



NATIONAL 9 BALL OPEN RANKING 2020/2021

RULES & 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
19 March 2021 (Friday), 23:59 hour for National 9 Ball Open Ranking 2020/2021.
3. You need to provide your name **as per NRIC** in your entry form as Cuesports Singapore will issue cheque for prize winners with name according to entry form.
4. 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.
5. For Clubs, undertaking letter must be sent to Cuesports Office before the Closing Date.
6. Entry fees for tournaments will be \$25 per person. Table punch by players at \$10 per hour.
7. Top 8 Ranked players in the open category will be split into 8 different groups to play from the preliminary round.
8. 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.
9. 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).
10. SPR are not eligible for training in the National squads or events held for squad players,

or for selection to represent Singapore, regardless of their tournament results.

GAME RULES

11. The tournament will be played under the latest Standardised Rules of the World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA).
- a. When 1-1 referee are deployed, after the breaking of rack, should 2 or more balls remain on top of the magic rack, preventing it to be removed, at the discretion of the referee, the game may continue without having the magic rack removed.
 - b. Players are allowed up to 2 checks and request for re-rack when 1-1 referee are deployed.
 - c. No pattern racking.
 - d. The ball will be racked with the 1 ball placed on the spot.
 - e. 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 to be placed at the end of the rack.
 - f. 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.

TOURNAMENT VENUE

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

SCHEDULE

13. The schedule for the tournament is as follows:

Closing Date for Entries	19 March 2021 @ 2359
Draw Date	21 March @ Afternoon
Draw Posting	22 March 2021 @ 5pm
Start Date	28 March 2021 @ 11.30am

14. Starting from 22nd March 2021 participants may refer to the notice board at the tournament venue. Participants may also view the fixtures on the Cuesports Singapore's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CuesportsSingapore).
15. 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.

FORMAT

16. The tournament will be played on a Double elimination format, alternate break as follows:

Qualifying Rounds

- Double Elimination (8 players per group)
- Race to 9, alternate break
- 4 qualifiers per group

Knockout Stages

- Single Elimination
- Last 32 to Quarter Finals race to 9, alternate break
- Semi and Finals race to 11, alternate break

17. Should there be less than 50 entries for the Open 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.

- a) Open category – 64 slot maximum

DRESS CODE

18. Polo t- shirt, jeans/long pants and covered shoes. (Torn jeans not allowed)
19. Players will have to put on any sponsor badges/stickers while playing in the tournament when told to do so by the organizers. Please note that any competitive sponsors' brands or insignias are **Not Allowed** to be worn at any stage throughout the tournament.
20. 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 rack down for the 1st offence and disqualify for the 2nd offence.

MATCH PROCEDURES

21. No delays or postponement of matches will be allowed unless deemed necessary by the Tournament Committee. All players must report to the Tournament organizer upon arrival with his/her identity card and take note of the match table.
22. A player not presented by the commencement of his/her match will concede one (1) rack to his opponent. If the player is not present by the 10th minute, he/she will concede a total of two (2) racks to his opponent. If the player is still not present by the 15th 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.
23. 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.
24. 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.

MATCH SAFETY MEASURES

25. Participants not feeling well are not allowed into the venue.
26. Participants and referees to keep mask on at all times.
27. Mandatory temperature taking, safe entry scanning and sanitizing of hands will take place at the counter for all participants, referees and staff.
28. Participants and referees to keep 2m from each other at all times. No handshake.
29. Participants are not allowed to share personal equipment; 2 rest will be provided per table.

- 30. Maximum of 2 participants and 1 referee allowed at each table
- 31. Alternate tables will be used during the match.
- 32. Audience is not encouraged to be present due to the limited pax allow in the premises.
- 33. Tables and balls will be disinfected after every session.
- 34. All players must leave within 10 mins after the completion of their match.

TOURNAMENT REPORTING PROCEDURE

- 35. All players must adhere to the following procedures:

30 mins before	All players to report to the Tournament Organizer 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 to 4th session matches. Warm up is subjected to the time allowance after the end of the previous match and reporting time of player.

- 36. 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.

45 SECONDS RULE

- 37. In the presence of 1-1 referee, shot clock shall be used. Each player will be allowed 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

- 38. 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.
- 39. Players are not allowed to use their mobile phones in the tournament venue and are also required to switch their mobile phones to silent mode.

40. 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

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

OPEN	
CHAMPION	\$800
RUNNER-UP	\$400
SEMI-FINALIST	\$400(\$200x2)
QUARTER-FINALIST	\$200(\$50x4)

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

42. Due to Covid-19 only Semi Finalist and above 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.

AUTHORITY

43. All enquires or disputes will be referred to the Tournament Organizer during the tournament running and their decision will be final.
44. All disciplinary matters shall be referred to the Cuesports Singapore Disciplinary Sub-Committee, whose decision shall be final on all matters arising.
45. 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.

Organiser and Venue Sponsor:

