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Welcome to the 4th US Open 10-Ball Championship

We look forward to seeing you at the 4th US Open 10-Ball Championship in Las Vegas, Nevada (USA) May 14-19, 2012. This is the third year the tournament is being held at the Riviera Hotel & Casino alongside the BCAPL National Championships and look forward to again an outstanding event.

Below are details about the 4th US Open 10-Ball Championship and information that will help you prepare for your trip.

TO ENTER:

All players must have a complete and signed entry form. A copy of the entry form is located at the end of this packet with more detailed information on how to submit your entry. For any questions contact Holly Ryan at holly@playcsipool.com or call the CueSports International (CSI) office at (702) 719-7665. The CSI office hours of operation is: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm U.S. Pacific Time.

No one will be considered entered into the event until the entry form and the entry fee (\$550) have been received at the CSI office.

EVENT DETAILS:

I. Dates: May 14-19, 2012

II. Venue: The Pro Arena in the Royale Pavilion Ballroom of the Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV

III. Minimum Added: \$25,000

IV. Field Size: Maximum 96 players.

V. Standard Entry: \$550

VI. Late Entry: \$600 (Any entries received after April 8, 2012. NO EXCEPTIONS)

VII. How to Register:

A. If paying by Visa or MasterCard: if calling in your entry contact Holly at CueSports International at (702) 719-7665; or you may submit your entry form with payment via fax (702) 307-1609; or scan your entry form with payment and email to holly@playcsipool.com.

B. If paying my Check or Money Order: Submit your completed entry form with full payment. Make payable to CueSports International.

Mail to: Attn 10B, CueSports International, 2041 Pabco Road, Henderson, NV 89011

VIII. Player Meeting: The player meeting will be held at 4 pm (Pacific Standard Time), Monday, May 14th in the tournament arena. ONLY tournament participants, CSI staff, needed interpreters or an official government sports official from the player's country will be allowed to attend. Media, spouses, significant others, coaches, family and friends are not allowed and will be asked to leave once the meeting starts. CHANGE FROM 2011: The player meeting is no longer mandatory, however it is strongly encouraged the players attend.

IX. Players Traveling from the World 10-Ball Championship to the US Open 10-Ball Championship:

Players participating in both the US Open 10-Ball Championship (May 14-19, 2012) and the World 10-Ball Championship (May 7-13, 2012, Manila, Philippines) must notify US Open 10-Ball Tournament Director Bill Stock (bill@playcsipool.com) that they will be traveling from the Philippines to the US.

We understand how tight the two events are scheduled and wish to make it possible for all players who need or wish to play in both to be able to do so. Players in this situation *and* who notify Bill Stock will be scheduled to play the last possible first round time for the US Open 10-Ball Championship. Due to the International Dateline, saving the travelers a day between the Philippines and the US, this makes the situation workable. Please contact either Bill Stock or Holly Ryan (holly@playcsipool.com) if you have any questions.

X. Format:

- First Round starts Monday, May 14, 2012 at 6 pm Pacific Time.
- BCAPL rules on 10-Ball (http://playbca.com/Leagues/Rules/10Ball.aspx).
- Phenolic Tips are not allowed on break cues. Phenolic Tips are allowed on jump cues.
- Race to 9 / Double Elimination / Winner Break.
- Semis race to 9 and the finals is a single race to 11 (Both the semis and finals must be won by two games ahead with a win game cap in the semis of 12 and a win game cap in the finals of 14).

XI. CueSports Tournament System (CTS) Online Tournament Tracking:

Tournament brackets will be available in real time at www.ctsondemand.com during the event. Multiple bracket boards will be available onsite.

XII. Text Notifications:

For players with US cell phone numbers, CSI can send text notifications to that player of match details and table availability.

XIII. Equipment:

- 9' Diamond Tables.
- Simonis 860 Tour Blue Cloth.
- Aramith Pro Cup Balls and Measle Cue Ball.
- Magic Ball Rack.

XIV. Match Length and Rack Set-Up:

- Lag for the first break in each match.
- The 1-ball shall be on the foot spot with the 10-ball in the center and the 2-ball and 3-ball on the back corners. All other balls racked in a random pattern.
- Rack your own with opponent right to inspect.
- If you intend to break softly, you must notify your opponent and allow them the opportunity to call a referee to watch your break. Failure to do so is a foul.
- Pocketing the 10-ball on the break is not a win of game. The ball is spotted. If not foul was commit ted during the break the player who broke continues shooting.

