



# LION CUP 9 BALL INVITATIONAL 2019 (MEN/WOMEN)

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## RULES & REGULATIONS

### ENTRIES

1. The tournament is open to everyone.
2. Participant must submit their registration through the online form not later than **25 May 2019 @ 2359.**
3. Participants must pay a non-refundable entry fee upon submission of entry forms. If the entry fees are not received by the draw date, the entry form will **not be accepted** and the participant is deemed to have opted out of the tournament.
4. For Club sponsored participants, undertaking letter must be sent to Cuesports Office before the Closing Date, 25 May 2019 @ 2359.
5. Entry fees for tournaments will be as follows:

OPEN CATEGORY	LADIES CATEGORY
\$80 (First Entry)	\$30 (Local invited players)
\$40 (Re-Entry) <i>Re-entry slots subject to availability.</i>	\$70 (Overseas invited players)
\$200 (Overseas Invited players)	

\* *There will be table charges implemented for Stage 1 Open Qualifiers at \$10 per hour.*

6. Entries are accepted subject to the condition that the participant shall, if nominated by Cuesports Singapore, represent the Republic of Singapore in any event held within 12 months upon the completion of the tournament.

7. Cuesports Singapore may at its sole discretion waive compliance with the condition laid out in paragraph 6 if furnished with valid reasons in writing by the participant(s).

### **GAME RULES**

8. The tournament will be played under the latest Standardised Rules of the World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA).
9. In the absence of one to one referee, the balls will be racked with the “1 ball” placed on the spot, “2 ball” at the back and the 3 ball rule will apply to the break shot. As long as the edge of the ball touches the head string, it will be considered to have passed.

### **TOURNAMENT VENUE**

10. The tournament will be played at Cuesports Singapore Academy located at 865 Mountbatten Road, Katong Shopping Centre, #01-46, Singapore 437844.

### **SCHEDULE**

11. The schedule for the tournaments are as follows:

<b>Closing Date for Entries</b>	25 May 2019 @ 2359
<b>Name List Published</b>	27 May 2019
<b>Draw Date</b>	28 May 2019
<b>Draw Published</b>	29 May 2019
<b>Stage 1 Open Qualifiers</b>	1 to 16 June 2019
<b>Players Briefing for Men</b>	14 July @ 5pm
<b>Stage 2 Main Stage (Men)</b>	15 to 21 July 2019
<b>Players Briefing for Women</b>	17 July @ 5pm
<b>Main Stage (Women)</b>	18 to 21 July 2019

12. Starting from Wednesday, 29 May 2019, participants may refer to the notice board at the tournament venue. Participants may also view the fixtures on the Cuesports Singapore's official website ([www.cuesports.org.sg](http://www.cuesports.org.sg)) or Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/CuesportsSingapore](http://www.facebook.com/CuesportsSingapore)).

13. **FORMAT**

**Ladies category**

**(Group Stage – 16 players)**

Double Elimination

Winner Pool (Race to 7, alternate break)

Loser Pool (Race to 6, alternate break)

**(Knockout Stage – 8 players)**

Single Elimination

Race to 8, alternate break

Race to 9, alternate break (Grand Finals)

**Open category**

**Stage 1 Open Qualifiers**

Double Elimination

Winner Pool (Race to 8, alternate break)

Loser Pool (Race to 7, alternate break)

**Stage 2 Open Main Stage**

**(Group Stage – 48 players)**

Double Elimination

Race to 8, alternate break

Winner Pool (Race to 8, alternate break)

Loser Pool (Race to 7, alternate break)

**(Knockout Stage – 16 players)**

Single Elimination

Race to 9, alternate break

Race to 11, alternate break (Grand Finals)

14. Should there be less than 80 entries for the Open category and 16 entries for the Ladies category by the closing date. Cuesports Singapore reserves the right to cancel the tournament for the category and/or to change the prize money accordingly.

## TOURNAMENT SEEDING

15. The main event will consist of 6 local seeded male players & 10 invited players. Subject to changes at the sole discretion of Cuesports Singapore.
16. 6 of our local male seeded players from the selection held will play in the tournament from the main stage onwards, where they will join the invited overseas players and other 32 qualifiers who had progressed to that stage of the tournament.

