

# 2018 NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL 8-BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT GUIDE

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Important Dates

Sept. 17: Last day for early entry discount  
 Sept. 24: Last day for mailed entries  
 Sept. 28: Last day for refund requests  
 Oct. 1: Last day to register online

### Refunds & Division Changes

Refund requests must be received in writing by email, fax, or postal mail by Sep. 28, 2018 and will be processed after Oct. 23, 2018. A \$20 processing fee will apply to all refund requests. Change requests must be received by Oct. 1, 2018 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FargoRate has replaced the outdated system of subjectively classifying players as Open, Advanced, Master, etc.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

No player may be rated higher than 720 at the time of registration.

### 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 CueSports International prior to the registration deadline.

### Mixed Divisions vs. Women's Divisions

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 singles division.

### No Changes after the Draw!

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

### Dress Code

Dress Code "C"

### USA Pool League Scoring

The tournament will use the USA Pool League scoring system and races will be determined by the USA Pool League Race-To Calculator which can be found at [www.usaplraceto.azurewebsites.net](http://www.usaplraceto.azurewebsites.net). Games are scored with the winning team receiving 14 points and the losing team receiving one (1) point for each ball of their suit pocketed. The winner of the match is the first to reach their race-to number. If both players or teams need 14 points or fewer to win, the winner of that game wins the match.

## SCOTCH DOUBLES (8-BALL)

### General Eligibility

- Teams must consist of one (1) male and one (1) female.
- Both teammates must be current members of a BCA Pool League or USA Pool League and must have played a minimum of three (3) full scheduled weeks during the 2018-2019 league year (June 1, 2018 – May 21, 2019).

### Format

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

- Ratings: No team may be rated higher than 1,100 at the time of registration.
- Format: Alternate break, rack your own, true double elimination.
- Races: The winner of the match is the first to reach their race-to number per the USAPL Race-To Calculator.
- Field: Limited to 32 teams

## Team Rating Increases

Teams must be at or below the rating limit of 1,100 at the time of registration. If one or more players' ratings naturally increase and the team rating moves above 1,100 after registration, the team will still be allowed to play. *Example: A team registers at 1,097. On the day of the event that team's combined rating has increased to 1,120, they will play at their current rating.*

## Individual Rating Increases

Players must be rated 720 or lower at the time of registration. If a player's rating naturally increases above 720 after registration, he or she will be allowed to play at their current rating on the day of the event.

*Example: The male player has a rating of 717 at the time of registration but it naturally increases to 735 by the day of the tournament; he will play in the event as a 735 and matches will be handicapped accordingly.*

## SINGLES (8-BALL)

### General Eligibility (all singles divisions)

- Must be an current member of a BCA Pool League or USA Pool League and must have played a minimum of three (3) full scheduled weeks during the 2018-2019 league year (June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019)

### Mixed Singles

Men & women may register for Mixed Singles.

- Ratings: No person may be rated higher than 720 at the time of registration.
- Format: Alternate break, rack your own, true double elimination.
- Races: The winner of the match is the first to reach their race-to number per the USAPL Race-To Calculator.
- Field: Limited to 64 players

### Individual Rating Increases

Players must be rated 720 or lower at the time of registration. If a player's rating naturally increases above 720 after registration, he or she will be allowed to play at their current rating on the day of the event.

*Example: The male player has a rating of 717 at the time of registration but it naturally increases to 735 on the day of the tournament, he will play in the event as a 735 and his matches will be handicapped accordingly.*