XV. Slow Play Monitoring and Penalties:

In order to complete the event in the allotted time, players must finish their 10-ball matches (race to 9) in less than two and one half (2 .5) hours. All players are expected to keep pace. Tournament officials will monitor the score and elapsed time of every match. A warning will be given to the player(s)) by a referee to speed up play in the match. It is at the discretion of the tournament director that the match has not adequately increased after the warning. Either one of both of the players may be put on a 45 second shot clock.

XVI. Dress Code:

Approved Clothing (both men and women):

- Dress pants or casual slacks.
- Polo or button down style shirt with sleeves and fold over collar button down shirts may be worn unbuttoned and without a tie if they are worn with a neat and tasteful undergarment. Button down shirts worn without an undergarment may only be unbuttoned one button below the neck button. Shirts should not be excessively loose or revealing.
- Formal wear shirt if worn with proper pants and a commonly accepted tie
- Formal wear shirt that does not commonly accept a tie (such as a banded or Mandarin collar)
- All footwear must have a closed toe and be normal in its style and wear. Shoes with laces must have the laces properly tied. Dark color tennis or walking shoes are acceptable.

Prohibited Clothing:

- Athletic wear of any kind, including but not limited to: sweats, swimwear, jogging suits, uniforms or jerseys, any kind of pants with contrasting stripes not associated with formal wear.
- Shorts of any kind, regardless of apparent length. Pants must be normal in respect to the appropri ate rise in relation to the length of garment and may not be excessively baggy or loose fitting.
- Formal shirts, such as wing tip or lay down collared tuxedo shirts, which are worn without a commonly accepted matching tie and pants.
- Overalls or coveralls
- Jeans
- Hats
- Commonly worn outerwear while on the tournament floor.

XVII. Sponsor Logos and Patches:

Players will be entitled to wear logos on his or her playing apparel ("player's logos") at the event. Each logo must not exceed 3" x 2" or 6 square inches. The player shall submit to CueSports International (CSI) before his first match examples of all player or player sponsor logos for approval. CSI will have authority to disallow any player or player sponsor logos should they not comply with the policy or conflict with any sponsor or broadcaster of the event. Furthermore, CSI reserves the right to require the player to display a logo on the player's apparel for the use by an event sponsor. This logo will be provided to the player at CSI's cost at the player's meeting May 14th.

XVIII. Electronic Devices, Headphones and Earplugs:

IPods, MP3 Players, or any and all manner of handheld electronic devices used to play music or video are not allowed during tournament play or practice. Headphones and earplugs of any kind are also prohibited. Cell phones must be turned off when on the tournament floor or room during a match.

XIX. Event Interviews and Media:

In all interviews players should always refer to the event as the US Open 10-Ball Championship.

XX. Challenge the Pro Fundraiser (Tuesday, May 15, 2012 from 8-10 pm):

Each year CSI raises money for US junior national players and team in the Grande Ballroom at the Riviera Hotel & Casino during the BCAPL National Championships and US Open 10-Ball Championship. This fundraiser draws a large crowd of BCAPL amateur participants and is a great opportunity for fans to meet their favorite pro players while raising money for a great cause! All players who are not scheduled for a match either during or immediately after the Challenge the Pro fundraiser are asked to stop by and participate in this promotional and fun event! The Challenge the Pro event will be run by Randy Goettlicher of Cue Tech Pool School with assistance by the CSI team.

XXI. TAR Streaming Table Matches:

Players scheduled for a match on the TAR Streaming table will be required to:

- Prominently wear event sponsor patches. The patches will be provided to the players by the tournament staff prior to the TAR table match.
- Complete the player profile form. The form will be provided to the player prior to the match along with the required patches.

XXII. Qualifiers:

There are a limited number of qualifiers scheduled. Should you secure your spot by paying your entry directly – then play in a qualifier and win your spot, the qualifier director will be instructed to pay the money directly to you instead of sending it to CSI for the spot.

For a list of qualifiers visit www.playcsipool.com

XXIII. Player Guests:

Players will be allowed one guest pass for the duration of the event (May 14-19, 2012) for a discounted rate. Your guest may purchase an All Session General Admission pass for \$50 or an All Session VIP Pass for \$75.

