



NATIONAL U19 POOL CHAMPIONSHIP 2017 9 BALL

RULES & REGULATIONS

ENTRIES

1) Tournament entry is open to all Citizens and Permanent Residents of Singapore. Female participants are also welcome. All female players start off each game with a one rack advantage.

2) Participants must submit their entries on Official Entry Forms not later than

Wednesday, 22nd March 2017, 5pm

3) Participants must be 19 years old and below as of 31 Dec 2017. They must be born on or after 1 Jan 1998. Participants of the age of 16 years and below must inform Cuesports Singapore in advance.

4) Entry Fee: \$20/- to be paid to Cuesports before the closing date stated above.

Entries are accepted subject to condition that the participant shall, if nominated by the Cuesports Singapore, represent the Republic of Singapore in any event, which is held within the 12 months preceding the completion of this tournament, save justifiable cause. However, the Cuesports Singapore may at its sole discretion waive compliance with this condition if furnished with reasons in writing by the participants.

Loser pays for table at a discounted rate of 20% for all matches.

GAME RULES

5) The tournament will be played under the latest Standardized Rules of the World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA).

The 9 ball will be spotted on the foot spot for all 9 Ball breaks. The 3 ball break rule shall apply for all breaks based on WPA rules, as explained below.

- I. On the break shot, a minimum of three object balls must either be pocketed, or touch the head string line, or a combination of both. For example, if one object ball is pocketed, then at least two object balls must touch the head string line; or if two object balls are pocketed, then at least one object ball must touch the

head string line. (To touch the head string line means that the edge of the object ball must reach the string line)

- II. If a player fails to meet the requirements in (I), but otherwise makes a legal break, the incoming player has the choice to accept the tables as is, or hand the shot back to his opponent.
- III. In accepting the table as is, the incoming player is not permitted to play a "push-out", he must play a legal shot to the ball on.
- IV. If the table is handed back to the breaker, the breaker is permitted to play a push-out. If so, his opponent will then have the choice to either play the shot, or hand it back.
- V. If a player fails to meet the requirements of (1), in which the 9 ball is potted but results in an illegal break, the 9 ball is respotted before the next shot is played.

TOURNAMENT VENUE

- 6) The tournament will be played at Klassic Club, located at 1 Jalan Berseh, New World Centre #02-02 Singapore 209037.

SCHEDULE

- 7) The schedule for the tournaments are as follows:

Closing Date	22nd March 2017,	5pm	@	Klassic Club
Draw Date	23 rd March 2017			
*Start of tournament	25 th March 2017			
Finals	26 th March 2017			

FORMAT

- 8) The tournament will be played on a straight knock-out format of Single Elimination.

Preliminary Rounds	Race to 6
Pre-Quarter Finals	Race to 6
Quarter Finals	Race to 7
Semi-Finals	Race to 7
Finals	Race to 7

- a. Please note that all girls playing in the U-19 event will be given a 1 rack handicap by the boys.
- b. If there are less than 32 entries for any of the categories by the closing date, Cuesports Singapore shall reserve the rights to cancel the tournament for the category.

AUTHORITY

- 9) All enquires or disputes will be referred to the Chief Referee during the tournament running and his decision will be final.
- 10) All disciplinary matters shall be referred to the Cuesports Singapore Disciplinary Sub-Committee, whose decision shall be final on all matters arising.
- 11) The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend and/or add rules to the above set of rules and regulations with prior notification to the participants as and when it deems necessary. Any matter not covered by the above set of rules and regulations shall be decided upon by the Tournament Committee whose decision shall be final in such matters.

DRESS CODE

- 12) Polo T-shirt, single coloured long trousers (no jeans allowed), socks and covered shoes.
- 13) Please note that any competitive sponsors' brands or insignias are **Not Allowed** to be worn at any stage throughout the tournament. This includes all previous "National Pool Championships Event T-shirts".

MATCH PROCEDURES

- 14) No delays or postponement of matches will be allowed unless deemed necessary by the Tournament Committee.
- 15) All players must report to the Tournament Chief Referee upon arrival with his/her identity card or any document with photo and take note of the match table.
- 16) A player not ready to play by the commencement of his/her match will concede one frame to his opponent. If the player is still not ready to play by the 10th minute, the match official will record a walkover and award the match to the opponent.
- 17) Players are not allowed to use their **handphones** in the Tournament Venue and are also required to **switch their handphones or pagers to silent mode**. No food is allowed in the competition area.

- 18) Each player will only be allowed to call one (1) time-out which must be in between frames and lasting not more than five (5) minutes. Should the player exceeds more than the time allowed, a frame will be conceded to his/her opponent. However, players may request for toilet breaks which may be allowed at the sole discretion of the referee. The toilet break must not be used for other purposes such as smoking or communicating with any person. Any players found doing so can be disqualified.
- 19) Players must be at their best behavior whilst in the Tournament Venue and must not say or do anything they may discredit the tournament, the sponsors, the Cuesports Singapore and/or bring the sport into disrepute.
- 20) The estimated prize money distribution for both the 10 Ball and 9 Ball events are as follows. The exact confirmed prize money will be announced on a later date.

Champion	-	\$500 + Trophy
Runners Up	-	\$250 + Trophy
Semi-Finalist	-	\$100
Quarter-Finalist	-	\$ 50 (above 50 entries)

**The exact prize money will be subjected to changes depending on the total entries and extra sponsorships*

All prize winners must be present at the prize presentation ceremony, failing which their prize money will be forfeited, unless a valid reason is given 24 hours in advance. In addition, he/she must send a representative with an authorization letter to receive the prize on his/her behalf.

TOURNAMENT REPORTING PROCEDURE

- i) All players must adhere to the following procedures:

30 mins before	All players to report to the Chief Referee for verification
15 mins before	Warm-up of 5 minutes per player
5 mins before	Conduct of lag to determine break
Scheduled time	Commencement of match

For 2nd and following session matches. Warm up is subjected to the time allowance after the end of the previous match and also reporting time of player.

- ii) Matches will be scheduled on the following days as follows:

- 1) Saturday – Starting from 10.00am
- 2) Sunday – Starting from 10.00am

- iii) Players are advised to report 30 mins before your match time. If there are tables available and both competitors have reported to the Chief Referee, the match may commence before the scheduled time.

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