

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8. Players Consent and Detail Forms

- 8.1** To ensure compliance with any relevant Privacy Act and other legal considerations by all parties, all players required to take a drugs test in BSAWA events shall be required to complete the appropriate Players Consent and Details forms (Appendix 2 & 3) at the venue.
- 8.2** Regions or Affiliates of the BSAWA shall provide as and when required, a list of names and addresses of their players taking part in BSAWA events.
- 8.3** All players whose names appear on the above lists shall at the discretion of the BSAWA, can be required for the purpose of out of competition testing.
- 8.4** Failure to complete the Consent and Detail form as required in **8.1** for any BSAWA event, will make the player ineligible to take part in any such event and will remain in place until such time as the player complies with these requirements.

9. Miscellaneous

- 9.1** The BSAWA may from time to time, adopt supplementary guidelines covering matters referred to in these Rules. In the event of any conflict between any supplementary guidelines and these Rules, the provisions of these Rules shall take precedence.
- 9.2** The BSAWA prohibits the participation in any event conducted under Its jurisdiction, of any player who is currently banned from any sport in any country, as a result of banned substance or abuse.

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Appendix 2

PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS CONSENT FORM

I.....

acknowledge and understand that the Constitution and Drug Policy of the BSAWA prohibit the practice of doping and requires members to abide by the Council's Rules pertaining to doping control. I consent to submit to all requirements of the anti-doping programme of The Billiards & Snooker Association of WA Inc (BSAWA) and its Regions or Affiliates.

In giving that consent I note the following points;

- 1) I acknowledge that the BSAWA may appoint an approved Sports Drug Agency (SDA) as its agent in relation to drug testing and I will submit to requests by the SDA or other appointed Agency to under go drug tests as and when required and will provide the information necessary for the completion of that process:
- 2) I agree to the BSAWA passing on personal details, as provided on the attached page (Appendix 3), to the SDA for use in relation to drug testing;
- 3) I agree to the SDA collecting the personal details supplied by the BSAWA or its agents as well as additional details necessary for the drug testing process. Sending information to a WADA accredited Laboratory, retaining information I have provided, collecting and retaining results and other information from the Laboratory and providing relevant information and results to any National, Regions or Affiliates Sports Organisation of which I am a member.
- 4) I acknowledge that I have the right of access to personal information about me held by the SDA and to advise the SDA of any corrections.
- 5) This consent is given in accordance with and to satisfy the requirements of WADA, the BSAWA and any relevant Privacy Act in the country of testing
- 6) I agree to provide the quantity of urine required by the SDA (or other agent) and to remain at the Drug Control Station for the period required for the test:
- 7) I understand that a positive test result and/or failure to comply in full with the drug testing regulations of the BSAWA, may lead to penalties or sanctions being imposed on me under the BSAWA's Constitution, Conditions and Drug Policy.
- 8) I understand that failure to complete and provide this Consent Form (Appendix 2) and refusal to complete the Players Detail Form if required (Appendix 3), renders me ineligible to take part in any event or competition sanctioned by or run under the auspices of the BSAWA, including all events and competitions conducted by Regions or Affiliates affiliates or other organisations or divisions of the BSAWA.
- 9) I provide this completed Consent Form in good faith and openly declare my support for the BSAWA's Drug Policy and its Rules for Control of banned substances.

Name:

Association:

Signed:

Date:

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Appendix 3

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PLAYERS DETAIL FORM

Name:

Male / Female:

Sport: SNOOKER / BILLIARDS

Date of Birth:

Home Address:

Phone (Home)

Phone (Work)

Fax:

Email:

I understand that only the BSAWA can authorise the SDA to remove my name from the Drug Testing Register. Should I retire from competition I will advise the BSAWA as soon as possible.

Should any of my above personal details change, I will immediately advise the BSAWA.

IMPORTANT:

Failure to sign this form if requested and the Player Consent Form will be interpreted as non-acceptance of the anti-doping and in contravention of the Constitution, Conditions and Drug policy of The Billiards & Snooker Association of WA Inc.

Signed:

Date:

This form must be filled in on request at the Championship or event venue. Failure to do so will result in immediate removal from the Championship or event concerned.