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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (JULY 18-28, 2018)

| 2018 USAPL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | WED 7/18 | THU 7/19 | FRI 7/20 | SAT 7/21 | SUN 7/22 | MON 7/23 | TUE 7/24 | WED 7/25 | THU 7/26 | FRI 7/27 | SAT 7/28 |
| USAPL | 9-Ball Teams | | | 8-Ball Teams | | | | 10-Ball Teams | | | |
| | | 9-Ball Singles | | | 8-Ball Singles | | | 10-Ball Singles | | | |
| | League Mgr. Singles | | | Women's 8-Ball Teams | | | | | | | |
| | Mini-Tournaments <i>(available for all BCAPL and USAPL members – membership card required!)</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| CSI | US Open 10-Ball Championship <i>(Griff's)</i> | | | | CSI 9-Ball Singles | | CSI 10-Ball Singles | | CSI 8-Ball Singles | | |
| | | | | US Open 8-Ball Championship <i>(Griff's)</i> | | | Pro-Am 1 | Pro-Am 2 | Pro-Am 3 | | |

NEW FOR 2018

10-Ball Divisions Added

The 2018 USAPL National Championships will feature 10-Ball Mixed Teams and 10-Ball Mixed Singles. As our league has grown, so has the demand for 10-ball divisions and we welcome this addition.

All Mixed Team Divisions Are 5-Player Teams

All three mixed team divisions now have the same 5-player team format and a maximum roster size of eight (8).

New Team Rating Limits

At the beginning of the 2017-2018 league year, the team rating limits were lowered to offer more players the opportunity to compete and win a national championship. Likewise, the 2018 USAPL National Championship Mixed Team divisions rating limits have been lowered from 2,500 to 2,375.

League Manager's Singles Event

We are excited to offer our League Managers an opportunity compete in the new League Manager 8-Ball Singles event. Although League Managers are not eligible for other divisions, they now have their own championship to fight for!

CSI Pro-Am Events

In 2017, we introduced the CSI Charity Pro-Am and partnered with Donate Life America, a nonprofit alliance of national organizations and state teams across the U.S. committed to increasing the number of donated organs, eyes, and tissue available for transplant to save and heal lives. Eight (8) top professional players participated in a one-day pro-am (professional-amateur) scotch doubles 8-ball tournament where each pro was paired with a league member. The event was won by former World 9-Ball Champion, Thorsten Hohmann and junior USA Pool League (USAPL) member, Michelle Jiang of Massachusetts.

The event was a huge success and therefore, we are conducting three of these events in 2018 – Wednesday, July 25, Thursday, July 26, and Friday, July 27. A free raffle drawing will be conducted at approximately 8 p.m. each night prior to the next Pro-Am in the live stream arena and eight (8) lucky winners will be randomly drawn. Each winner may choose one of the participating professional players not already taken as his or her partner in the scotch doubles charity tournament.

Raffle tickets can be received at the Donate Life America booth July 18-26 and can be earned by any or all of the following ways:

- Receive one (1) free ticket for each division you enter
- Receive one (1) free ticket for making a voluntary contribution to DLA
- Receive three (3) free tickets for registering to become an organ donor

US Open Championships Schedule Change

The US Open 10-Ball and 8-Ball Championships will now be played back-to-back July 18-24 at Griff's, a beautiful pool room located just one mile from the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino. There will be a free shuttle to transport players and spectators to and from the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide the necessary information about the event and its divisions. This document is not intended to convey the procedures that must be followed at the event. For those details, please refer to the USAPL National Championships Tournament Regulations.

Important Dates

June 4: Early entry discount ends  **SAVE MONEY!**

June 11: Last day for personal checks

June 25: Registration ends for most events  **DON'T MISS OUT!**

June 29: Last day for refund requests

July 2: TBA names due

July 6: Last day for division change requests

Refunds & Division Changes

Refund requests must be received in writing by email, fax, or postal mail by June 29, 2018 and will be processed after Aug. 13, 2018. Admin fees are non-refundable and an additional \$20 processing fee applies to each entry refunded. Division change requests must be received by July 6, 2018 and a \$10/player processing fee will apply.

Membership Card & Photo ID Required

IMPORTANT! All participants are required to have their CSI membership card and valid Government-issued photo identification and must present it to all opposing players, teams, or staff upon request. If you have not received your membership card, please contact your League Manager immediately. There is a charge for replacement cards at the event.