XXIV. HOST HOTEL ROOM BLOCK INFORMATION:

Please call room reservations at 800-634-6753 and ask for Group Code BCAPMY2

\$60 Per Night / 6 Night Minimum: This special tournament rate available for those booking 6 or more nights. Available until the group rate is sold out. To qualify: must book and pay the entire 6+ nights (non-refundable).

\$70 Per Night / Any number of nights less than 6 / Must Be Booked By February 29, 2012: A great early bird special for everybody who may not be there 6 nights but plan early and like to save money.

\$80 Per Night / Any number of nights less than 6 / Booked after February 29, 2012: For all who make their reservation after February 29th and who are not planning to stay 6 nights or more.

To reserve your room call

1-800-634-6753 or register by clicking on the following link: Riviera Hotel & Casino Reservation.

XXV. Video and Photo Rights / Waiver of Liability:

By participating in the (2012) 4th US Open 10-Ball Championship, I have read and agree to abide by the following and all rules and regulations for this tournament entry and all other regulations implemented by CueSports International (CSI). CSI has the right to determine a player's eligibility or to refuse entry. Event completion times are approximate. CSI may refuse entry if fields are full and field sizes are subject to change. CSI has the right to change any / all schedules and payouts based on, but not limited to inclement weather, acts of God, or terrorism. CSI, and all event representatives, agents, sponsors and affiliates are released and to be held harmless of and from any injury, illness, losses, damages, liability or expenses of any kind accrued by me, my heirs, or personal representatives either caused or alleged to be caused during or surrounding this event. Disqualification from any CSI event for unsportsmanlike conduct shall result in forfeiture of any prize money or award won by that player with possible suspension from all CSI produced events. CSI may use my photograph, image, likeness, or name for information, reporting or promotional purposes via print, video and other media.

MORE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO PLAY WHILE IN LAS VEGAS IN MAY! (AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT ENTERING MULTIPLE EVENTS - PLEASE READ)

In addition to the 4th US Open 10-Ball Championship (May 14-19), CSI will also produce the 13th US Open One Pocket Championship (May 10-13), and the BCAPL National Championships (May 9-20) at the Riviera Hotel & Casino.

It is strongly advised that players who enter the 4th US Open 10-Ball Championship not enter any conflicting events to the 10-Ball event. Due to the volume of participants and events, we adhere to a regulated tournament schedule and are not able to hold matches should a conflict ensue. No exceptions.

The following events DO NOT conflict with the US Open 10-Ball Championship. However, they DO conflict with one another.

For details visit: www.playbca.com and / or www.playcsipool.com

READ CAREFULLY AS THE FOLLOWING MAY HAVE ELIGIBILITY REOUIREMENTS

May 9-10, 2012 / The BCAPL 9-Ball Challenge

(Played on 7' Diamond Smart Tables)

Eligibility: Open to sanctioned BCAPL league players (with 8 weeks of league play in one league division in one session during the 2011-2012 league year) or to non-league Player Members (additional \$25 yearly Player Membership card required).

• <u>May 12-14, 2012 / The BCAPL 8-Ball Grand Master Singles (Both Men's and Women's Divisions)</u> (Played on 7' Diamond Smart Tables)

Eligibility: Open to sanctioned BCAPL league players (with 8 weeks of league play in one league division in one session during the 2011-2012 league year) or to non-league Player Members (additional \$25 yearly Player Membership card required).

To view details and registration information about the above BCAPL events visit: http://playbca.com/Events/2012BCAPLNationalChampionships.aspx

May 10-13, 2012 / 13th US Open One Pocket Championship

(Played on 9' Diamond Tables)

Eligibility: Open to all players. Limited 64 player field. **Registration:** contact the CSI office at (702) 719-7665.

This event fills each year. Onsite registration will only be accepted should a registered player withdraw prior to the start of the One Pocket event. Should a wait list exist, those players will be notified in order for first right of entry for any spot that may open up due to a withdrawal.

Contact: holly@playcsipool.com or call (702) 719-7665 for any questions you may have.





