



2024 WALTER LINDRUM OPEN BILLIARDS

(LEVEL 5 WORLD BILLIARDS RANKING EVENT)

**MOUNTIES CLUB, 101 MEADOWS RD, MT
PRITCHARD, NSW**

ROUND ROBIN, TIMED MATCHES

WEDNESDAY 13TH TO SATURDAY 16TH MARCH

PRIZE POOL \$10,500 (SUBJECT TO 35 ENTRIES)

Estimated Prize Money Break Down

Winner \$3,600, Runner-up \$1,800, losing Semi-finalists \$800, losing Quarter-finalists \$400, last 16 \$200, high break (300+) \$300.



SANCTIONED NATIONAL RANKING TOURNAMENT
Enter online at: <http://www.absc.com.au/online-entries>



Enquiries to: secretary@absc.com.au



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

ENTRY CONDITIONS, FEES AND CLOSING DATES:

- ◇ Entry is open to all players regardless of their country of residence.
- ◇ Entry Fee: \$140 AUD
- ◇ Entry fee for Juniors (Under 21) and Women: \$70 AUD
- ◇ Closing date Saturday 2nd March 2024.
- ◇ Entries will only be accepted online at: <http://www.absc.com.au/online-entries>
- ◇ All entries received are deemed to have read and accepted the tournament conditions set out on the next page.

PLAYING SCHEDULE

- ◇ The Open will commence at 10.00 am on Wednesday 13th March 2024. Round robin matches will conclude on Thursday. The final is scheduled to end around 2.00 pm on Saturday 16th March.
- ◇ Practice time on the tables will be possible on Tuesday 12th March from 4.00pm to 10.00pm.

PLAYER REFEREE DUTIES

All players will be scheduled to referee part or all of at least one match. This will be shown on the draw. In the case of two players being named, the first named player will referee the first half (unless the players swap by mutual agreement).

THE VENUE

The Mounties Club is a large social club located in Mount Pritchard in the south-west of Sydney. With over 77,000 members, the venue offers a wide variety of cuisines and eating options at its many restaurants and bars, together with entertainment options and places to relax. See <https://www.mounties.com.au/> for details of the facilities.

TRANSPORT

No airport transport is provided for this event, however public transport is available from Sydney Airport. The venue is around 10–12 minutes drive from the close hotels. Taxi/Uber fares are around \$15–\$25.

Taxi : Taxi fares from the airport to the hotel precinct and Mounties will be around \$100 and take 30 minutes.

Uber : Uber and other services are readily available in Australia, but beware of surge pricing which can raise fares significantly during busy periods.

Train : Trains to Liverpool Station leave regularly from the Sydney Airport International and Domestic terminals. The journey takes around 45 minutes and will cost \$20. Train travel requires the purchase of an Opal Card, which can be obtained at the Airport stations. Taxis to the nearby hotels are available at the station.

Accommodation

The West of Sydney is an active and rapidly-expanding region of New South Wales, located approximately 30km to the south-west of the Sydney CBD. There are a wide variety of hotels, serviced apartments, restaurants and entertainment options in the centres closest to Mounties Club – Liverpool and Cabramatta – both of which are within 15 minutes drive of the championship venue.

Hotels in Australia are generally quite costly. **We recommend that you book hotel accommodation as soon as possible to obtain the best rates.** Players are free to book accommodation as they wish, but two of the better options close to the venue are:

Mercure Sydney, Liverpool (4 star)

424-458 Hoxton Park Road

Prestons, NSW 2170

Reservations : +61(2) 8777 0600

reservations@mercureliverpool.com.au

<https://www.mercuresydneyliverpool.com.au/>

Ramada Hotel and Suites Sydney Cabramatta

161 Hume Highway

Cabramatta, NSW 2166

Reservations : +61(2) 9727 5255

bookings@ramadasydneycabramatta.com.au

<https://www.ramadasydneycabramatta.com.au/>

A discounted rate of \$140p/n twin share, including breakfast, has been negotiated at the Ramada. Just mention that you are playing in the event at Mounties.

Taxi fares from these hotels to the venue are about \$25—\$30 and Uber fares about \$18.

Other hotels

There are numerous other hotels in the general area, including Ibis, El Toro and Quest Apartments, as well as some Air BnB offerings.

2024 Walter Lindrum Open - Tournament Conditions

1. The Walter Lindrum Open will be conducted under the ABSC Playing Conditions and Code of Conduct - <https://absc.com.au/governance>. Additional WBL Terms and Conditions will apply when not in conflict with those of the ABSC - <https://world-billiards.com/terms-conditions/>.
2. **All Australian players are required to complete the Sport Integrity Australia Level 1 Anti-doping on-line course which is available on the Sports Integrity Australia website - <https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/>. You will need to create an account to access the course, and once completed you will be sent an electronic certificate of attainment that you may be required to produce as a condition of entry.**
3. The format of the tournament is a round-robin draw, the top 2 players from each group (at a minimum) will qualify for the knockout stage. The draw will be at the discretion of the organizing committee and no debate will be entered into. Round robin matches will be timed; knock-out matches will be played under a format to be determined. The baulk-line crossing rule will be used.
4. Championship Dress Code is required: Long sleeve predominately plain coloured shirts buttoned at the wrist and collar, bow ties, dark-colour dress pants and shoes must be worn for all games. Waistcoat is required from the quarter-final stage onwards. Failure to comply with these conditions will result in forfeiture of the game. The tournament director may vary this dress code in extreme circumstances.
5. All players in each event will be scheduled to referee all or part of at least one round-robin match, and this will be shown on the draw.
6. All players are to be ready to play at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start of their match. The following rule applies to a player or players not ready to commence their match on time:
 - At the scheduled start time a player not present will forfeit 100 points.
 - After 15 minutes the player will forfeit the match.
 - The tournament director may vary this rule in exceptional circumstances beyond a player's control.
9. Seeding into knock-out stage from the round robin will be calculated based on the following:
 - (a) group position, then
 - (b) average differential of points for and points against
 - where players are tied on (a) and (b) the original seeding will apply.
 - The ABSC/WBL process for seeding into the knockout stage will apply, where second in each group goes into the opposite half of the draw to the group winner (if possible).
10. Losing semi-finalists MUST attend the presentation after the final. Failure to do so will result in a \$150 penalty from the prize winnings, to go towards next year's event. This is a requirement from the sponsors. If this causes a player hardship, they will need to apply to the tournament director for a waiver.
11. Entry acknowledges acceptance of all conditions
12. The Tournament Director has absolute discretion to vary these conditions when circumstances dictate and to make decisions on any matter not covered by these rules.