



# NATIONAL SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP 2019/2020

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### ENTRIES

1. This tournament is open only to Citizens of Singapore.
2. Participants must submit their entries on official entry forms not later than  
**1 November 2019 (Friday), 23:59 hour for National Snooker Championship 2019/2020.**
3. Participants must pay a non-refundable entry fee of \$60 upon submission of entries via online registration. 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.
4. You need to provide your name **as per NRIC and last 3 digits of NRIC No with Alphabet** in your entry form as Cuesports Singapore will issue cheque for prize winners with name according to entry form.
5. Entries shall be accepted on the condition that the participant shall, if nominated by the Cuesports Singapore, represent the Republic of Singapore in any event held within 12 months following the completion of this tournament, save justifiable cause. However, Cuesports Singapore may at its sole discretion waive compliance with this condition if furnished with reasons in writing by the participant.

### GAME RULES

6. The tournament will be played by the rules laid under World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association. 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.
7. 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

8. This tournament shall be played at Cuesports Singapore Academy located at 865 Mountbatten Road, Katong Shopping Centre, #01-46, Singapore 437844.

## SCHEDULE

The schedule is as follow:

<b>Closing Date for Entries</b>	1 November (Friday) @ 2359
<b>Name list Published</b>	4 November (Monday)
<b>Draw Date</b>	6 November (Wednesday)
<b>Draw Published</b>	8 November (Thursday)
<b>Tournament Start Date</b>	16 November (Saturday)

9. Starting from 8 November 2019 (Saturday) 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](https://www.facebook.com/CuesportsSingapore)).
10. 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 official Facebook page, Cuesports Singapore.
11. The Tournament Committee will serve no reminder with regards to the fixtures to participants.

## FORMAT

12. The tournament shall be played in a straight knock-out format. Matches will be decided in the following manner:
  - Preliminary Rounds to Pre-Quarter Finals
    - Single Elimination
    - Best of 5 Frames
  - Quarter Finals to Grand Finals
    - Single Elimination
    - Best of 7 Frames
13. If there are less than 64 entries for any of the categories by the closing date, Cuesports Singapore shall reserve the right to postpone the tournament.

## TOURNAMENT SEEDING (MEN)

14. The seeding for the open event shall be based on the latest National Snooker Ranking prior to the commencement of the Seah Tian Cheng Ranking Tournament 2019 shown on the Cuesports Singapore Website. The top 16 ranked players based on the ranking shall be seeded for the tournament.

## **AUTHORITY**

15. All enquiries or disputes will be referred to the Referee or Tournament Executive during the tournament running and his decision will be final.
16. All disciplinary matters shall be referred to the Cuesports Singapore Disciplinary Sub-Committee, whose decision shall be final on all matters arising.

## **DRESS CODE**

17. Shirt: Long sleeve, plain coloured and buttoned at the cuff. Trousers: long trousers (no jeans cutting). Single coloured socks and covered shoes.
18. Bow tie and vest shall be worn from Semi Finals onwards.
19. Participants who are not properly attired during the 1<sup>st</sup> match, a warning will be given and a penalty of one frame will be enforced. From 2<sup>nd</sup> match onwards, players who are not properly attired will be barred from playing, resulting in a direct walkover.

## **MATCH PROCEDURES**

20. No delays or postponement of matches will be allowed unless deemed necessary by the Tournament Committee.
21. All players must report to the Tournament Executive or Referee upon arrival with his/her identity card (or any document with photo) and take note of the match table.
22. 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<sup>th</sup> minute, the match official will record a walkover and award the match to the opponent.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. Shot Clock (*can be implemented by 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.
26. 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

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

CHAMPION	\$2000
RUNNER-UP	\$800
SEMI-FINALIST	\$400
QUARTER-FINALIST	\$150
PRE-QUARTER FINALIST	\$60
HIGHEST BREAK**	\$350 (minimum of 80 points)
CENTURY BREAK BONUS	\$250 per century break
MAXIMUM BREAK	\$1470

**\*\*In the event where the number of players is lower as per planned, prizes will be adjusted.\*\***

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

28. 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.
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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