



2025 Ranking Tournament 1

PBFPSC Cannington

Welcome to the first Ranking Tournament of 2025 – we have a huge turn-out of 43 players, which is fantastic to see, but also means we have a huge number of matches to get through on the day. In order to make things run as smoothly as possible, the following conditions will apply on the day. The alternative would be to cut the length of matches down to either 2 frames with a re-spot black for decider, or 10-Red frames – we chose to give the players the chance to help the day flow before resorting to these measures.

Dress Code will be strictly enforced

Smart Casual dress is required: Trousers or jeans, collared shirt and dress shoes or sneakers must be worn. No t-shirts, shorts, tracksuit pants, sandals, or thongs will be allowed.

If you are not correctly dressed, you will not be allowed to play. If you need to check whether a certain piece of clothing is acceptable, ask a Board member.

Start Time will be strictly enforced

If you are not at the table ready to play when your match is called, you will lose the first frame. After 15 minutes, you will lose the match. This will particularly apply to 9am matches, so make sure you are at the venue in time to pay your entry fee and be ready to start your match at 9am. For later matches, the listed time is an estimate, but you must ensure you are in the venue at that time.

Doors will be open at 8:45am to allow time for matches to commence on the stroke of 9am.

Note that if your match is forfeited due to dress code or lateness, you are still required to pay the entry fee for the event.

Mercy Rule will apply (for all Ranking Tournaments in 2025)

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Final may be deferred

In the event that matches are not completed on time, the Final (or Semi Final if required) may be deferred to be played on another day. No match should commence after 8pm, unless agreed by both players. Deferred matches will be played at a time to be arranged by the players.



The Mercy Rule

In an effort to prevent very late finishes for Ranking Tournaments, SnookerWA will be trialling the use of the Mercy Rule in 2025. This is to stop players continuing frames when many snookers are required, wasting time instead of progressing the tournament.

The wording of the rule is as follows:

At the completion of any break and when only the colours remain on the table, if four (4) or more snookers are required, the frame will be awarded against the player requiring the snookers. This rule does not apply if the frame scores are equal on the final frame.

The points difference required for the frame to be 'awarded' with each of the colours left on the table is as follows:

Ball	Difference	Colour
	40	Yellow
	38	Green
	35	Brown
	34	Blue
	32	Pink

NOTE: (1) **“The Mercy Rule” does not apply if the frame scores are equal on the final frame.** Therefore, if the frame scores are 1-1 in a best of three frame game or 2-2 in a best of five frame game, the last scheduled frame must be played out to the end regardless of the difference in scores.

NOTE: (2) The frame is awarded at the **end** of the break – e.g. if potting the yellow puts a player 38 in front, but they then foul on the green, the frame is not awarded as the points difference would only be 34.