



NATIONAL SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

RULES AND 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
15 November 2023 23:59 hour for National Snooker Championship 2023.
- 3) Entry fee: \$60/- (This tournament do not have table punch)
- 4) Participants 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.
- 5) Participants are to provide their names **as per NRIC and last 3 digits of NRIC No with Alphabet** in the entry form as Cuesports Singapore will issue prize winners with name according to entry form.
- 6) For Club sponsored participants, the undertaking letter must be sent to Cuesports Office before the Closing Date.
- 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

- 8) 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. "Foul and Miss" rule applies when the difference in points is less than or equal to the points remaining on the table. Once points difference is more the points remaining on table, "Foul and Miss" rule shall no longer apply.

- 9) For matches presided over by a referee, the referee shall 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

- 10) This tournament shall be played at **Lagoon Billiard Room at Safra Toa Payoh.**

SCHEDULE

- 11) The schedule is as follow:

Closing Date for Entries	15 th November 2023, 2359
Name list Published	17 th November 2023
Draw Date	23 rd November 2023, Afternoon
Draw Published	27 th November 2023
Tournament Date	4 th to 17 th December 2023

- 12) Starting from 4th December 2023 participants may refer to the notice board at the tournament venue.

Participants may also view the fixtures, from 27th November 2023 onwards, on the Cuesports Singapore’s official Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CuesportsSingapore).

- 13) The onus is on the participants to check their match/fixtures. The organiser will not serve any reminder with regards to the fixtures to participants.

FORMAT

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

Preliminary Rounds

- Single Elimination
- Best of 5 Frames

Pre-Quarter Finals to Grand Finals

- Single Elimination
- Best of 7 Frames

- 15) If there are less than 80 entries for the categories by the closing date, Cuesports Singapore shall reserve the right to postpone the tournament.

TOURNAMENT SEEDING (MEN)

- 16) The seeding for the open event shall be based on the latest National Snooker Ranking shown on the Cuesports Singapore Website. The top 16 ranked players based on the ranking shall be seeded for the tournament.

AUTHORITY

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

DRESS CODE

- 19) Shirt: Long sleeve, plain coloured and buttoned at the cuff. Business formal pants. Single coloured socks and business leather shoes.
- 20) Bow tie and vest shall be worn from Quarter Finals onwards.
- 21) 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 frame down for the 1st offence and disqualify for the 2nd offence.

TOURNAMENT REPORTING PROCEDURE

- 22) All players must adhere to the following procedures:

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| - 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 toss of coin |
| - 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.

- 23) Matches will be scheduled on the following days as follows:

Monday to Thursday - Up to 2 sessions from 7.30pm
Saturday & Sunday - Up to 3 sessions a day starting from 10.30am

MATCH PROCEDURES

- 24) No delays or postponement of matches will be allowed unless deemed necessary by the Tournament Committee.
- 25) All players must report to the Tournament Director or Chief Referee upon arrival with his/her identity card (or any document with photo) and take note of the match table.
- 26) A player not ready to play by the commencement of his/her match will concede one (1) frame to his/her opponent (inclusive of dress code penalty). If the player is still not ready to play by the 10th minute, the match official will record a walkover and award the match to the opponent.
- 27) 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.
- 28) 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.
- 29) If the overseeing referee deems there is deliberate slow play, they will warn the player of the slow play decision twice. Should the player continue his/ her slow play, 1 frame will be awarded to the opponent. Subsequently, should the player not heed the warnings and continue slow play, the match will be awarded to the opponent.
- 30) If the referee thinks a position of stalemate exists, or is being approached, or is indicated by both players, the referee shall offer the players the immediate option of re-starting the frame. If either player objects the referee shall allow play to continue for three more strokes from each player
- 31) 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

- 32) Participants not feeling well are not allowed into the venue.
- 33) Physical contact to be minimum. No handshake.
- 34) Participants are not allowed to share personal equipment; 2 rest will be provided per table.
- 35) Participants are advised to use sanitizers placed at the front counter.

PRIZES

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

CHAMPION	\$2000
RUNNER-UP	\$800
SEMI-FINALIST	\$400
QUARTER-FINALIST	\$200
PRE-QUARTER FINALIST	\$100
HIGHEST BREAK**	\$350 (minimum of 80 points)

***** In the event of a tie for the high break, the player who achieves the high break first will receive the prize.***

37) Winners are encouraged to be present at the prize presentation ceremony, alternately he/she may send a representative to receive the prize on his/her behalf.

38) 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.

Organized By:

Venue Sponsor: Lagoon Billiard Room

