



NATIONAL 9 BALL OPEN RANKING 2022

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
17 September 2022 (Saturday), 21:00 hour for National 9 Ball Open Ranking 2022.
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 **need to make payment or send in their undertaking form** by **21 September 2022** for the event. Participants who do not do so will have their name removed from the registration and will not be drawn for the event.
5. For Clubs, undertaking letter must be sent to Cuesports Office before the Closing Date.
6. Entry fees for tournaments will be \$30 per person. Table punch by players at \$10 per hour.
7. Top 16 Ranked players in the open category will be split into 16 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 or to adjust the 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	17 September 2022 @ 2100
Draw Date	24 September 2022 @ Afternoon
Draw Posting	25 September 2022 @ 5pm
Start Date	1 October 2022 @ 11.30am

- 14. Starting from 25 September 2022 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 (Winners' Bracket, alternate break)
- Race to 7 (Losers' Bracket, alternate break)

- 4 qualifiers per group if there are 8 groups or 2 qualifiers per group if there are 16 groups

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 64 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 – 128 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 organisers. 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 rack (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 disqualified 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 organiser 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. Players are to abide by the safety measure as follow;

- Participants who are not feeling well are to refrain from coming to the tournament or entering the venue
- Participants are encouraged to sanitise their hands before the match commences.
- Players are to avoid physical contact eg: handshakes.
- Participants are not allowed to share personal equipment; 2 rest will be provided per table.
- Balls will be disinfected after every session.

TOURNAMENT REPORTING PROCEDURE

26. All players must adhere to the following procedures:

30 mins before	All players to report to the Tournament Organiser 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 subject to the time allowance after the end of the previous match and reporting time of player.

27. 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

28. 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

29. 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.

30. 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.

31. 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

32. The estimated prize money distributions are as follows. The exact confirmed prize money

will be announced on a later date.

	OPEN
CHAMPION	\$1000
RUNNER-UP	\$500
SEMI-FINALIST	\$500(\$250x2)
QUARTER-FINALIST	\$300(\$75x4)

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

- 33.** 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

- 34.** All enquiries or disputes will be referred to the Tournament Organiser during the tournament running and their decision will be final.
- 35.** All disciplinary matters shall be referred to the Cuesports Singapore Disciplinary Sub-Committee, whose decision shall be final on all matters arising.
- 36.** 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:

