



## CSA HANDICAP BILLIARDS LEAGUE 2024

### Rules and regulations

1. All matches will be played at CSA on weeknights - likely to be one match per week per team on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday (subject to team numbers).
2. Matches will consist of two singles matches, 45 minutes duration each, followed by one scotch doubles match (alternate shots), also 45 minutes duration.
3. Teams may play 2, 3 or 4 players each night – two players can play both singles and doubles, or some players can play just one singles and doubles, or just singles, or just doubles. Players cannot play the same opponent twice on the night.
4. Teams will earn one point for each match won and half a point for a tied match. The league ladder will be determined by (a) match wins and (b), if tied on points, by match score differential.
5. Team lists to be submitted by 7.20 pm. Play to start at 7.30 pm. A short break is permitted between matches.
6. Each team will pay \$30 per match to cover the cost of the tables at CSA, payable at the counter on the night. There is no team registration fee. Prize money will only be available at the end of the season if we can secure a sponsor.
7. Teams do not need to represent a club, although this is an option – you can just form a team between friends.
8. Dress code will be long pants, covered shoes, and collared shirt or polo shirt.
9. Starting handicaps will be advised before the first round. Handicaps will be adjusted weekly: 5 points plus/minus for each match win/loss, including the scotch doubles. The handicap for the scotch doubles will be the average of the two players handicaps (rounded down to the nearest whole number if necessary). Example: John plays week 1 in both singles and doubles, off a handicap of +30, and wins all three matches – next week he will be off a handicap of +15). In each match the lowest handicap players will start on zero and the other player's handicap adjusted accordingly. Example: John is off +30 and Bob is off +70, so John will start on zero and Bob will start on +40.
10. The season will be one full round robin, followed by a grand final between the top two teams. For players to qualify for the final they must have played at least 6 matches during the round robin season (singles or doubles).
11. There is no restriction on who may play – they do not need to be citizen or PR.
12. Teams may use “fill-in” players not on their lists, if necessary, but may not use players on the lists of other teams. If using a “fill-in” you must contact Jason Colebrook for a handicap for that player.
13. Players will be expected to play at their usual pace through each match, and to avoid using delaying tactics to take advantage of receiving a handicap head start.
14. Because the scotch doubles will be a learning experience for one player in some pairings, we will permit the senior player to recommend the correct shot each time, if they wish (e.g. “pot red” or “in-off yellow”), but he cannot advise how to play the shot or where to spot the cue ball.