## DRESS CODE

17. Polo Shirt, business Pants & Leather shoes (For both Men & Women Category).  
Players are to tuck in their shirt during matches.
18. Attire for Quarter Final onwards (Man & Ladies):
  - Bow tie and vest shall be worn
  - Long Sleeve shirt, plain coloured and buttoned at the cuff. Trouser: Long Trousers (no jeans cutting). Single coloured socks and covered shoes
19. Players will have to put on any sponsor badges/stickers while playing in the tournament when told to do so by the organisers. Please note that any competitive sponsors' brands or insignias are **Not Allowed** to be worn at any stage throughout the tournament.
20. Players who are not properly attired during their 1<sup>st</sup> match will be issued a warning and a dress code penalty of 1 rack (penalty can apply for shirt, pants or shoes violation). From their 2<sup>nd</sup> match onwards, players who are not properly attired will be barred from playing, resulting in a direct walkover.

## MATCH PROCEDURES

21. No delays or postponement of matches will be allowed unless deemed necessary by the Tournament Committee. Should there be a clash of match time with ladies & open event, the organizer has the right to change the time due to such circumstances.
22. All players must report to the Tournament Chief Referee upon arrival with his/her identity card and take note of the match table.

23. A player not present by the commencement his/her match will be given 5 minutes grace period. If the player is not present by the 5th minute, he/she will concede (1) rack to his opponent. If the player is still not present by the 10th minute, the match official will record a walkover and award the match to the opponent. The clock at the tournament venue shall serve as the official tournament clock.
24. Players conceding walkovers must give a written explanation within 3 days of their match to the Tournament Committee; players who fail to do so or players who are deemed by the Tournament Committee to have an invalid excuse will be barred from taking part in any future tournaments organised by Cuesports Singapore for a stipulated period.
25. Each player will only be allowed to call one (1) time-out which must be in between racks and lasting not more than (9) minutes. Should the player exceed the time allowed, a rack 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 may be disqualified.
26. Shot Clock will be implemented in the presence of 1 to 1 referee. Players will be given 45 seconds to complete each shot. At the 35-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 45 second mark. Players are allowed a maximum of 1 extension of additional 45 seconds for the shot per rack. In addition, the event of intentional slow play, shot clock can be implemented at the sole discretion of the chief referee.
27. Players are not allowed to smoke in the tournament venue or in the surrounding vicinity and are not allowed to place any cigarettes or lighters in the player's seating area.
28. Players are not allowed to use their hand phones in the tournament venue and are required to switch their mobile phones or pagers to silent mode.
29. Players must be at their best behavior whilst in the tournament venue and must not say or do anything that may discredit the tournament, the sponsors, Cuesports Singapore and/or bring the sport into disrepute.

**PRIZES**

30. The prize money distributions are as follows:

	<b>MEN</b>	<b>LADIES</b>
<b>CHAMPION</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$1600</b>
<b>RUNNER-UP</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$800</b>
<b>SEMI-FINALIST</b>	<b>\$1250</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>QUARTER-FINALIST</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>PRE-QUARTER FINALIST</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Stage 1 Qualifiers</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>-</b>

31. All prize winners must be present at the prize presentation ceremony, failing which their prize money might be forfeited, unless a valid reason is given 24 hours in advance. In addition, he/she shall send a representative to receive the prize on his/her behalf.
32. All prize money shall be paid by cheque or remittance to overseas bank accounts for foreign players less bank charges & subjected to tax deduction.

**TOURNAMENT REPORTING PROCEDURE**

33. All players must adhere to the following procedures:

30 minutes before All players to report to the Chief Referee for verification

15 minutes before Warm-up of 5 minutes per player

5 minutes before Conduct of lag to determine break

Scheduled time Commencement of match

For 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> session matches. Warm up is subjected to the time allowance after the end of the previous match and also reporting time of player.

34. 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.

## **AUTHORITY**

35. All enquires or disputes will be referred to the Chief Referee and/or Tournament Executive during the tournament running and his/their decision will be final. At any point of time, only the player or manager can raise any enquiries.
36. Any players aggrieved by any action(s) and/or decision(s), involving and affecting its players or itself, may lodge an official protest in writing to the Tournament Executive. Such protests must be submitted within 24 hours of the incident, and must be accompanied by a payment of \$200 payable to Cuesports Singapore.
37. The Tournament Committee shall endeavor to the best of his/her ability and authority to resolve and decide on the protest and make known their decision to the players concerned. The \$200 protest fee will only be refunded if the Tournament Committee deems the protest to be valid.
38. All disciplinary matters shall be referred to the Cuesports Singapore Disciplinary Sub-Committee, whose decision shall be final on all matters arising.
39. 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.

Main Sponsor:



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