



# NATIONAL 9 BALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2024/2025 (OPEN)

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## RULES & REGULATIONS

### ENTRIES

1. The tournament is open only to Citizens and Permanent Residents of Singapore.
2. Participants must submit their entries on official entry forms not later than

**11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Tuesday @23:59 hour for National 9 Ball Championship 2024/2025**

3. Participants **must pay** a non-refundable entry fee or submit an undertaking form **upon registration**. Participants who have not paid the entry fee or submitted the undertaking form **will not be drawn** for the event. Participants who do not pay 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.
4. Participants are to provide their names **as per NRIC and first 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. (Example: Sxxx0123A, Txxxx567B)
5. For Clubs, the undertaking letter must be sent to the Cuesports Office before the Closing Date.
6. Entry fees for tournaments will be as follows:

OPEN	WOMEN	STUDENTS/NSF (*With Valid Pass)
\$ 70	\$ 50	\$ 45

7. 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.

8. Cuesports Singapore may at its sole discretion waive compliance with the condition laid out in paragraph 7 if furnished with valid reasons in writing by the participant(s).
9. 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**

10. 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.

### **TOURNAMENT VENUE**

11. The tournament will be played at **Aspire Recreation Centre located at 1 Maritime Square, #04-02, Singapore 099253.**

### **SCHEDULE**

12. The schedule for the tournament is as follows:

<b>Closing Date for Entries</b>	11 February 2025 @ 23:59
<b>Draw Date</b>	19 February 2025 Afternoon
<b>Draw Posting</b>	20 February 2025 Afternoon
<b>Match Date</b>	24 February to 9 March 2025

13. Starting from **19 February 2025** participants may refer to Aspire Recreation Centre and Cuesports Singapore facebook page for the fixtures of the tournament. Upon the commencement of the tournament, fixtures can also be viewed at the tournament venue.

**FORMAT**

14. The tournament will be played as follow:
- a. Open qualifying stage: Single elimination format
  - b. Open knockout stage: Single elimination format
  - c. Women: Single elimination format

**National 9 Ball**

	<b>Open</b>	<b>Ladies</b>
<b>Preliminary</b>	Race to 9	-
<b>Last 32</b>	Race to 9	Race to 7
<b>Last 16</b>	Race to 9	Race to 7
<b>Quarter Finals</b>	Race to 9	Race to 7
<b>Semi-Finals</b>	Race to 9	Race to 7
<b>Grand Finals</b>	Race to 11	Race to 9

15. Should there be less than 80 entries for the Open category and 20 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.
- Open category – 144 slot maximum
  - Women category – 32 slot maximum

**TOURNAMENT SEEDING**

16. The seeding for the tournament shall be based on the National Pool ranking list on the Cuesports website. The top 16 ranked players for Men's and top 8 for women shall be seeded for the tournament.
17. If one or more ranked players do not participate in the tournament, the Tournament Committee shall at its discretion select players based on the merits of their tournaments in previous local and overseas tournaments and seed them accordingly.
18. Seeded players will play in the tournament from the last-32 stage onwards, where they will join the 16 groups winners to play the knockout stage. (For Open's event only). Top 8 ladies will be seeded for the tournament.

## 19. DRESS CODE

- **Men Dress Code / Women Dress Code (Any Category)**

Polo T-shirt and short or long sleeve collared shirt, formal dress pants or dark coloured chino pants. Single coloured socks and formal leather dress shoes.

No track pants, cargo pants, jeans and no sports shoes.

- **Quarter Finals onwards (Men & Women Dress Code)**

Long sleeve, plain coloured and buttoned at the cuff. Dress pants. Single coloured socks and Dress shoes. Bow tie and vest shall be worn from Semi Finals onwards.

20. 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.

21. 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 rack (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 disqualification for the 2nd offence.

## MATCH PROCEDURES

22. 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 events, the organizer has the right to change the time due to such circumstances.

23. All players must report to the Tournament Chief Referee upon arrival with his/her identity card and take note of the match table.

24. A player not present by the commencement of his/her match will concede one (1) rack to his opponent. If the player is not present by the 5th minute, he/she will concede a total of two (2) racks 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.

25. 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.

26. 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**

27. Participants not feeling well are to refrain from coming to the tournament or entering the venue
28. Participants are encouraged to sanitize their hands before the match commences.
29. Participants are encouraged to refrain from shaking hands with each other.
30. Participants are advised not to share personal equipment.
31. Balls will be disinfected as and when necessary.

### **TOURNAMENT REPORTING PROCEDURE**

32. 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
5 mins before	Conduct of lag to determine break
Scheduled time	Commencement of match

For 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> session matches. Warm up is subjected to the time allowance after the end of the previous match and also reporting time of player.

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

Monday to Thursday evenings – 2 sessions a day starting from 7pm

Saturday & Sunday – Up to 4 sessions a day starting from 10.30am

34. 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.

### **SLOW PLAY and 45 SECONDS RULE**

35. 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 rack 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.
36. The overseeing referee at his/her discretion may use the 45 seconds rule if he/she deems the match is proceeding too slowly.
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.

### **Other Conditions**

38. 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.
39. Players are not allowed to use their hand phones in the tournament venue and are also required to switch their mobile phones or pagers to silent mode.
40. 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

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

	MEN	LADIES
<b>CHAMPION</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$800</b>
<b>RUNNER-UP</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>SEMI-FINALIST</b>	<b>\$800(\$400x2)</b>	<b>\$400(\$200x2)</b>
<b>QUARTER-FINALIST</b>	<b>\$800(\$200x4)</b>	<b>\$400(\$100x4)</b>
<b>Group Winners</b>	<b>\$1600(\$100x16)</b>	<b>-</b>

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

42. Semi Finalists and above are required to be present at the prize presentation ceremony.

### AUTHORITY

43. All enquiries or disputes will be referred to the Chief Referee or Tournament Director during the tournament running and his/her decision will be final.
44. All disciplinary matters shall be referred to the Cuesports Singapore Disciplinary Sub-Committee, whose decision shall be final on all matters arising.
45. 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.
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

Venue Sponsor:



