

# **SINGAPORE SNOOKER OPEN 2019**

# **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

#### ENTRIES

1. This preliminary rounds is open to everyone (including foreigners) above the age of 16. Players below age of 16 must inform the organisers when submitting their entry form.

2. Participant must submit their registration through the online form not later than  $3^{rd}$  March 2019 @ 2359.

3. Participant must pay a non-refundable entry fee of  $\underline{\$70}$  upon submission of entry form. Once online registration form is submitted, an email will be sent to all participants with regards to the payment. All entries are confirmed as per online form and entry fees to be paid within 3 days after registration. Re-entry of  $\underline{\$35}$  applicable to those that want to participate again losing the first chance. Entry will not be accepted - the participant is deemed to have opted out of the tournament if fees are not received by the draw date.

#### GAME RULES

4. The tournament will be played by the rules laid under **International Billiards & Snooker Federation (IBSF).** In the absence of a referee officiating the match, the "foul and a miss" rule will applied up to a maximum of 2 times. Beyond that, the incoming player shall play from the final rest position of the balls or ask his/her opponent to play the shot. Once point difference is more than the points remaining on table, foul and a miss rule shall no longer apply.

5. For matches presided over by a referee, the referee has the right to apply the "foul and a miss" rule based on his/her discretion. In such a case, there will not be a limit to the number of times in which the rule may be applied.

#### TOURNAMENT VENUE

6. This tournament shall be played at Lagoon Billiard Room located at 293 Lorong 6 Toa Payoh #02-05, SAFRA Toa Payoh, Singapore 319387.

#### SCHEDULE

<b>Closing Date for Entries</b>	03 March 2019
Name list Published	05 March 2019
Draw Date	06 March 2019
Draw Published	07 March 2019
Preliminary Rounds Date	09, 10, 17, 23, 24 March 2019

Last 32 of Preliminary Rounds

26 & 27 March 2019

Main Stage

4 to 7 April 2019

\* All players are to attend Players Meeting at 5pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 @ Tournament Venue (Lagoon Billiards)

7. The onus is on the participants to check their match/fixtures on the notice board available at the tournament venue. Alternatively, participants may refer to Cuesports Singapore website or official Facebook page.

8. The Tournament Committee will serve no reminder with regards to the fixtures to participants.

## FORMAT

9. The tournament shall be played in a straight knock-out format. Matches will be decided in the following manner:

Preliminary Rounds to Last 32	Best of 5 frames
Main Stage	Best of 7 frames

10. If there are less than 32 entries for any of the categories by the closing date, Cuesports Singapore shall reserve the right to cancel the tournament.

## TOURNAMENT SEEDING (MEN)

11. The main event will consist of 5 local seeded players & 11 invited players. Subject to changes at the sole discretion of Cuesports Singapore.

12. If one or more of the ranked players is not participating in the tournament, the Tournament Committee shall at its discretion select players based on the merits of their performance in previous local and overseas tournaments and seed them accordingly.

13. 5 of our local seeded players will play in the tournament from the main stage onwards, where they will join the other 16 unseeded players who had progressed to that stage of the tournament.

## AUTHORITY

14. All enquiries or disputes will be referred to the Chief Referee during the tournament running and his decision will be final.

15. All disciplinary matters shall be referred to the Cuesports Singapore Disciplinary Sub-Committee, whose decision shall be final on all matters arising.

#### **DRESS CODE**

16. Shirt: Long sleeve, plain coloured and buttoned at the cuff. Trousers: long trousers (no jeans cutting). Single coloured socks and business shoes.

17. Bow tie and vest shall be worn from the last 32 of preliminary rounds all the way till Main Stage.

18. Participants who are not properly attired during the  $1^{st}$  match, a warning will be given and a penalty of one frame will be enforced. From  $2^{nd}$  match onwards, players who are not properly attired will be barred from playing, resulting in a direct walkover.

# MATCH PROCEDURES

19. No delays or postponement of matches will be allowed unless deemed necessary by the Tournament Committee.

20. 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.

21. A player not ready to play by the commencement of his/her match will concede one (1) frame to his/her opponent (inclusive of dress code penalty). If the player is still not ready to play by the  $10^{\text{th}}$  minute, the match official will record a walkover and award the match to the opponent.

22. Participants are not allowed to use their mobile phones in the Tournament Venue; all other electronic devices are required to be switched to the silent mode. No food is allowed in the competition area.

23. Each player will only be allowed to call one (1) time-out. The time out shall be called in between frames and is limited to seven (7) minutes. Should the player exceed the 7 min allowed, a frame will be conceded to his/her opponent, two frames at the 14<sup>th</sup> min and so on. However, players may request for toilet break; this may be allowed at the sole discretion of the referee. The toilet break may not be used for other purposes such as smoking or communicating with any person. Players found infringing the above rules will be disqualified immediately.

24. Shot Clock (*can be implemented by chief referee in the event of intentional slow play*) Players will be given 60 seconds to complete each shot. At the 50-second mark, the referee shall call time and the player will then have 10 seconds remaining to complete the shot. A foul shall be called against the player who fails to play the shot at the 60<sup>th</sup> second and the incoming player shall play from where the cue ball is. Players are allowed a maximum of 3 extensions of additional 60 seconds for the shot in each frame in this format.

25. Players must be at their best behavior whilst in the Tournament Venue. They shall not say or do anything which may discredit the tournament, the sponsors, Cuesports Singapore and/or bring the sport into disrepute.

## PRIZES

26. The estimated prize money distribution is as shown below. The exact confirmed prize money will be announced at the start of the tournament:

CHAMPION	\$4,000
RUNNER-UP	\$2,000
SEMI-FINALIST	\$750
QUARTER-FINALIST	\$350

PRE-QUARTER-FINALIST	\$200
*HIGHEST BREAK	\$300
CENTURY BREAK BONUS	\$200
MAXIMUM BREAK	\$1470

\* In the event of a tie for the high break, the player who achieves the high break first will receive the prize.

27. All prize winners must be present at the prize presentation ceremony. Should the prize winner(s) be unable to attend the ceremony, he/she must inform the Cuesports Singapore secretariat office in writing at least 3 working days in advance, and send a representative to collect the prizes on his behalf.

28. All prize money shall be paid by cheque or remittance to overseas bank accounts for foreign players less bank charges.

29. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend the above rules and regulations without prior notification to the participants, as and when deemed necessary. Any matters not covered by the above rules and regulations shall be decided upon by the Tournament Committee, whose decision shall be final.

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