



## 3<sup>rd</sup> NATIONAL U25 9 BALL RANKING 2023/2024

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### 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

**30<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Tuesday, 22:00 hour for 3<sup>rd</sup> National U25 9 Ball Ranking 2023/2024.**

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. The tournament is open to participants who are born from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1999 onwards.
5. 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.
6. For Clubs, an undertaking letter must be sent to Cuesports Office before the Closing Date.
7. **Entry fees for this tournament is \$22 per person. Table punch by players at \$10 per hour.**
8. Top 16 Open category seeded is not allowed to participate. Top 4 Ladies category seeded

will play by the men's category rules.

9. 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.
10. 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).
11. 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**

12. 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 if no ball is pocketed, at least four object balls must be driven to one or more rails, else 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.
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## **TOURNAMENT VENUE**

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

## SCHEDULE

14. The schedule for the tournament is as follows:

<b>Closing Date for Entries</b>	30th January 2024
<b>Draw Date</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>Draw Posting</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>Start Date</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2024

15. Starting from 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024 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](http://www.facebook.com/CuesportsSingapore)).

16. 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

17. The tournament will be played on a Double elimination format, alternate break as follows:

### Qualifying Rounds (Alternate Break)

- Double Elimination
- Winner Bracket (Race to 7, / Race to 6 for women)
- Loser Bracket (Race to 6, alternate break/ Race to 5 for women)
- 2 qualifiers per group

### Knockout Stages (Alternate Break)

- Single Elimination
- Race to 8 for male (Last 32 to Semi Finals)
- Race to 9 for male (Finals)
- Race to 7 for female (Last 32 to Semi Finals)
- Race to 8 for female (Finals)

18. Should there be less than 64 entries for the tournament by the closing date. Cuesports Singapore reserves the right to cancel the tournament and/or to change the prize money accordingly.

- 96 slots maximum

## TOURNAMENT SEEDING

19. The seeding for the tournament shall be based on the National U25 Pool ranking list on the Cuesports website. The top 8 ranked players for U25 shall be seeded for the tournament.

20. If one or more ranked players do not participate in the tournament, the Tournament Committee may at its discretion select players based on the merits of their tournaments in previous local and overseas tournaments and seed them accordingly.

21. 8 seeded players will play in the tournament from the last-32 stage onwards, where they will join the 24 unseeded players who have progressed to that stage of the tournament.

## DRESS CODE

22. Polo t- shirt, jeans/pants and covered shoes.

- Male - No track/sweat pants, ripped jeans or patched jeans
- Female - No track/sweat pants, ripped jeans/patched jeans, tights, skirt, or dress

23. 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.

24. 1<sup>st</sup> offence - Players who are not properly attired during the match will be issued a warning (penalty can apply 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 apply 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.

## **MATCH PROCEDURES**

25. No delays or postponement of matches will be allowed unless deemed necessary by the Tournament Committee. All players must report to the Chief Referee **upon arrival** with his/her identity card and take note of the match table.
26. A player not presented by the **timing of his/her match stated on the draw** will concede one (1) rack to his opponent. **If the player is not present by the 5th minute of the commencement of his/her match**, he/she will concede a total of two (2) racks to his opponent. **If the player is still 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.
27. 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.
28. 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**

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

## TOURNAMENT REPORTING PROCEDURE

34. All players are advised to 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
5 mins before	Conduct of lag to determine break
Scheduled time	Commencement of match

For 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> session matches. Warm up is subjected to the time allowance after the end of the previous match and reporting time of player.

35. Matches will be scheduled on the following days as follows:

- Saturday & Sunday – Up to 4 sessions a day starting from 12pm
- Weekdays – Up to 3 sessions a day from 7pm

36. 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 and SLOW PLAY

37. 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.

38. 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

39. 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.
40. 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.
41. 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

42. The estimated prize money distributions are as follows. The exact confirmed prize money will be announced on a later date.

	OPEN
<b>CHAMPION</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>RUNNER-UP</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>SEMI-FINALIST</b>	<b>\$100(\$50x2)</b>
<b>QUARTER-FINALIST</b>	<b>\$120(\$30x4)</b>

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

43. 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

44. All enquires or disputes will be referred to the Chief Referee or the Tournament Director during the tournament running and their decision will be final.

45. All disciplinary matters shall be referred to the Cuesports Singapore Disciplinary Sub-Committee, whose decision shall be final on all matters arising.

46. 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:



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