



# NATIONAL BILLIARDS RANKING 2023

## RULES & REGULATIONS

### 1. ENTRIES

- i) Tournament entries are open to Citizens and Permanent Residents of Singapore only.
- ii) Participants must submit their entries on official entry forms not later than **24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023 (Tuesday), 23:59 hour for National Billiards Championship 2023.**
- iii) Participants **must pay** a non-refundable entry fee of **\$40/-** or submit an undertaking form **upon registration**. Participants who have not paid the entry fee or submit the undertaking form **will not be drawn** for the event. Participants who do not paid for the event may incur a penalty executed by the tournament committee, in which case the participant **must still pay the entry fee**, otherwise they will be **blacklisted** from future tournaments until outstanding balance has been cleared.
- iv) You need to provide your name **as per NRIC and last 3 digits of NRIC Number with Alphabet in** your entry form as Cuesports Singapore
- v) Entries are accepted subject to condition that the participant shall, if nominated by the Cuesports Singapore, represent the Republic of Singapore in any event, which is held within the 12 months following the completion of this tournament, save justifiable cause. However, the Cuesports Singapore may at its sole discretion waive compliance with this condition if furnished with reasons in writing by the participant.

### 2. GAME RULES

The Tournament will be played by the rules laid under World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association.

### 3. TOURNAMENT VENUE

All matches will be played at **Cuesports Singapore Academy**

### 4. SCHEDULE

Name List published	26 Oct 2023
Draw Date	29 Oct 2023
Draw Published	30 Oct 2023
Commencement of Tournament	5 or 11 Nov 2023 (Depending on the number of participants.)

All participants are to refer to the tournament venue notice board for the fixtures. Alternatively, participants can also check Cuesports Singapore official Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CuesportsSingapore>).

Participants are reminded to check for their fixtures and schedules as Cuesports Singapore shall serve no reminders to all participants with regards to the fixtures and schedules.

**Participants are required to referee for the qualifying round of the championship.**

**Players are to report 15 minutes before match time or for referee duty. Players are allowed 3 strokes warm up each before match time.**

### 5. FORMAT

The tournament will commence with a round-robin group stage, followed by knock-out matches.

Group sizes and the number of players to advance to the knock-out stage will be subject to entry numbers.

- Group stage – 30-minute timed matches
- Quarter-finals – (if required) best of 3 games of 100 up
- Semi Finals & Final - best of 5 games of 100 up

## **6. TIME WASTING**

If the referee considers a player is running down the clock, they may also consider it as Time Wasting and initiate the procedure as indicated in paragraphs (a) to (d) below.

- a)** In the event of a player taking an abnormal amount of time over a stroke, or the selection of a stroke, or in the event that the non-striker's actions are deemed Time Wasting, the referee shall pause the clock, where relevant, and then Warn the offender that in the event of any further Time Wasting, the game will be awarded to their opponent. If relevant, the clock shall be re-started after the next stroke is played or a foul is awarded.
- b)** If there is a game clock relevant to a multi-table set-up and not for an individual table, the referee may decide to add to the end of the game any wasted time where the clock could not be paused. Once the referee has dealt with Time Wasting as in paragraph (a) above, they will announce the amount of time to be added, and if requested later in the game they will remind the players of this amount of time.
- c)** If the referee has Warned the player for Time Wasting under paragraph (a) above, in the event of any further Time Wasting by that player, the referee shall award the game to their opponent. If the individual match is an agreed number of games the referee shall Warn the player that, in the event of any further Time Wasting, the match will be awarded to their opponent.
- d)** If a referee has awarded a game to a player's opponent for Time Wasting which did not end the match, in the event of any further Time Wasting by the player concerned, the referee shall award the match to their opponent.

## **7. DRESS CODE**

- i)** Shirt: Long sleeve, plain coloured and buttoned at the cuff. Business formal pants. Single coloured socks and business shoes.
- ii)** Bow tie and waistcoat must be worn from Semi-Finals onwards
- iii)** Any player who is not properly attired during the first day of their match will face a dress code penalty of 30 points being awarded to their opponents for every match played on the same day. Quarter Finals onwards when the offenders are not attired properly, they will not be permitted to participate and will result in conceding a walkover.

## **8. MATCH PROCEDURES**

- a.** Only 1 timeout of 7 minutes per match will be allowed to be called in-between frames only applies to quarters onwards. Interval of 5 mins in between frames in the round robin.
- b.** No delays or postponement of matches will be allowed
- c.** All players must report to the Tournament Director/ Chief Referee, upon arrival with his/her identity card and take note of the match table.
- d.** All players must be at the Tournament venue and must be ready to play when called upon.
- e.** 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.
- f.** Players are not allowed to use their mobile phones in the Tournament Venue and are also required to switch their phones to silent mode.

## **9. TIME PENALTY**

- a.** First round to quarterfinals  
Players not present at the match commencement time will face a penalty of 30 points being awarded to their opponents. The same players with dress code penalty will face an additional penalty of 30 points.
- b.** Players do not present after 10 minutes will concede walkover.
- c.** Quarter onwards  
A penalty of 30 points will be given to the opponent if a player is not present at the match commencement time and if he is still not present by the 10<sup>th</sup> minute, he shall then concede the match to his opponent.

## **10. PRIZE**

The prize money will be allocated based on a percentage of the total amount of entry fees received as follows:

- Champion 50% + medal
- Runner-up 20% + medal

## **11. TOURNAMENT SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES:**

In light of the continuing prevalence of Covid in the community, all participants are encouraged to take sensible precautions such as:

- a. Participants not feeling well are to refrain from coming to the league or entering the venue/club.
- b. Participants are encouraged to sanitize their hands before the match commences.
- c. Participants are encouraged to refrain from sharing personal equipment.
- d. Participants are encouraged to avoid physical contact e.g. handshake.

## **12. AUTHORITY**

- a. All disputes with regards to match referees' decision may be brought to the attention of the presiding Chief Referee by the player/s concerned and his decision is final.
- b. Appeals on matters with regards to the championships may be written into the Tournament Sub-Committee of Cuesports Singapore, whose decision will be final on all matters arising.
- c. All organisers and participants shall comply with and abide by the 2021 World Anti-Doping Code as may be revised from time to time by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and to comply with the Olympic Move.
- d. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend and/or add rules to the above set of rules & 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:**

