

NZBSA Ranking System

The New Zealand Billiards & Snooker Association maintains a system whereby players are allocated ranking points for performances in certain Billiards & Snooker Tournaments. There are several levels of tournaments where players may earn ranking points and there are limits to the number of events that a player may have counting towards his ranking. All Ranking points are held for a period of 12 months or the anniversary of the particular tournament.

There are separate Ranking lists for Billiards and Snooker and the lists, which are issued at the end of each month, are used by all associations in determining the seeding order for tournaments. The NZBSA also maintains separate Ranking lists for those players attempting to qualify to represent New Zealand at the various IBSF World Championships. (More details on World Championship Qualifying can be viewed on our Rules page).

The various levels of Billiards & Snooker tournaments consist of:

Local Association A Grade Championships

Ranking points are awarded to the losing semi-finalists, the runner-up and the winner.

Standard Open Ranking Events

These are tournaments run by the various local associations throughout New Zealand and are open to any player who is a current financial member of an affiliated local association. Players may play in as many of these events as they choose but only their best four results will count at any one time. The points earned are multiplied by a factor of 1.

North & South Island Championships

These tournaments have a residency qualification to determine a players eligibility to play in any particular event. The points earned are multiplied by a factor of 2.

New Zealand Open Championships

These 2 tournaments are open to any person who wishes to enter but players need to be aware that entries may be limited to a certain number of entrants. Ranking points are only earned by those players who are current financial members of an affiliated local association and are multiplied by a factor of 3.

New Zealand Championships

These 2 tournaments have a residency qualification to determine a players eligibility. The fields are limited and there are a number of guaranteed positions. The points earned are multiplied by a factor of 4.

Each player can have counting towards his ranking points total points earned in his local association A Grade Championships, his best 4 results in the Standard Open Ranking Events, his place of residence Island Championships, the New Zealand Open Event and the New Zealand Championships.

Allocation of Ranking Points for Billiard Events

Local Association A Grade Billiards Championships

Winner – 300 points, Runner-up – 150 points, Losing Semi-finalists – 75 points.

Standard Open Billiards Ranking Events

Playing in the event – 1 point, 2% of total points scored in section play matches only, 25 points for each section play win, 10 points for a first round loser in post-section play, 100 points for each post-section win.

North and South Island Billiards Championships

Playing in the event – 2 points, 4% of total points scored in section play matches only, 50 points for each section play win, 20 points for a first round loser in post-section play, 200 points for each post-section win.

New Zealand Open Billiards Championship

Playing in the event – 3 points, 6% of total points scored in section play matches only, 75 points for each section play win, 30 points for a first round loser in post-section play, 300 points for each post-section win.

New Zealand Billiard Championships

Playing in the event – 4 points, 8% of total points scored in section play matches only, 100 points for each section play win, 40 points for a first round loser in post-section play, 400 points for each post-section win.

Allocation of Ranking Points for Snooker Events

Local Association A Grade Snooker Championships

Winner – 80 points, Runner-up – 40 points, losing semi-finalists – 20 points.

Standard Open Snooker Ranking Events

Playing in the event – 1 point, 1 point for each frame won in section play only, 20 points for each section play win, 10 points for a first round loser in post-section play, 25 points for each post-section play win.

North and South Island Snooker Championships

Playing in the event – 2 points, 2 points for each frame won in section play only, 40 points for each section play win, 20 points for a first round loser in post-section play, 50 points for each post-section play win.

New Zealand Open Snooker Championships

Playing in the event – 3 points, 3 points for each frame won in section play only, 60 points for each section play win, 30 points for a first round loser in post-section play, 75 points for each post-section play win.

New Zealand Snooker Championships

Playing in the event – 4 points, 4 points for each frame won in section play only, 80 points for each section play win, 40 points for a first round loser in post-section play, 100 points for each post-section play win.