Hotel Reservations - Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino

Book by June 29, 2018 to receive the special group rate of \$84/\$136. **NO RESORT FEES REQUIRED! NO PARKING FEES!**

- Online: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SRCUE8>
- Phone: (888) 746-6955; Group Code: **SRCUE8** (be aware that a processing charge may apply to phone reservations)

Dress Code

All events will follow Dress Code A (See Tournament Regulations) unless otherwise specified.

Player Ratings

FargoRate Rating Review

The USAPL National Office carefully reviews the ratings of all players who register. This process takes time. Therefore, the USAPL reserves the right to adjust starter ratings and correct errors at any time. To avoid any late rating issues, we highly encourage you to register early and ensure your rating and your teammate's ratings reflect their true skill level. **An adjustment of a starter rating or any other type of rating correction is not grounds for a refund.**

Rating Penalties

If there are any adjustments to players starter ratings that push a team over the rating limit the team will be assessed one penalty point for each point over the limit. There are no exceptions for starter rating adjustments.

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.** The USAPL reserves the right to disqualify any player without refund. Therefore, if you believe you are underrated, contact the USAPL prior to the registration deadline.

Mixed vs. Women's Events

While a Women's Team 8-Ball Championships is offered, FargoRate and the USAPL Handicap System provides the opportunity for women 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 divisions.

Original Player Requirements for All Mixed Team Divisions

Each team in the Mixed Team divisions are required to have at least two (2) Original Players on their rosters and Original Players must play the first two (2) sets of each match. An Original Player is defined as someone who has played at least eight (8) weeks with the team in the Spring Session. Teams may have more than two (2) Original Players on their roster and the status of being an Original Player will be confirmed by the USAPL National Office. Women's Team 8-Ball is not subject to the Original Player rule.

Start Times & Format

Divisions may begin as early as 9 a.m. on the dates listed on the entry form. However, various factors could delay start times. Always check the tournament brackets for the exact start time of your match or ask the Tournament Director. All divisions are true double elimination unless otherwise noted.

How to Avoid Forfeits

Each year, people forfeit matches because they do not follow the correct procedures. Matches are not announced at the event and there may be occasions when your table is not available at the scheduled time because prior matches are running late. You are responsible to be at your assigned table when it becomes available. Please review Appendix A – Using CTS (CueSports Tournament System) and the Tournament Regulations. These documents detail the process of avoiding forfeits. If you still need help, please ask our staff at the Tournament Director's desk. **Being forfeited as a result of not following the correct procedures (see the Golden Rule below) is not grounds for a refund or a credit.**

Golden Rule: If you are at your assigned table at the scheduled match time and do not leave, you cannot be forfeited.

Announcing Players & Pace of Play

All Matches will be played on the amount of tables assigned by the Tournament Director. Once a table is available, the team putting up the first player must name that player within two (2) minutes of the previous set's conclusion. Once that player has been named, the opponent must name their player within two (2) minutes. Both players have five (5) minutes to report to the table after being named. If teams do not put up players in a timely manner, they run the risk of forfeiting that set.

MIXED TEAM EVENTS

Team check-in is required for all divisions. The Team Captain or League Manager is responsible to check in your team and obtain your team's roster. You must provide your team roster to your opponent in each match to confirm player ratings and to identify which players are Original Players. Team Captains are responsible for their team rosters and there is a \$10 charge for reprinting them.

General Eligibility

- Team rosters must have five (5) league-qualified players with a maximum roster size of eight (8) players
- Teams must consist of at least two (2) Original Players. The first two (2) sets of each match must be played by Original Players.
- Non-Original Players must have played eight (8) weeks in one (1) session with the same team
- No player may be rated higher than 720.

Team Rating Limits

The team rating limits for all Mixed Team events is 2,375 for the five (5) players who play in each match. If a team goes over the rating limit, they will be assessed one (1) penalty point for each point over.

Mixed Team Divisions

| DIVISIONS | START | TEAM RATING LIMIT | RACE ¹ | ENTRY FEE ³ (by June 4) | ENTRY FEE ³ (June 5-25) | ENTRY FEE (on-site) |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 9-Ball Mixed Teams | 7/18 (Wed.) | 2,375 | Hdcp. | \$625 | \$675 | N/A |
| 8-Ball Mixed Teams | 7/21 (Sat.) | 2,375 | Hdcp. | \$625 | \$675 | N/A |
| 10-Ball Mixed Teams | 7/25 (Wed.) | 2,375 | Hdcp. | \$625 | \$675 | N/A |

1. All matches are played with the USAPL Handicap System based on FargoRate player ratings

2. Each entry includes a \$25/player green fee and \$475 towards the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

MIXED SINGLES

Check-in for singles divisions is not required. However, it is your responsibility to know when and where you play!

General Eligibility

- Mixed singles divisions are open to male and female league-qualified players only.
- All players must be USAPL members and have played a minimum of eight (8) full scheduled weeks during a single division session during the 2017-2018 league year (June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018).
- Players are only eligible to participate in singles events in the game in which they played the required weeks during the 2017-2018 league year.
- No person (male or female) may be rated higher than 720. If a player registers and is at 720 or below and their rating goes above 720 before the competition, they will have their entry fee refunded.
- League Manager Singles is open only to active USAPL League Managers.

Misc. Info

Mixed 8-Ball Singles

The Mixed 8-Ball Singles will be split into two divisions, Gold and Silver. The Gold division will contain the upper 50% of the field and the Silver division will contain the lower 50% of the field. The draw and the separation of divisions will be done after the refund deadline.

Mixed 9-Ball & 10-Ball Singles

Depending on the number of participants, the USAPL may separate the 9-Ball & 10-Ball Mixed Singles into two divisions or have them play as one division.

Mixed Singles Divisions

| DIVISIONS | START | RACE | ENTRY FEE ¹ (by June 4) | ENTRY FEE ¹ (June 5-25) | ENTRY FEE (on-site) |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| League Managers Singles | 7/18 (Wed.) | Hdcp. | \$150 | \$175 | N/A |
| Mixed 9-Ball Singles | 7/20 (Fri.) | Hdcp. | \$150 | \$175 | N/A |
| Mixed 8-Ball Singles | 7/23 (Mon.) | Hdcp. | \$150 | \$175 | N/A |
| Mixed 10-Ball Singles | 7/26 (Thur.) | Hdcp. | \$150 | \$175 | N/A |

1. Each entry includes a \$35 green fee and \$100 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

WOMEN'S TEAM

Team check-in is required for Women's 8-Ball Team Division. The Team Captain or League Manager is responsible to check in your team and obtain your team's roster. You must provide your team roster to your opponent in each match to confirm player ratings. The team captains are responsible for their team rosters and there is a \$10 charge for reprinting them.

General Eligibility

- Team rosters must have three (3) league-qualified players with a maximum roster size of five (5) players.
- Players must have played eight (8) weeks in one (1) session with any team.
- There is no Original Player Rule.
- No player may be rated higher than 660. If a player is rated 660 or below at the time of registration and her rating moves above 660 before the event, she will have her entry fee refunded.

Women's Team Divisions

| DIVISIONS | START | Team Rating Limit | RACE | ENTRY FEE ¹ (by June 4) | ENTRY FEE ¹ (June 5-25) | ENTRY FEE (on-site) |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Women's 8-Ball Team | 7/21 (Sat.) | 1,200 | Hdcp. | \$375 | \$405 | N/A |

1. Each entry includes a \$25/ player green fee and \$275 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

JUNIOR SINGLES

Check-in for singles divisions is not required. However, it is your responsibility to know when and where you play!

General Eligibility & Misc. Info

- Junior Singles divisions are open to all boys and girls age 17 and under. Participants must be accompanied by an adult.
- There is no league or CSI membership required.
- There are no cash payouts. Plaques or trophies are awarded to the top three (3) finishers.
- Races will be handicapped by FargoRate. Participants who do not have an established rating will be assigned a starter rating based on past performance, known ability, or age.
 - a. Age-based starter ratings: 16-17 (450), 14-15 (375), 12-13 (300), 11 & under (225)

Junior Singles Divisions

| DIVISIONS | START | AGE LIMIT | RACE ¹ | ENTRY FEE ² (by June 4) | ENTRY FEE ² (June 5-25) | ENTRY FEE ³ (on-site) |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Junior 9-Ball Singles | 7/25 (Wed.) | 17 & under | Hdcp. | \$20 | \$30 | \$40 |
| Junior 8-Ball Singles | 7/27 (Fri.) | 17 & under | Hdcp. | \$20 | \$30 | \$40 |

1. Races will be handicapped using FargoRate race chart R4, medium handicaps. Race charts can be found at <http://fairmatch.fargorate.com/>

2. Each entry includes a \$20 green fee and an admin fee that varies based on when the entry is submitted. The admin fee through June 4, 2018 is \$0. If submitted June 5-25, the admin fee is \$10.

3. The on-site registration deadline is 6pm on the day before the start date. If entry is submitted on-site, the admin fee increases by \$10.

