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 **2nd National U28 Snooker Ranking 2023**

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**ENTRIES**

1. The tournament is open only to Citizens and Permanent Resident of Singapore who are born after 31st December 1994.
2. Participants must submit their entries on official entry forms not later than

**20th August (Sunday), 22:00 hour for National U28 Snooker Ranking 2023.**

1. 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.
2. Participants need to provide his/her name **as per NRIC** **and last 3 digits of NRIC No. with Alphabet** in the entry form as Cuesports Singapore will issue cheque for prize winners with name according to entry form.
3. Verification of age is be provided by participants upon request. (eg: identical card/ student pass or any document with photo and date of birth)
4. For Clubs, undertaking letter must be sent to Cuesports Office before the closing date.
5. **Entry fees for this tournament is $22 per person. Table punch by players at $12 per hour.**
6. Top 16 open category seeded is not allowed to participate.
7. 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**

1. 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" 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.
2. 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.

**TOURNAMENT VENUE**

1. 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:

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| **Closing Date for Entries** | 20th August 2023 @ 10pm |
| **Name list Published** | 21st August 2023 |
| **Draw Date** | 24th August 2023 |
| **Draw Published** | 25th August 2023 |
| **Tournament Start Date** | 3rd September 2023 |

1. Starting from **25th August 2023** 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)).
2. 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.
3. The Tournament Committee will serve no reminder with regards to the fixtures to participants.

**FORMAT**

1. The tournament shall be played in a straight knock-out format. Matches will be decided in the following manner:

Preliminary Rounds to Semi Finals

* Single Elimination
* Best of 5 Frames

 Final

* Single Elimination
* Best of 7 Frames
1. This tournament is limited to 32 entries. Cuesports Singapore reserves the right to postpone or cancel the tournament if there are less than 16 entries.

**TOURNAMENT SEEDING (MEN)**

1. The top 8 ranked players are not allowed to participate in this tournament.

**AUTHORITY**

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

**DRESS CODE**

1. Shirt: Long sleeve, plain coloured and buttoned at the cuff. Business formal pants. Single coloured socks and business shoes.
2. Bow tie and vest shall be worn from Semi Finals onwards.
3. 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.

**TOURNAMENT REPORTING PROCEDURE**

1. 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

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.

**MATCH PROCEDURES**

1. No delays or postponement of matches will be allowed unless deemed necessary by the Tournament Committee.
2. All players must report to the Tournament Executive or Referee **upon arrival** with his/her identity card (or any document with photo) and take note of the match table.
3. A player not presented by the **timing of his/her match stated on the draw** will concede one (1) Frame to his opponent (Inclusive of Dress Code Penalty). **If the player is not present by the 10th minute of the commencement of his/her match**, 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Shot Clock **(*can be implemented by referee in the event of intentional slow play*).** Players will be given 60 seconds to complete each shot. At the 50-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 60th second and the incoming player shall play from where the cue ball is. Players are allowed a maximum of 3 extensions of additional 60 seconds for the shot in each frame in this format.
8. 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**

1. Participants not feeling well are not allowed into the venue.
2. Sanitizing of hands are placed at the counter for all participants, referees and staff.
3. Participants are not allowed to share personal equipment.
4. Balls will be disinfected after every session.
5. Participants are advised to minimize physical contact eg. Handshake

**PRIZES**

1. The estimated prize money distribution is as shown below. The exact confirmed prize money will be announced at the start of the tournament:

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| CHAMPION | $500 |
| RUNNER-UP | $200 |
| SEMI-FINALIST | $100 x 2 |

1. 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.
2. 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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