

# 2017 NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL 8-BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

## DIVISION FORMATS & ELIGIBILITY

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Important Dates

Aug. 7: Last day for early entry discount  
 Aug. 14: Last day for mailed entries & personal checks  
 Aug. 21: Last day for refund requests  
 Aug. 28: Last day to register online

#### Refunds & Division Changes

Refund requests must be received in writing by email, fax, or postal mail by Aug. 21, 2017 and will be processed after Sept. 11, 2017. A \$20 processing fee will apply to all refund requests. Change requests must be received by Aug. 28, 2017 and a \$10/player processing fee will apply. Admin fees are non-refundable.

#### FargoRate

FargoRate has replaced the outdated system of subjectively classifying players as Open, Advanced, Master, etc. Players with at least 200 games of data in the FargoRate system have an established rating. Those with fewer than 200 games have a transitional rating based on any data in the FargoRate system and a starter rating assigned by CueSports International.

#### Individual Rating Limits

This tournament is for amateurs only. No male rated higher than 720 and no female rated higher than 660 may register for any division.

#### Division Start Times

Various factors could delay start times. Therefore, divisions may begin later than the times listed on the entry form. Check the tournament brackets for the exact start time of your match or ask the Tournament Director.

#### Don't Get Disqualified!

We take player ratings very seriously. A player who intentionally enters an event with a transitional or starter rating that is too low for his or her ability, is cheating. **Be aware that we have tools in place to monitor players who are consistently and significantly performing above their rating during the event.** We reserve the right to disqualify any player without refund. Therefore, if you believe you are underrated, contact us prior to the registration deadline.

#### Mixed Divisions vs. Women's Divisions

While a women's-only division is offered, Fargo Ratings provide women the opportunity to compete on a level playing field against men. A woman rated 450 plays at the same level as a man rated 450. Therefore, women are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the mixed division.

#### No Changes after the Draw!

Once the brackets are drawn for a division, no changes are allowed.

#### Dress Code

Dress Code "C"

### SCOTCH DOUBLES (8-BALL)

#### General Eligibility

- Teams must consist of one (1) male and one (1) female.
- At least one (1) teammate must be an active member in a BCAPL or USAPL league and meet one of the stipulations below:
  - a. Played a minimum of four (4) full scheduled weeks during the 2017-2018 league year (June 1, 2017 – Aug. 31, 2017) or;
  - b. Played a minimum of eight (8) full scheduled weeks in a single session during the 2016-2017 league year (June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017)
- One (1) teammate may be a CSI member (\$25 membership fee) but must reside in the same state as the league-qualified member.

#### Format

Players register for scotch doubles based on the members' combined Fargo Ratings. Entry fees, dates, and times are listed on the entry form.

- Ratings: the team's combined Fargo Rating cannot exceed 1,100 at the time of registration.
- Format: race to 4, non-handicapped, alternate break, rack your own, true double elimination
- Field: limited to 32 teams
- Fees: each entry includes a \$10 green fee and \$40 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.
- Added: \$500 added based on 32 teams

## Team Rating Increases

There is a 10-point per player “cushion” if the team is eligible at the time of registration but one or more members’ ratings increase before the tournament to push them over the limit. If the team’s rating moves beyond this 20-point cushion, they will have the following options:

*Option 1:* Replace one (1) player to get back within the division limit (must still meet all other eligibility requirements)

*Option 2:* Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 50 points over the team cushion

### Example:

*A Scotch Doubles team is below the 1,100 limit at the time of registration but their rating increases to 1,118 (18 points over the limit) – there is no penalty in the match because it did not exceed the 20-point cushion. If their rating increases to 1,152 (32 points over the cushion), they will incur a one-game penalty in each match. Note: If both teams in a match have been penalized, the penalty in that match will be the difference in the two penalties. For example, if Team A has a one-game penalty and Team B has a two-game penalty, Team B will incur a one-game penalty in that match. If both teams have a one-game penalty, there is no penalty in that match.*

## Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point “cushion” if a male is rated 720 or lower or a female is rated 660 or lower at the time of registration but his or her rating increases above those limits before the tournament. If a player’s rating moves beyond this cushion (730 or 670), the team will have the following options:

*Option 1:* Replace the player (must still meet all other eligibility requirements)

*Option 2:* Play and accept a 1-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over the individual cushion (730 or 670)

*Example: The male player has a rating of 717 at the time of registration but it increases to 735 before the tournament (5 over the cushion), the team will incur a one-game penalty in each match. If the same player’s rating increases to 758 (28 over the cushion), the team will incur a two-game penalty in each match.*

## SINGLES (8-BALL)

### General Eligibility (all singles divisions)

- Must be an active member in a BCAPL or USAPL league and meet one of the following stipulations:
  - Played a minimum of four (4) full scheduled weeks during the 2017-2018 league year (June 1, 2017 – Aug. 30, 2017).; or
  - Played a minimum of eight (8) full scheduled weeks in a single session during the 2016-2017 league year (June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017)
- Those not meeting the above criteria may play by becoming a CSI Member (\$25 membership fee)

### Mixed Singles

Men & women may register for Mixed Singles.

- Races: medium handicaps using FargoRate Chart R5
- Format: alternate break, rack your own, true double elimination
- Field: limited to 64 players
- Fees: each entry includes a \$10 green fee and \$50 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.
- Added: \$700 added based on 64 players

### Women’s Singles

Only women may register for Women’s Singles.

- Races: medium handicaps using FargoRate Chart R4
- Format: alternate break, rack your own, true double elimination
- Field: limited to 32 players
- Fees: each entry includes a \$10 green fee and \$40 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.
- Added: \$300 based on 32 players

## Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point “cushion” if a player is rated 720 or lower (mixed singles) or a female is rated 660 or lower (women’s singles) at the time of registration but his or her rating increases above those limits before the tournament. If a player’s rating increases beyond the cushions (730 or 670), he or she must play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over the cushion (730 or 670).

*Example: A male had a rating of 717 at the time of registration but it increased to 735 before the tournament (5 over the cushion), he will incur a one-game penalty in each match. If his rating increases to 758 (28 over the cushion), he will incur a two-game penalty in each match.*