May 14 - 19, 2012 Riviera Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, Nevada

PLAYER ENTRY FORM

All players entering the 2012 US Open 10-Ball Championship must complete a copy of this entry form. For entrants under age 18, a parent or legal guardian are required to sign the "If the Player is under the age of 18" section. ALL PLAYERS SHOULD READ THE US OPEN 10-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYER

PACKET. All entrants will be emailed a copy of the packet and a copy will be available for download at www.playcsipool.com

For further questions regarding the event email holly@playcsipool.com or call (702) 719-7665.

PLAYER'S NAME: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY: STATE/PROVINCE: COUNTRY: ZIP / POSTAL CODE: PHONE:_____ ALT. PHONE: EMAIL: ENTRY FEE INFORMATION & PAYMENT METHOD **CODE OF CONDUCT: Standard Entry Fee** (Received *by* April 08, 2012)......\$550 Also listed on www.playcsipool.com and emailed to all entrants. 1. I will obey all Rules, Regulations and Policies associated with the US Open 10-REMEMBER! Ball Championship. Avoid the \$50 late fee by making sure your entry is received by April 8th. 2. I understand my personal conduct must be above reproach during my participa-Entries may be mailed, faxed, or phoned to (702) 719-7665 ask for Holly Ryan. tion in the US Open 10-Ball Championship. All faxed or phoned entries must be paid by credit card 3. I will not disparage or publicly criticize the promoter (CSI), venue, other billiard (Visa or MasterCard ONLY). players, the event personnel, equipment or sponsors. If faxing FAX to: (702) 307-1609 4. I will not abuse any equipment associated with the event or within the host CHECK / MONEY ORDER (Make payable to: CueSports International or CSI) venue or hotel, intentional sharking, public drunkenness or public disagreements. Mail to: CSI, 2041 Pabco Road, Henderson, NV 89011 USA 5. I will not gamble or bet on any match (mine or others) in this event. 6. I will be polite and courteous to tournament officials, spectators, sponsors and promoters. MASTERCARD VISA Total Charaed: \$ 7. I will not smoke within all tournament play areas, practice areas and will adhere to all state smoking laws and venue smoking policies. Exact Name on Card_____ 8. I will not use any illegal substances or alcohol while participating in the event. 9. I will attend all promotional activities and functions requested by the promoter. Exp.Date Card#_ The promoter will give at least one day notice of such activities to the players. 10. I will make myself available for media interviews prior to and after match play. Cardholder Signature (required)____ 11. I will conform to the dress code and always maintain a presentable appearance. Card Billing Zip (required)_____Phone____ 12. I understand and agree that if I violate this Code of Conduct, I am subject to discipline including, but not limited to (a) removal from the tournament and event Cardholder Email (for receipt)____ completion, (b) forfeiture of any prize money earned or fined, and (c) forfeiture of my eligibility to participate in any future CSI events. I AGREE, that by entering the (2012) 4th US Open 10-Ball Championship (or if under the age of 18 and if applicable, am the entrant's legal guardian or parent) agree to all terms of the entry form and will fully abide by all event Rules, Policies, and Code of Conduct of the 2012 (4th) US Open 10-Ball Championship. Additionally, by entering the (2012) 4th US Open 10-Ball Championship, release all media and appearance rights to CueSports International (CSI) for the production of televised matches, recorded at the event (4th US Open 10-Ball Championship) and all photographic images taken at said event. I recognize, as an entrant, any prize monies won shall serve as complete compensation for the surrender of these rights. CSI has the right to change any / all schedules and payouts based on, but not limited to inclement weather, acts of God, strikes or terrorism. CSI, and all event representatives, agents, sponsors and affiliates are released and to be held harmless of and from any injury, illness, losses, damages, liability or expenses of any kind accrued by me, my heirs, or personal representatives either caused or alleged to be caused during or surrounding this event. Disqualification from any CSI event for unsportsmanlike conduct shall result in forfeiture of any prize money or award with possible suspension from all CSI produced events. IF THE ENTRANT IS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 , I do hereby verify that I fully As the legal parent, and / or guardian for _ understand and accept each of the conditions permitting my child to participate in the US Open 10-Ball Championship (May 14-19, 2012). Printed Name of Parent or Guardian: Signature of Parent or Guardian: (For Entrants age 18 and over print, sign and date below) Printed Name of Entrant: Entrant (Player's) Signature:





