

Rules Changes for the 2023 SSSA Season

- Handicap adjustment cap of +/- 8 to be removed from this season.
- The SSSA version of the foul and miss rule shall be:
 - i. Where the striker can see some or no part of the ball on (i.e., is 'snookered') - a fair attempt must be made to hit the ball on. If they do not strike the ball on, a 'Foul & Miss' shall be called, and the opponent may:
 - 1. play the shot from where the balls have come to rest.
 - 2. request the striker play from where the balls have come to rest.
 - 3. request to have all balls replaced and have the striker play again from the original position.
 - ii. Foul & miss may be called TWICE, unless the ball on is now snookered by a different ball, in which case the miss count is restarted.
 - iii. Failing to hit a ball on with the third attempt shall only be called a foul and the opponent may:
 - 1. play the shot from where the balls have come to rest.
 - 2. request the striker play from where the balls have come to rest.
 - iv. A miss cannot be called when:
 - 1. EITHER PLAYER requires a snooker to win the frame prior to, or as a result of, the shot.
 - 2. it is impossible to hit the ball on
 - v. Where a player can see all of the ball on and fails to hit a ball on after two attempts, the striker must be given a warning - failing to hit a ball on with a third attempt will result in forfeiture of the frame.
 - vi. This rule will be applied to all SSSA competitions – Teams, Champion of Champions, and Shire Singles.
- The lowest handicapped players must be played at positions 1 & 2 (in no specific order).
- The foul & miss rule would apply to the top 2 players only.
- In the event of an obviously deliberate miss being played, the striker shall incur a 7-point foul.
- New rules for the Shire Singles:
 - i. All players to pay entry fee of \$20, prior to closing date. Non-paid entries will not be entered into the draw.
 - ii. All rounds up to and including quarter finals will be best of 3 frames. Semis shall be best of 5 frames; final shall be best of 7 frames.
 - iii. 100% of entry fees will go towards the prize pool. To be distributed as:
 - 1. 60% to the winner
 - 2. 30% to the runner up
 - 3. 10% to the highest break.(Trophies will continue to be provided by SSSA for winner & runner up)
- Change the AGM date to the 1st Tuesday in February each year.
- Singlets and thongs are not permitted at any SSSA event (without valid medical reason). This includes the Teams competition, Champion of Champions, and Shire Singles. All other dress regulations remain in line with the venues (i.e. neat & tidy)
- The 1st round (round of 16) of the Champion of Champions will be changed to best of 3 frames.