



# NATIONAL 9 BALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

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## RULES & REGULATIONS

### ENTRIES

1. The tournament is open only to Citizens and Permanent Residents of Singapore.
2. Participants must submit their entries on official entry forms not later than  
**18 April 2022 (Monday), 23:59 hour for the National 9 Ball Championship 2022.**
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. For Clubs, undertaking letter must be sent to Cuesports Singapore office before the closing date.
5. Entry fees for tournaments will be as follows:

MENS	WOMEN	STUDENTS
\$ 60	\$ 40	\$35

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).

8. SPR are not eligible for training in the National squads, events held for squad players, sponsored practice table hours or for selection to represent Singapore, regardless of their tournament results.

## **GAME RULES**

9. The tournament will be played under the latest Standardised Rules of the World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA).

The following regulations are also implemented:

- a. 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.
- b. 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 the 2 ball to be placed at the end of the rack. When a 1 to 1 referee is deployed, the balls will be racked randomly with the 1 ball placed on the spot.
- c. After the breaking of rack, if there are 2 or more object balls remaining on top of the magic rack preventing it from being removed, at the discretion of the referee the game shall continue.
- d. No pattern racking.
- e. Players are allowed up to 2 checks and may request for re-rack when 1-1 referees are deployed.

## **TOURNAMENT VENUE**

10. The tournament will be played at Aspire Recreation Centre located at 1 Maritime Square, #04-02, Singapore 099253

## **SCHEDULE**

11. The schedule for the tournament is as follows:

**Closing Date for Entries**

18 April 2022 @ 2359
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<b>Draw Date</b>	21 April 2022 @ Afternoon
<b>Draw Posting</b>	22 April 2022 @ 5pm
<b>Start Date</b>	30 April 2022

12. Starting from 30th April 2022 participants may refer to the notice board at the tournament venue. Participants may also view the fixtures on the Cuesports Singapore's official Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/CuesportsSingapore](http://www.facebook.com/CuesportsSingapore)).

### **FORMAT**

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

#### **National 9 Ball**

	<b>Open</b>	<b>Ladies</b>
<b>Preliminary</b>	Race to 9	Race to 7
<b>Last 32</b>	Race to 9	Race to 7
<b>Last 16</b>	Race to 9	Race to 7
<b>Quarter Finals</b>	Race to 9	Race to 7
<b>Semi-Finals</b>	Race to 11	Race to 7
<b>Grand Finals</b>	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.
- Open category – 128 slot maximum
  - Women category – 32 slot maximum

## **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 Open's and top 8 for Women's 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 Open's event only). Top 8 ladies will be seeded for the tournament.

## **DRESS CODE**

### **18. Men Dress Code**

Polo T-shirt and short or long sleeve collared shirt, formal dress pants or dark coloured chino pants. Single coloured socks and covered leather shoes / formal dress shoes. No track pants, cargo pants, jeans and no sports shoes.

### **Ladies Dress Code**

Presentable blouse or polo t-shirt and covered shoes. No round neck t-shirt, no jeans, no dress, skirts, shorts. no sandals or open-toes shoes.

### **Quarter Finals onwards (Man & Ladies Dress Code)**

Long sleeve, plain coloured and buttoned at the cuff. Dress pants. Single coloured socks and dress shoes, bow tie and vest shall be worn.

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. 1<sup>st</sup> offence - Players who are not properly attired during the match will be issued a warning (penalty can apply for shirt, pants or shoes violation).  
  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> offence playing another match on the same day will be counted under the same offence.

### **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 women & open events, the organiser 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 presented 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.

### **MATCH SAFETY MEASURES**

26. **Mandatory mask wearing at all times. Please Note: Participants who are caught not wearing his/her mask or not wearing the mask properly (covering the nose and mouth area) will be warned. Upon the 2<sup>nd</sup> warning, the player will be disqualified. The warning can be carried out by the referee, Chief Referee or the Tournament Director assigned to the tournament.**
27. Participants not feeling well are not allowed into the venue.
28. Mandatory TraceTogether SafeEntry check in.

29. Sanitising of hands will take place at the counter for all participants, referees and staff.
30. Safe distance is encouraged but not mandatory.
31. Participants are not allowed to share personal equipment; 2 rest will be provided per table.
32. Players are not allowed to exceed gatherings of more than 10 pax per group in the venue at all times.
33. Tables and balls will be disinfected after every session.

### **TOURNAMENT REPORTING PROCEDURE**

34. 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 matches from 2<sup>nd</sup> session onwards, warm up is subject to the time allowance after the end of the previous match and reporting time of players.

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

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

Saturday & Sunday – Up to 4 sessions a day starting from 11 am

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.

### **SLOW PLAY and 45 SECONDS RULE**

37. 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. **Upon the 3<sup>rd</sup> warning, should the player continue his/ her slow player, 1 rack 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.**

38. In the presence of 1-1 referee, shot clock shall be used. Each player will be allowed 60 sec after the break (only once for each break) and 45 sec on the rest of the shots 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 50 sec on the break and 35 sec on the rest of the shots 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**

39. 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.
40. 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.
41. Players must be at their best behaviour 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**

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

	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>LADIES</b>
<b>CHAMPION</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$800</b>
<b>RUNNER-UP</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>SEMI-FINALIST</b>	<b>\$800(\$400x2)</b>	<b>\$400(\$200x2)</b>
<b>QUARTER-FINALIST</b>	<b>\$800(\$200x4)</b>	<b>\$400(\$100x4)</b>
<b>GROUP WINNER</b>	<b>\$1600(\$100x16)</b>	<b>-</b>

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

43. Due to Covid-19 only Semi Finalists 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**

44. All enquiries or disputes will be referred to the Chief Referee during the tournament running and his decision will be final.
45. All disciplinary matters shall be referred to the Cuesports Singapore Disciplinary Sub-Committee, whose decision shall be final on all matters arising.
46. 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



Venue Sponsor

