



NATIONAL 9 BALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2019/20

RULES & REGULATIONS

ENTRIES

1. The tournament is open only to Citizens of Singapore.
2. Participants must submit their entries on official entry forms not later than
19 January 2020 (Sunday), 23:59 hour for National Snooker Championship 2019/2020.
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, in which case participant must still pay the entry fee or they will be blacklisted from future tournaments until payment has been made.
4. For Clubs, undertaking letter must be sent to Cuesports Office before the Closing Date.
5. Entry fees for tournaments will be as follows:

MENS	LADIES	STUDENTS
\$ 60	\$ 40	\$35
Only for 1st 10 pax that <u>register and pay</u>		
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT	EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT	EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
\$55	NIL	NIL

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. For 9 Ball matches, the balls will be racked with the 1 ball placed on the spot, and the Three Point Break 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. In the event of the absence of 1 to 1 referee, the balls will be racked with the 1 ball placed on the spot, and 2 ball place at the end of the rack. Players are allowed up to 2 requests for re-rack when 1-1 referee are deployed.

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:

Closing Date for Entries	19 January 2020 @ 2359
Draw Date	22 January 2020 @ 2pm
Start Date	1 February 2020 @ 1pm

12. Starting from 24 January 2020 Friday, 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) or Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CuesportsSingapore).

FORMAT

13. The tournament will be played on a straight knock-out format, alternate break as follows:

National 9 Ball

	Open	Ladies
Preliminary	Race to 9	Race to 7
Last 32	Race to 9	Race to 7
Last 16	Race to 9	Race to 7
Quarter Finals	Race to 9	Race to 7
Semi-Finals	Race to 11	Race to 7
Grand Finals	Race to 11	Race to 9

14. Should there be less than 80 entries for the Open category and 20 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 seeding for the tournament shall be based on the National Pool ranking list on the Cuesports website. The top 16 ranked players for Men's and top 8 for ladies shall be seeded for the tournament.

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

17. Seeded players will play in the tournament from the last-32 stage onwards, where they will join the 16 unseeded players who have progressed to that stage of the tournament. (For Men's event only). Top 8 ladies will be seeded for the tournament.

DRESS CODE

18. Man Dress Code

Polo T-shirt, long trousers (no jeans cutting). Single coloured socks and covered shoes

Ladies Dress Code

Presentable Blouse & NO Round neck T-shirt, NO Jeans & NO Sandals

Quarter Finals onwards (Man & Ladies Dress Code)

Long sleeve, plain coloured and buttoned at the cuff. Trouser: long trousers (no jeans cutting). Single coloured socks and business shoes. Bow tie and vest shall be worn from

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 1st 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 2nd 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 of his/her match will concede one (1) rack to his opponent. If the player is not present by the 5th minute, he/she will concede a total of two (2) racks 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 seven (7) 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.

TOURNAMENT REPORTING PROCEDURE

26. 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 3rd session matches. Warm up is subjected to the time allowance after the end of the previous match and also reporting time of player.

27. Matches will be scheduled on the following days as follows:

Monday to Friday evenings – 2 sessions a day starting from 7.30pm

Saturday & Sunday – 3 to 4 sessions a day starting from 1pm

28. 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.

SLOW PLAY and 45 SECONDS RULE

29. In the case of slow play, the overseeing referee will declare if deemed so and will warn the player of the slow play if the decision is made. Should the player continue his/ her slow play, 1 rack will be awarded to the opponent.
30. In the presence of 1-1 referee, shot clock shall be used. Each players will be allow 45sec to execute his / her shot. After all the balls have come to a stop, the referee shall start the shot clock. When the shot clock reaches 35 sec, the referee will call “10 seconds” and the player has another 10 sec to execute his/ her shot. Failing to do so will result in a foul. Each player is allowed one extension of 45 seconds per rack.

Other Conditions

31. 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.
32. Players are not allowed to use their hand phones in the tournament venue and are also required to switch their mobile phones or pagers to silent mode.
33. 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

34. The estimated prize money distributions are as follows. The exact confirmed prize money will be announced on a later date.

	MEN	LADIES
CHAMPION	\$2,000	\$800
RUNNER-UP	\$800	\$400
SEMI-FINALIST	\$800(\$400x2)	\$400(\$200x2)
QUARTER-FINALIST	\$800(\$200x4)	\$400(\$100x4)
Group Winners	\$1600(\$100x16)	-

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

35. 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.

AUTHORITY

36. All enquires or disputes will be referred to the Chief Referee during the tournament running and his decision will be final.
37. All disciplinary matters shall be referred to the Cuesports Singapore Disciplinary Sub-Committee, whose decision shall be final on all matters arising.

38. 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.

Venue Sponsor:

