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NEW FOR THIS YEAR

No Male/Female Requirement for Scotch Doubles

Due to overwhelming feedback and having FargoRate to accurately rate players, the male/female requirement for scotch doubles has been eliminated. Scotch doubles teams may consist of male/female, male/male or female/female.

GENERAL INFO

The purpose of this document is to provide the necessary information about the event.

Important Dates

Oct 21: Early entry discount ends
Oct 21: Last day for personal checks
Oct 28: Las day to register online
Oct 28: Last day for refund requests
Nov 1: Last day to register on-site for scotch doubles (6pm)
Nov 2: Last day to register on-site for singles (noon)

Refunds

Refund requests must be received in writing by email, fax, or postal mail by Oct 28, 2019 and will be processed after Nov 11, 2019. A $20 processing fee will apply to all refund requests. Admin fees are non-refundable.

On-Site Registrations

Some divisions accept on-site registration. All on-site registrations must be cash only in US currency.

Digital Membership Card & Valid Photo ID Required

All participants are required to have their digital membership card and valid Government-issued photo ID and must present it to all opposing players, teams, or staff upon request. Your digital membership card can be found in your personal profile on the FargoRate mobile app which can be downloaded for free for Android and Apple devices. Physical cards are no longer produced so please

download the FargoRate app and have your digital membership card ready to show upon request. Failure to show your digital membership card and valid Government-issued photo ID can result in disqualification and forfeiture of entry fees and prize money.

USA Pool League Scoring System

The event will use the USA Pool League scoring system and races are determined by the USA Pool League Race-To Calculator (shorter races) which can be found at http://usaplraceto.azurewebsites.net. Games are scored with the winning player or team receiving 14 points and the losing player or 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 match, the winner of that game wins the match.

Fargo Ratings

FargoRate has replaced the outdated systems of subjectively classifying players as Open-Advanced-Master, A-B-C, 3-4-5, etc.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 preliminary rating based on any data in the FargoRate system and a starter rating assigned by CueSports International (CSI).

> Example: John has a Fargo Rating of 593 based on just 50 games. He was assigned a starter rating of 560 by CueSports International (CSI). John's preliminary rating would be calculated by a proportional combination of the two numbers (593 x 25%) + (560 x 75%). Therefore, John's preliminary rating would be 568. Starter ratings may be adjusted by CueSports International (CSI) at any time.

Rating Reviews

Mistakes happen. Therefore, we carefully review the ratings of all players who register. This process takes time and **we reserve the right to adjust starter ratings and correct errors at any time.** To avoid late rating issues, we encourage you to register early and make sure your rating and your teammate's ratings reflect actual skill level. **Any type of rating correction is not grounds for a refund.**

Please Note: You may register anytime. There is no need to wait until you actually reach the minimum weeks of play requirement (discussed later) to register. So please, **REGISTER EARLY**.

Don't Get Disqualified

We take player ratings very seriously. A player who intentionally enters an event with a 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. Don't get disqualified. If you believe you are underrated, contact CueSports International (CSI) prior to the registration deadline.

Plan Your Travel Carefully

We encourage you to allow plenty of time before and after the event for travel. CueSports International (CSI) is not responsible for travel-related issues that could cause you to miss your match and be forfeited. Matches are not delayed or accelerated to accommodate travel issues. Therefore, you are advised to arrive early.

SCOTCH DOUBLES

The winning team gets a free scotch doubles entry in the 2020 BCA Pool League World Championships or two free singles entries in the USA Pool League National Championships in Las Vegas (based on players' membership). Free entry is not transferable to another player or team.

General Eligibility

- There is no male/female requirement. Teams may consist of male/female, male/male or female/female.
- Both teammates must be current sanctioned members of a USA Pool League or BCA Pool League and play a minimum of three (3) full scheduled matches in a single division session between June 1, 2019 and Nov 1, 2019.
- No person (male or female) may be rated higher than 720 at the time of registration.

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: A 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.

Divisions (teams may be male/male, male/female, female/female)

DIVISIONS	START [1]	TEAM MAX [2] RATING	RACE [3]	EARLY ENTRY (by Oct 21)	LATE ENTRY [4] (Oct 22-28)	ON-SITE [4] ENTRY
8-Ball Gold [5]	11/2 (Sat) 9am	1,100	Hdcp	$40	$50	$60

1. Start times shown are the earliest possible start times. Actual start times may be later. Ask the Tournament Director for actual start times.
2. The team's combined rating may not exceed this limit at the time of registration.
3. The winner of the match is the first to reach their race-to number per the USAPL Race-To Calculator (shorter races). Please note that the team average must be used in the calculator.
4. Late and on-site entries include an admin fee. The late entry admin fee is $10/team. The on-site admin fee is $20/team. On-site entries for scotch doubles must be received by 6pm on Friday, Nov 1, 2019. On-site entries for singles must be received by noon on Saturday, Nov 2, 2019.
5. Field limited to 32 teams.

SINGLES

The winning player gets a free singles entry into either the 2020 BCA Pool League World Championships or USA Pool League National Championships in Las Vegas (based on players' membership). Free entry is not transferable to another player.

General Eligibility

- Must be current sanctioned members of a USA Pool League or BCA Pool League and play a minimum of three (3) full scheduled matches in a single division session between June 1, 2019 and Nov 1, 2019.
- No person (male or female) may be rated higher than 720 at the time of registration.

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8-Ball Singles [5]	11/2 (Sat) 2pm	720	Hdcp	$25	$35	$45

1. Start times shown are the earliest possible start times. Actual start times may be later. Ask the Tournament Director for actual start times.
2. The team's combined rating may not exceed this limit at the time of registration.
3. The winner of the match is the first to reach their race-to number per the USAPL Race-To Calculator.
4. Late and on-site entries include an admin fee. The late entry admin fee is $10/team. The on-site admin fee is $20/team. On-site entries for scotch doubles must be received by 6pm on Friday, Nov 1, 2019. On-site entries for singles must be received by noon on Saturday, Nov 2, 2019.
5. Field limited to 64 players.