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NATIONAL 9 BALL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP RULES & REGULATIONS

1. ENTRIES

- 1.1. The tournament is only open to Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents of Singapore.
- 1.2. Participants must sign up by the closing of entry date. Any entry after the closing date will not be accepted.
- 1.3. Participants are to pay the entry fee upon submission of entry. If entry fee is not received by the draw date, the entry will not be accepted. Cuesports Singapore reserve the rights to not draw your name for the tournament.
- 1.4. For clubs, an undertaking letter (provided on the Tournament page in Cuesports Singapore Website) must be sent to Cuesports Singapore before the closing date.
- 1.5. Entry fees for tournaments will be as follows:

| | Category | Entry Fee |
|-------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1.5.1 | Open | SGD \$ 70.00 |
| 1.5.2 | Student / NSF | SGD \$ 50.00 |

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2. FEE & PAYMENT

2.1. Payment of entry fee(s) is to be made only upon confirmation by Cuesports Singapore, which will be sent to the player via their contact details.

2.2. Payment method:

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Account Name | Cuesports Singapore |
| PayNow UEN Number | S65SS0011D790 |
| PayNow QR Code |  |

2.3. Please send an image of receipt/screenshot of transfer with transaction reference number to Jermaine @ sports@cuesports.org.sg.

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3. TOURNAMENT VENUE

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

4. GAME RULES

- 4.1. Break Box - Players are to break from the break box with the 9-ball placed on the spot and 1-ball at the apex of the rack.
- 4.2. The other balls shall be racked without purposeful or intentional pattern.
- 4.3. 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.
- 4.4. 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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5. FORMAT

5.1. Straight Knock-out format

5.2. Winner break

5.3. OPEN CATEGORY

| Open | Format |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Preliminary round - Quarter Final | Race to 9 |
| Semi Final - Grand Final | Race to 11 |

5.4. In the event that the number of entries falls below 80 for the open category or 20 for the women’s category by the closing date, Cuesports Singapore reserves the right to cancel the affected category and refund the registration fees. Additionally, the prize money may be adjusted according to the number of entries in the affected category.

- Open Category - 144 slots maximum
- Women Category - 32 slots maximum

6. TOURNAMENT SEEDING

6.1. Based on the National Pool Ranking List. Top 16 ranked players for Open and top 8 ranked players for Women will be seeded for the tournament.

6.2. Any ranked players that did not participate in the tournament, the subsequent ranked players will be pushed up accordingly.

6.3. Seeded players for the open category will play from the last 32 knockout stages where they will be joined by 16 group stage qualifiers.

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7. DRESS CODE (Open & Women Category)

7.1. Preliminary Rounds - Quarter Final

- Event tee to be worn if any
 - i. If not, Polo T-shirt / collared shirt
- Dark dress pants
- Dark covered shoes (Sneakers / Sports Shoes / Business Shoe)

7.2. Semi Final & Grand Final

- Long sleeve plain formal shirt
- Vest and bow tie
- Dark dress pants
- Dark covered shoes (Sneakers / Sports Shoes / Business Shoe)

7.3. Players who are not properly attired will be issued a penalty of 1 rack immediately.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1. The schedule for the tournament is as follows:

| | Item | Date & Period |
|-------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 7.1.1 | Registration | 28 March 2026 - 4 April 2026 |
| 7.1.2 | Publish of Name list | 5 April 2026 |
| 7.1.3 | Draw | 7 April 2026 |
| 7.1.4 | Publish of Draw | 8 April 2026 |

8.2. Fixtures / results can be found on Cuesports Singapore's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CuesportsSingapore/>) and tournament venue after the date of publication of draw.

8.3. Players shall be solely responsible for monitoring their own fixtures and results. The Organizer reserves the right to make any necessary adjustments at its discretion.

