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BSAWA COVID-19 MASK POLICY

We are all aware of the current situation in WA with COVID-19, with masks mandatory in all public indoor settings. We must also face up to the reality that this requirement could well be in place for the long term.

As an association, we have a responsibility to the venues which support us to ensure that we follow all guidelines and directives set down by the State Government. The last thing we want is to cause problems for a business providing access to tables for our tournaments, stemming from a complaint that our members are not wearing masks correctly.

We all know that it is uncomfortable and distracting to be wearing a mask while playing Snooker, and for that reason it is a significant unfair advantage for a player wearing a mask which does not cover both the mouth and nose.

Therefore, the following statement will be added to the Terms and Conditions for all BSAWA tournaments:

Where masks are mandatory within the venue, masks must be worn at all times during play, and must cover both the mouth and nose. In the event that a player is seen to be not wearing the mask correctly, one warning will be issued by the Tournament Director. If there is another violation by the player in the same tournament, the player will be removed from the event.

We would prefer not to need to take this measure, but the alternative would be to cancel all tournaments until mask mandates are lifted, which could be quite some time. We simply cannot put our venues into the situation where they suffer consequences as a result of the actions of players in BSAWA events.

If you are not prepared to abide by these conditions, we understand, but ask that you do not submit your name to enter a tournament. If a mask mandate is brought in at short notice, you will be able to withdraw your entry at no penalty, provided you give reasonable notice to the Tournament Director for the event.

Vaccination requirements will also apply from 31 January 2022 – these come under the responsibility of the venue to enforce, but of course you should not enter a tournament if you do not meet the requirements to be in the venue.

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