



NATIONAL SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP 2020/2021

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ENTRIES

1. The tournament is open only to Citizens and Permanent Resident of Singapore.
2. Participants must submit their entries on official entry forms not later than
8 December 2020 (Tuesday), 23:59 hour for National Snooker Championship 2020/2021.
3. Participants **must pay** a non-refundable entry fee **upon submission** of entry forms. All participants who have registered **will be drawn** for the event. Participants are **required** to make payment for the entry fee **before the commencement** of the tournament. Participants who do not do so may incur a penalty executed by the tournament committee, in which case the participant **must still pay the entry fee** or they will be **blacklisted** from future tournaments until outstanding balance has been cleared.
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. For Clubs, undertaking letter must be sent to Cuesports Office before the Closing Date.
6. 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

7. 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 \(Please read Appendix A\)](#)" 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.
8. 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.

SLOW PLAY

9. In the case of slow play, the overseeing referee or 1-1 referee will declare if deemed so and will warn the player of the slow play if the decision is made. **Upon the 3rd warning, should the player continue his/ her slow play, 1 frame will be awarded to the opponent. Subsequently should the player not heed the warnings and penalty given, the match will be awarded to the opponent.**

TOURNAMENT VENUE

10. 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:

Closing Date for Entries	8 December 2020 @ 2359
Name list Published	9 December 2020
Draw Date	12 December 2020 @ Afternoon
Draw Published	13 December 2020 @ 5pm
Tournament Start Date	19 December 2020

11. Starting from 12 December 2020 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).
12. 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.
13. The Tournament Committee will serve no reminder with regards to the fixtures to participants.

FORMAT

14. The tournament shall be played in a straight knock-out format. Matches will be decided in the following manner:
- Preliminary Rounds
 - Single Elimination
 - Best of 5 Frames
 - Pre-Quarter Finals to Grand Finals
 - Single Elimination
 - Best of 7 Frames

15. If there are less than 80 entries for the categories by the closing date, Cuesports Singapore shall reserve the right to postpone the tournament.

TOURNAMENT SEEDING (MEN)

16. The seeding for the open event shall be based on the latest National Snooker Ranking shown on the Cuesports Singapore Website. The top 16 ranked players based on the ranking shall be seeded for the tournament.

AUTHORITY

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

DRESS CODE

19. Shirt: Long sleeve, plain coloured and buttoned at the cuff. Business formal pants. Single coloured socks and business shoes.
20. Bow tie and vest shall be worn from Quarter Finals onwards.
21. 1st offence - Players who are not properly attired during the match will be issued a warning (penalty can apply for shirt, pants or shoes violation).

2nd offence - Players who are not properly attired will be issued a dress code penalty of 1 frame (penalty can apply for shirt, pants or shoes violation).

Exception – Players who commit their 1st offence playing another match on the same day will be counted under the same offence.

Note – Blatant disregard of dress code rules will be given 1 frame down for the 1st offence and disqualify for the 2nd offence.

TOURNAMENT REPORTING PROCEDURE

22. 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	Coin toss 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 reporting time of player.

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

Saturday & Sunday – Up to 3 sessions a day starting from 11.30am

MATCH PROCEDURES

24. No delays or postponement of matches will be allowed unless deemed necessary by the Tournament Committee.
25. All players must report to the Chief Referee upon arrival with his/her identity card (or any document with photo) and take note of the match table.
26. 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 10th minute, the match official will record a walkover and award the match to the opponent.
27. 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.
28. 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 14th 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.
29. 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.

MATCH SAFETY MEASURES

30. Participants not feeling well are not allowed into the venue.
31. Participants and referees to keep mask on at all times.
32. Mandatory temperature taking, safe entry scanning and sanitizing of hands will take place at the counter for all participants, referees and staff.
33. Participants and referees to keep 2m from each other at all times. No handshake.
34. Participants are not allowed to share personal equipment; 2 rest will be provided per table.
35. Maximum of 2 participants and 1 referee allowed at each table
36. Alternate tables will be used during the match.
37. Audience are not allowed in the premises.
38. Tables and balls will be disinfected after every session.
39. All players must leave within 10 mins after the completion of their match.

PRIZES

40. 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
HIGH BREAK**	\$350 (minimum of 80 points)
CENTURY BREAK BONUS	\$250 per century break
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.**

41. Due to Covid-19 only Runner-Up and Finalist are required to 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.
42. 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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Appendix A

14. Foul and a Miss

a) The striker shall, to the best of their ability, endeavour to hit the ball on or a ball that could be on after a Red, or a free ball nominated as a Red, has been potted. If the referee considers the Rule infringed, they shall call FOUL AND A MISS unless:

(i) any player required penalty points before, or as a result of, the stroke being played and the referee is satisfied that the miss was not intentional;

(ii) a situation exists where it is impossible to hit the ball on. In the latter case it must be assumed the striker 30 SECTION 3 • SNOOKER is attempting to hit the ball on provided that they play, directly or indirectly, at the ball on with sufficient strength, in the referee's opinion, to have reached the ball on but for the obstructing ball(s).

(b) After a FOUL AND A MISS has been called, the non-offender may request the offender to play again from the position left or the original position, in which latter case all balls shall be replaced and the ball on shall be the same as it was prior to the last stroke made, namely:

(i) any Red, where Red was the ball on;

(ii) the colour on, where all Reds were off the table; or

(iii) a colour of the striker's choice, where the ball on was a colour after a Red, or a free ball nominated as a Red had been potted.

(c) If the striker, in making a stroke, fails to first hit a ball on when there is a clear path in a straight line from the cue-ball to any part of any ball that is or could be on, the referee shall call FOUL AND A MISS unless as described under Section 3 Rule 14(a)(i).

(d) After a FOUL AND A MISS has been called under paragraph (c) above when there was a clear path in a straight line from the cue-ball to a ball that was on or could have been on, such that central, full ball, contact was available (in the case of Reds, this to be taken as a full diameter of any Red that is not obstructed by a colour), or when the cue-ball is touching a ball that could be on, then:

(i) a second failure to first hit a ball on in making a stroke from the original position shall be called as a FOUL AND A MISS regardless of the difference in scores;

(ii) in the event of a second failure as in

(i) above, if asked to play again from the original position, the offender shall be Warned by the referee that a further failure will result in the frame being awarded to their opponent. However, a frame cannot be awarded if a Warning has not been issued. If the referee has not issued the Warning, provided the sequence of FOUL AND A MISS calls has continued, the striker will be Warned at the first available opportunity; 31 SECTION 3 • SNOOKER (iii) if asked to play from the position left, the Foul and a Miss sequence as in (d)(i) and (d)(ii) ends.

(e) After all balls have been replaced under this Rule, and the striker fouls any ball, including the cue-ball, a MISS will not be called if a stroke has not been played. In this case the appropriate penalty will be imposed. The non-offender may then elect to play themselves from the position left, or request the offender to play again from the position left or the original position, in which latter case all balls shall be replaced and the ball on shall be the same as it was prior to the last stroke made, namely:

(i) any Red, where Red was the ball on;

(ii) the colour on, where all Reds were off the table; or

(iii) a colour of the striker's choice, where the ball on was a colour after a Red, or a free ball nominated as a Red had been potted. If the above situation arises during a sequence of FOUL AND A MISS calls as described under paragraph (d) above, any Warning concerning the possible awarding of the frame to their opponent shall only remain in effect when all balls have been replaced to their original position prior to the infringement.

(f) If, after a FOUL AND A MISS has been called, the request is made to play from the original position, a consultation period starts.