

Eastern Shore Croquet Club
Full Bisque Tournament
For Handicap Range 8-16
11th – 13th January 2019

ESCC invites players whose handicap is within the range of 8-16 to participate in this full bisque tournament. Learning to use bisques effectively is an important component of this tournament.

General Conditions

1. The competition may be entered by full financial members of any club affiliated by the Australian Croquet Association whose official handicap is within the range 8-16 bisques. Payers with a handicap greater than 16 may enter but must play with a handicap of 16.

The first 16 entries received with fees will be accepted. Later entries will be placed on a waiting list.

2. Play will be under the current laws of Association Croquet, full bisque handicap play with a base handicap of 4. (see Laws Book, appendix 3 and accompanying foot note for explanation)
3. Dawson International Balls will be used.
4. There will be no warm up period after the first game of the day.
5. Players must be available to play at any time during the tournament.
6. To determine winners and other place getters, points will be gained according to the following schedule:

Number hoops made; +1 point per hoop

Winning the game; +5 points

NOTE: Full bisque handicap with a base of 4 means that each player receives 4 bisques less than his/her official handicap regardless of whom they are playing. For example, if your handicap is 9 you will have 5 bisques in every game you play. If your handicap is 16 you will have 12 bisques in every game.

A player is entitled to their full number of bisques in each game less the base, but the player may not take any more than a third of their entitlement during any one turn. This is to make sure the winner of the toss is not greatly advantaged.

The maximum number of bisques per turn is calculated by subtracting the base handicap from the player's official handicap and dividing by three (3) and rounding off to the nearest whole number as shown in the following table.

| Net Bisque Hcp | Bisques per Turn |
|----------------|------------------|
| 4 | 1 |
| 5 | 2 |
| 6 | 2 |
| 7 | 2 |
| 8 | 3 |
| 9 | 3 |
| 10 | 3 |
| 11 | 4 |
| 12 | 4 |

If a player chooses not to use all bisques available for a turn they can be used in later turns to the maximum permitted per turn.

To keep count of the number of bisques used by a player the procedure will be for the opponent to remove a bisque stick whenever the player uses a bisque.

There will be supervising referees but a player will need to keep a watchful eye on the bisque count of their opponent.

7. The tournament will commence at 2.30pm on Friday 11th January 2019 with games programmed at 2.30 & 4.30pm, 2 hour games.

Saturday games will be played at 9.00 & 11.00am, 1.00 & 3.00pm. This will complete the Round Robin blocks.

On Sunday the knock-out games will commence at 9.00am. The 4 block winners plus the 4 next highest point scorers (i.e. 8 players) will play off for the tournament trophy in 2 hour games. The 8 next highest scorers in the 4 blocks will play off for the "Spoon" event in 2 hour games. The playoff games will be knockout through quarter, semi and final game

The Trophy and Spoon finals games will commence at 2.30pm

8. As far as is practical, games will be played in the order of the daily programme and with the time limits set out in condition 7, but the right is reserved for the Manager to alter these if necessary and to decide the suitability of the weather or the state of the lawns for the playing of games.
9. Prize giving and a light meal will commence at the conclusion of the games.
10. The entry fee of \$15 will include morning, afternoon teas and the concluding light meal on the Sunday evening. Non players can attend the concluding function on payment of \$7, to be paid by the commencement of play on Saturday to allow for catering purposes.