8.4. In the event of a scheduling conflict between match times for the Open and Women's categories, the Organizer reserves the right to amend the match timing as deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

8.5. No delays or postponements of matches shall be permitted unless expressly authorized by the Organizer.

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9. TOURNAMENT REPORTING PROCEDURE

- 9.1. All players must report to the Chief referee at the tournament desk **at least 30 minutes before** the scheduled match.
- 9.2. **15 minutes before**; 5 minutes warm up per player
- 9.3. **5 minutes before**; Conduct of lag to determine break
- 9.4. From 2nd session onwards, warm up is subjected to the time allowance after the end of previous match and also reporting time of player.
- 9.5. Matches on weekdays will be scheduled up to 2 sessions per day starting from 7:30pm.
- 9.6. Matches on weekends will be scheduled up to 4 sessions per day starting from 10:30am.

10. MATCH PROCEDURES

- 10.1. If a player is not present by the commencement time of the match;
 - Penalty of 1 rack
 - Not present by 5th minutes, penalty of 2 racks
 - Not present by 10th minutes, officially recorded as a walkover.
- 10.2. **A player shall concede a walkover, if they are not present at the table within 10 minutes of the scheduled commencement time. No grace period shall be granted.**
- 10.3. Each player will only be allowed to call 1 time-out (7 minutes) during the match. Players who exceed the time limit, a penalty of 1 rack will be conceded to his/her opponent.

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11. SLOW PLAY AND 45 SECONDS RULE

- 11.1. Warning will be given if the overseeing referee deems there is a deliberate slow play.
- 11.2. The overseeing referee at his/her discretion may implement a shot clock of 45 seconds if he/she deems the match is proceeding too slowly.
- 11.3. A shot clock of 45 seconds will be used in 1 - 1 referee matches. When the shot clock reaches 35 seconds, the referee will call "10 seconds" to warn the player.

Failure to execute a shot within 45 seconds, will result in a foul shot giving the opponent a ball in hand.

12. OTHER CONDITIONS

- 12.1. Players are not allowed to smoke in the tournament venue.
- 12.2. Players are strictly not allowed to place any cigarettes, lighters, electronic cigarettes or vape in the seating area.
- 12.3. Players are strictly prohibited from using their mobile phones during their match and must ensure that their devices are switched to silent mode.
- 12.4. Any form of conducting or participating in games of money or gambling is strictly prohibited during the tournament.

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13. AUTHORITY

- 13.1.** All enquiries or disputes will be referred to the chief referee during the tournament and his decision will be final.
- 13.2.** All disciplinary matters shall be referred to Cuesports Singapore, whose decision shall be final on all matters arising.
- 13.3.** The organiser reserves the right to amend the above set of rules and regulations with prior notification to all participants when it deems necessary. Any matter not covered by the above set of rules and regulations shall be decided by the organiser whose decision shall be final.
- 13.4.** Failure to comply with these rules and regulations, even in the absence of a specifically stated penalty, may result in disciplinary action. Such actions will be determined at organizer's sole discretion, and its decisions on these matters shall be final and conclusive.

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14.1. Prize money will be awarded to the following categories, as detailed below:

| Open Category | Prize Money |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Champion | \$ 2200 |
| Runner Up | \$ 880 |
| Semi Finalist | \$ 440 each |
| Quarter Finalist | \$ 220 each |
| Group Qualifier | \$ 100 each |

14.2. In accordance with item 5.4, if the number of entries falls below the required threshold, Cuesports Singapore reserves the right to cancel the affected category and refund the registration fees. Additionally, Cuesports Singapore reserves the right to adjust the prize money proportionately based on the number of entries received for the affected category.

15. OTHERS**15.1. Marketing Consent**

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15.2. Disclaimer

By registering for and participating in this event, Participants consent to interviews, photography, audio recordings, video recordings, and their release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction for news, webcasts, promotional purposes, telecasts, advertising, website inclusion, or any other uses deemed appropriate by the Cuesports Singapore (CS), its vendors, partners, affiliates, and representatives. They agree to release the Organizers, including its officers and employees, from any liability related to the creation, recording, digitizing, or publication of these materials.

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15.3. Indemnity

The Participants assume full responsibility for any mishap or injury that may occur during or as a result of their participation. The Participant agrees not to hold CS, its staff, volunteers, or agents responsible for any damage to, or loss of property or life that may occur during the event or arise in connection with the event.



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