



Dear State Director

## **2020 Australian Blackball Nationals**

The Australian Blackball International Federation Inc (ABIF) would like to invite your **State/Territory** to attend the 2020 Australian Blackball Nationals (the Nationals) held from 25 to 29 May 2020 at the WA Headquarters on 88 Centre Street, Queens Park, Perth.

Please find attached entry forms for the Nationals, including the criteria to select the Australian teams. The key points to note are:

- Each State/Territory may send a maximum of 2 teams in the aged/gender categories of Opens (any age), Seniors (aged 40+), and Ladies (any age);
- Each team must consist of a minimum of 5 players and a maximum of 7 players;
- To be eligible to represent a State/Territory, the player must either: 1. Live in a postcode of that State/Territory, and/or 2. Play in a blackball weekly competition in that State/Territory; and
- Fees are \$70 per player for the teams events, \$50 per singles event, and every player attending must pay a \$20 ABIF affiliation fee (unless this fee was already paid by the State/Territory for participation in a weekly competition for 2020).

Finally, States and Territories are encouraged, where possible to retain players that have won at least 61% at the recent 2019 Blackball Nations Cup in Cyprus. It is difficult to win 61% of frames at an international level competition and these players should be rewarded for their performance. The 'A' team players have been retained by the ABIF in the Australian team for the 2020 Blackball World Championships. It is vital these players are retained in the State/Territory teams so they get quality match practice ahead of the World Championships in Geelong in November 2020. Whether a player retained by the ABIF chooses to attend the Nationals is an individual choice however.

The 'B' team players have met the retention criteria set by the ABIF for a future Nations Cup event. Accordingly, the 'B' players should be provided with the opportunity to compete at the Nationals to maintain sharpness. However, it is up to the State/Territory on how best to incorporate these players into the teams. A list of both 'A' and 'B' team players that have won 61% of frames are provided at the attachment to this letter.

To assist with the scheduling for the 2020 Nationals, can I please get an indication from State Directors on how many teams you wish to send by **cob 31 January 2020**. Details of the actual players can come at a later date.

Please contact me on 0435 652 999 or email [graduate0069@gmail.com](mailto:graduate0069@gmail.com) should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours in Sport

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National Coordinator

Australian Blackball International Federation Inc.

## Players who won 61%+ of Frames at the 2019 Blackball Nations Cup

### A Team Players

75%	Sharron Brown	Ladies	QLD
71%	David Rothall	Opens	SA
70%	Justin Allen	Seniors	VIC
68%	Kerry Spengler	Ladies	QLD
68%	Sten Stonehouse	U23s	WA
66%	Danyal Porter	U23s	SA
66%	Kane Weekley	U23s	SA
64%	Brodie Conroy	U23s	WA
63%	Jeremy McGuire	Seniors	TAS
63%	Ian 'Mongrel' Will	Masters	ACT
62%	Samuel Brunett	U23s	QLD

### B Team Players

79%	Nathan McMahon	Opens	WA
73%	Sawan Naker	Opens	SA
69%	Macwin Fernandes	Opens	QLD
64%	Samantha Mullins	Ladies	VIC
63%	Benni Rosman	Ladies	SA
62%	Scott Alexander	Seniors	WA
62%	Grant Weekley	Masters	SA
61%	John Durbdige	Opens	NSW
61%	Kyra Rikys	Ladies	WA
61%	Jo Lowry	Ladies	ACT