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# IMPORTANT MEMBERS NOTICE

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APPA and BAPA are pleased to confirm the pathway for Australian players wishing to compete at the **2026 Blackball World Championships and 2026 Hawley Cup** taking place in the UK in October 2026.

**The 2026 BAPA Australian Blackball Nationals will serve as the qualifying event for Australian teams and players.**

The event will continue to be delivered by BAPA, recognising their experience and established structure in running Blackball in Australia.

BAPA will also select blackball players to represent Australia at the **2026 Commonwealth Championships** taking place in October 2026 in India. The winners of the men's and ladies' singles at the 2026 BAPA Australian Blackball National Championships will qualify to compete in **2027 Commonwealth Championships**.

The BAPA Australian National Championships will include the traditional Blackball categories of Men, Ladies, Seniors and Masters, Grand Masters with Australian teams selected from the event to represent Australia internationally.

Entries for the **2026 BAPA Australian National Championships will be extending to close on 30 April 2026**, and players interested in competing are encouraged to register through the BAPA entry process. Players from across the Australian cue-sports community are welcome to participate, recognising the strong crossover of players across different disciplines.

APPA and BAPA are working constructively together to support the delivery of Blackball in Australia while continuing discussions on opportunities for greater alignment across cue sports in the future.

Further event and entry details will be confirmed through BAPA channels and shared through APPA channels.

Yours in sport,

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