



# LION CUP 9 BALL INVITATIONAL 2022/23 (OPEN/WOMEN)

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## RULES & REGULATIONS

### ENTRIES

1. The tournament is open to everyone.
2. Participants must submit their registration through the online form not later than **12 Feb 2023 @ 2359.**
3. **Participants must pay a non-refundable entry fee upon submission of entry forms. If the entry fees are not received by the closing of registration (12 Feb 2023 @ 2359), the entry form will not be accepted and the participant is deemed to have opted out of the tournament.**
4. You need to provide your name **as per NRIC** as Cuesports Singapore will award the prize winners with name according to entry form.
5. Participants are to fill in the registration form with the first alphabet and 4 digits including the last alphabet (**Eg. SXXXX123A**). Students and NS personnel must submit their valid students pass /11B (Front and Back), and/or any other necessary doc for verification purposes.
6. For Club sponsored participants, the undertaking letter must be sent to Cuesports Office before the Closing Date.

7. Entry fees for tournaments will be as follows:

<b>OPEN CATEGORY</b>	<b>WOMEN CATEGORY</b>
<b>\$80 (Singaporeans and PR)</b>	<b>\$40 (For all)</b>
<b>\$50 (Student/NSFs)</b>	-
<b>\$40 (Re-Entry)</b>	-
<b>\$100 (Non-Singaporean/Non-PR)</b>	-

*\* There will be table charges implemented for Stage 1 Open Qualifiers at \$10 per hour.*

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 8 if furnished with valid reasons in writing by the participant(s).

## **GAME RULES**

1. The tournament will be played under the latest Standardised Rules of the World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA). with adjustment to the break.
  - a. Break Box – Players are to break from Break Box with the 9-ball placed on the spot and 1- ball at the apex of the rack.
  - b. The other balls shall be racked without purposeful or intentional pattern.
  - c. On the break at least four object balls must be driven to one or more rails, or the shot is a foul
  - d. When 1-1 referee are deployed, players are allowed up to 2 checks and request for one re-rack or adjustment to the rack.

## TOURNAMENT VENUE

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

Re-entry 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:

<b>Closing Date for Entries</b>	12 Feb 2023 @ 2359
<b>Name List Published</b>	14 Feb 2023
<b>Draw Date</b>	16 Feb 2023
<b>Draw Published</b>	16 Feb 2023
<b>Stage 1 Women Qualifiers</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Feb to 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023
<b>Stage 1 Open Qualifiers</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb to 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
<b>Re-entry Registration Date</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
<b>Name Published for Re-entry</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
<b>Draw Date and Draw Published Date for Re-entry</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
<b>Re-entry Match Date</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> March to 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
<b>Stage 2 Main Stage (Men and Women)</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 <b>FULL DAY FROM 11AM</b>

12. Starting from 16 Feb 2023 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](http://www.cuesports.org.sg)) or Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/CuesportsSingapore](https://www.facebook.com/CuesportsSingapore)).

13. Matches will start at 7:30PM for weekdays and 10AM (ARC)/12:30PM (CSA) for weekends.

### **FORMAT**

14. Matches are played as followed:

#### **Women's category**

##### **Stage 1 Women Qualifiers (21<sup>st</sup> Feb to 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023)**

Single Elimination

Winner Pool (Race to 7, alternate break)

(8 Qualifiers proceed to the Main Stage)

##### **Stage 2 Women Main Stage (8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023)**

###### **(Group Stage – 12 to 16 players)**

Double Elimination

Winner Pool (Race to 7, alternate break)

Loser Pool (Race to 6, alternate break)

###### **(Knockout Stage – 8 players)**

Single Elimination

Race to 8, alternate break

Race to 9, alternate break (Grand Finals)

#### **Open category**

##### **Venue: Cuesports Singapore Academy**

##### **Stage 1 Open Qualifiers (28<sup>th</sup> Feb to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023)**

Double Elimination

Winner Pool (Race to 8, alternate break)

Loser Pool (Race to 7, alternate break)

Last match for Winner Pool and Loser Pool (Race to 8, alternate break)

(16 Qualifiers will proceed to the Main Stage [1 Qualifier per group])

##### **Venue: Aspire Recreation Centre (FOR RE-ENTRY ONLY)**

##### **Stage 1 Open Qualifiers (1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023)**

Double Elimination

Winner Pool (Race to 8, alternate break)