MINI-TOURNAMENTS

We anticipate more than 700 mini-tournaments to be held during the 2018 USAPL National Championships. Many different formats will be offered such as handicapped, non-handicapped, 8-ball, 9-ball, 10-ball, etc. Those wishing to participate should visit the Mini-Tournament desk in the Brasilia Ballroom (just across the hallway from the Pavilion Ballroom).

General Eligibility & Misc. Info

- All players must be sanctioned members of a BCAPL or USAPL league and play a minimum of eight (8) full scheduled weeks during a single division session during the 2017-2018 league year (June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018).
 - a. NOTE: CSI Members are no longer eligible to play in mini-tournaments.
- Some mini-tournaments will have specific rating, gender, league, and other requirements.

CSI SINGLES

Check-in for singles divisions is not required. However, it is your responsibility to know when and where you play!

General Eligibility

- CSI Singles divisions are open to male and female players.
- All players must be either league-qualified or a CSI member.
 - a. League-Qualified: a sanctioned member of a BCAPL or USAPL league that has played a minimum of eight (8) full scheduled weeks during a single division session during the 2017-2018 league year (June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018).
 - b. CSI Member: a person who is not league-qualified but has purchased a current CSI membership
- No person (male or female) may be rated higher than 720 at the time of registration unless they are league-qualified.

Rating Changes

Individual Rating Increases

NOTE: The following does not apply to league-qualified members. There is a **10-point individual rating cushion**. If a CSI Member is rated 720 or lower at the time of registration but his or her rating naturally increases above 730 before the tournament, he or she will have the following options:

Option 1: Drop out of the division with a full entry fee refund

Option 2: Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over 730

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

CSI Singles Divisions

| DIVISIONS | START | RATING LIMIT ¹ | RACE | ENTRY FEE ² (by June 4) | ENTRY FEE ² (June 5-25) | ENTRY FEE ³ (on-site) |
|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CSI 9-Ball Singles | 7/23 (Mon.) | 720 | 7 | \$160 | \$185 | \$210 |
| CSI 10-Ball Singles | 7/25 (Wed.) | 720 | 7 | \$160 | \$185 | \$210 |
| CSI 8-Ball Singles | 7/27 (Fri.) | 720 | 7 | \$160 | \$185 | \$210 |

1. No person may be rated higher than 720 at the time of registration unless they are league-qualified.

2. Each entry includes a \$35 green fee and an admin fee that varies based on when the entry is submitted. The admin fee through June 4, 2018 is \$15. If submitted June 5-25, the admin fee increases by \$25.

3. The on-site registration deadline is 6pm on the day before the start date. If the entry is submitted on-site, the admin fee increases by \$25.

US OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

General Eligibility & Misc. Info

- The US Open 10-Ball & 8-Ball Championships are open to men and women of any skill level and limited to 64 players.
- There is no league or CSI membership requirement.
- Both events will be played at Griff's on 9-foot tables. There will be a 24-hr shuttle to and from the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino.
- The top 16 players according to FargoRate will be seeded in the bracket.

Dress Code

The dress code for the US Open Championships is more stringent than the dress code for the amateur league events. The differences are as follows:

Approved Clothing

- Dress pants or casual slacks
- Polo or button down style shirt with sleeves, fold over collar or UTG collar. Button down shirts may be worn unbuttoned 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.
- 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 appropriate rise in relation to the length of garment and may not be excessively baggy or loose fitting.
- Jeans, overalls, coveralls, and hats
- Headphones or ear pieces (unless medically needed)
- Commonly worn outerwear while on the tournament floor

Sponsor Logos and Patches

Players are entitled to wear logos on their apparel but each logo must not exceed 3" x 2" or six (6) square inches. The player shall submit to CueSports International (CSI), before his or her first match, examples of all 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 also reserves the right to require a player to display a logo on the player's apparel by an event sponsor.

US Open Championship Events

| DIVISIONS | START | LOCATION | RACE | ENTRY FEE ¹ (by June 4) | ENTRY FEE ¹ (June 5-25) | ENTRY FEE ² (on-site) |
|------------------------|-------------|----------|------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| US Open 10-Ball | 7/18 (Wed.) | Griff's | 9 | \$550 | \$575 | \$600 |
| US Open 8-Ball | 7/21 (Sat.) | Griff's | 8 | \$550 | \$575 | \$600 |

1. Each entry includes an admin fee that varies based on when the entry is submitted. The admin fee through June 4, 2018 is \$50. If submitted June 5-25, the admin increases by \$25.
2. The on-site registration deadline is 6pm on the day before the start date. If entry is submitted on-site, the admin fee increases by \$25.



We look forward to seeing you in Vegas!