Loser Pool (Race to 7, alternate break)

Last match for Winner Pool and Loser Pool (Race to 8, alternate break)

(1 Qualifier per group will proceed to the Main Stage)

**Stage 2 Open Main Stage (8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023)**

**(Group Stage – 32 to 64 players)**

Double Elimination

Race to 8, alternate break

Winner Pool (Race to 8, alternate break)

Loser Pool (Race to 7, alternate break)

**(Knockout Stage – 16 players)**

Single Elimination

Race to 9, alternate break

Race to 11, alternate break (Grand Finals)

15. Should there be less than 80 entries for the Open category and 16 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**

16. The Main Stage for open category will consist of 12 local seeded male players, 4 development squad members, 32 qualifiers and 16 invited players. Subject to changes at the sole discretion of Cuesports Singapore.
17. The Main Stage for women category will consist of 4 local seeded female players, 8 qualifiers and 4 invited players. Subject to changes at the sole discretion of Cuesports Singapore.

**DRESS CODE**

18. Polo Shirt (provided for the event), business Pants & Leather shoes (For both Men & Women Category). Players are to tuck in their shirt during matches. **(In the event where the provided Polo Shirts have not arrived, players are to wear their own polo shirts for the tournament.)**
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 (can be applied 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 be applied 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.

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

### **TOURNAMENT REPORTING PROCEDURE**

21. All players must adhere to the following procedures:

30 minutes before All players to report to the Chief Referee for verification

15 minutes before Warm-up of 5 minutes per player

5 minutes before Conduct of lag to determine break

Scheduled time Commencement of match

For 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> session matches. Warm up is subjected to the time allowance after the end of the previous match and also reporting time of player.

22. 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.

### **MATCH PROCEDURES**

23. 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.
24. All players must report to the Tournament Chief Referee upon arrival with his/her identity card and take note of the match table.
25. A player not present by the commencement his/her match will be given 5 minutes grace period. If the player is not present by the 5th minute, he/she will concede (1) rack 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.

26. 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.
27. Each player will only be allowed to call one (1) time-out which must be in between racks and lasting not more than nine (9) 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.

#### **45 SECONDS SHOT CLOCK and SLOW PLAY**

28. Shot Clock will be implemented in the presence of 1 to 1 referee. Players will be given 45 seconds to complete each shot. At the 35-second mark, the referee shall call time and the player will then have 10 seconds remaining to complete the shot. A foul shall be called against the player who fails to play the shot at the 45 second mark. Players are allowed a maximum of 1 extension of additional 45 seconds for the shot per rack.
29. In the case of deliberate slow play, the Overseeing Referee/Chief 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. Subsequently should the player not heed the warnings and penalty given, the match will be awarded to the opponent.**

#### **OTHER CONDITIONS**

30. 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.
31. Players are not allowed to use their hand phones in the tournament venue and are required to switch their mobile phones to silent mode.
32. 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**

33. The prize money distributions are as follows:

	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>LADIES</b>
<b>CHAMPION</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>RUNNER-UP</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>SEMI-FINALIST</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>QUARTER-FINALIST</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>PRE-QUARTER FINALIST</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Stage 1 Qualifiers</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>-</b>

34. All prize winners are advised to be present at the prize presentation ceremony or to send a representative to receive the prize on his/her behalf.
35. All prize money shall be paid by cheque or remittance to overseas bank accounts for foreign players less bank charges & subjected to tax deduction.

**AUTHORITY**

36. All enquires or disputes will be referred to the Chief Referee and/or Tournament Director during the tournament running and his/their decision will be final. At any point of time, only the player or manager can raise any enquiries.
37. Any players aggrieved by any action(s) and/or decision(s), involving and affecting its players or itself, may lodge an official protest in writing to the Tournament Executive. Such protests must be submitted within 24 hours of the incident and must be accompanied by a payment of \$200 payable to Cuesports Singapore.
38. The Tournament Committee shall endeavor to the best of his/her ability and authority to resolve and decide on the protest and make known their decision to the players concerned. The \$200 protest fee will only be refunded if the Tournament Committee deems the protest to be valid.
39. All disciplinary matters shall be referred to the Cuesports Singapore Disciplinary Sub-Committee, whose decision shall be final on all matters arising.
40. 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.

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