

2019 BCA POOL LEAGUE NORTHERN BC CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT GUIDE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Important Dates

May 20: **SAVE \$!** Last day for early entry discount
 May 20: Last day for mailed entries
 May 20: Last day for refund requests
 May 27: Last day to register online

Refunds & Changes

Refund requests must be received in writing by email, fax, or postal mail by May 13, 2019 and will be processed after Jun. 10, 2019. A \$20 processing fee will apply to all refund requests. Division change requests must be received by May 27, 2019 and a \$10/person admin fee applies. Roster change requests must be received before the division draw and a \$10/player admin fee applies. Admin fees are non-refundable.

FargoRate

FargoRate has replaced the outdated system of subjectively classifying players as 6, 7, 8, 9, etc. All ratings will be based on FargoRate. Players with provisional ratings (less than 200 robustness) may have their rating adjusted based on known ability. FargoRate rates both male and female players on the same scale. **All divisions, including the scotch doubles division have no gender restrictions.**

Don't Get Disqualified!

We take ratings very seriously. Intentionally entering with an incorrect rating is cheating. **Be aware that we have tools in place to monitor those who consistently and significantly perform above their rating during the event.** We reserve the right to disqualify any person without refund. Therefore, if you believe your rating is incorrect, contact CSI prior to the registration deadline to have your rating reviewed.

No Changes after the Draw!

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

Dress Code

Shirt with a fold over collar, closed-toe shoes, shorts or pants to be knee length or longer, no exercise wear (leggings or sweats), nothing offensive, no holes or tatters by design or otherwise, hats forward or back, team shirts are not required but are always encouraged.

Know Your Match Time & Location!

Matches are not announced at the event. You are responsible to read the tournament brackets and know when and where your matches are scheduled. Please review Appendix A – Using CTS (CueSports Tournament System). If you still need help, please ask tournament staff for assistance.

Eligibility

No player may be rated higher than 720 at the time of registration. You must be a current member of a BCA Pool League or USA Pool League and play a minimum of four (4) full, scheduled weeks during the 2018-2019 league year (June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019) before the division's start.

Rules of Play

Play will be governed by the Official Rules of Cue Sports International. Rack templates are permitted but not mandatory. Their use must be declared before the match begins, and you must allow your opponent to use yours if you elect it's use. Lag for break takes precedence.

Distribution of Added Moneys

Added moneys for each division is based on the number of players participating in each division.

SCOTCH DOUBLES (8-BALL)

Scotch Doubles (Handicapped Races)

Teams register for scotch doubles based on the members' combined Fargo Ratings. Entry fees and start dates are listed on the entry form. Depending on entries, this division may not complete the same day.

- Team Rating Limit: The team's combined Fargo Rating may not exceed 1,150 at the time of registration
- Handicapped Races: **Hot handicaps using FargoRate Chart R3** (team average used to determine races)
- Format: Alternate break, rack your own, true double elimination. There are no gender restrictions to form a scotch doubles team.
- Fees: Each team entry includes a \$50 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Team Rating Increases

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

- Option 1:* Replace one (1) teammate to get back within the division limit (replacement must meet all other eligibility requirements)
Option 2: Play and accept a 1-game penalty in each match for every 50 points over the cushion. This is in addition to any handicaps.

Example:

A Scotch Doubles team is below the 1,150 limit at the time of registration but their rating naturally increases to 1,168 (18 pts. over the limit) – there is no penalty because it does not exceed the 20-point cushion. If their rating increases to 1,172 (32 pts. over the cushion), they will incur a one-game penalty in each match. A penalty reduces the race for the opponent.

Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point “cushion” if a person is rated 720 or lower at the time of registration but his or her rating naturally increases above 720 before the tournament. If a person’s rating moves beyond 730, the team will have the following options:

- Option 1:* Replace the player (replacement must meet all other eligibility requirements)
Option 2: Play and accept a 1-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over 730. This is in addition to any handicaps.

Example: *A teammate has a rating of 717 at the time of registration but it naturally increases to 735 before the tournament (5 pts. over the cushion), the team will incur a 1-game penalty in each match. If the same person’s rating increases to 758 (28 pts. over the cushion), the team will incur a 2-game penalty in each match. A penalty reduces the race for the opponent.*

SINGLES

8-Ball Singles (Handicapped Races)

After registration ends, the entire field will be separated into two (2) divisions based on the Fargo Ratings of all participants.

- **Gold Division:** *Upper half of field (approx.)*
 - Handicapped Races: **Hot handicaps using FargoRate Chart R5**
 - Format: Alternate break, rack your own, true double elimination
 - Fees: Each entry includes \$55 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.
- **Silver Division:** *Lower half of field (approx.)*
 - Handicapped Races: **Hot handicaps using FargoRate Chart R5**
 - Format: Alternate break, rack your own, true double elimination
 - Fees: Each entry includes \$55 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.
- **Juniors Division:**
 - Eligibility: A BCA Pool League membership is not required
 - Age Restriction: Players must be 17 years of age or less and be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please have proof of age.
 - Handicapped Races: **Hot handicaps using FargoRate Chart R3**
 - Format: Alternate break, rack your own, true double elimination
 - Prizes: Gift certificates will be provided for 25% of the field.
 - Added Money: This division is not eligible for added money

10-Ball Singles (Handicapped Races)

After registration ends, the entire field will be separated into two (2) divisions based on the Fargo Ratings of all participants.

- **Gold Division:** *Upper half of field (approx.)*
 - Eligibility: A BCA Pool League membership is not required
 - Handicapped Races: **Hot handicaps using FargoRate Chart R5**
 - Format: Alternate break, rack your own, true double elimination
 - Fees: Each entry includes \$55 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.
 - Added Money: This division is not eligible for added money
- **Silver Division:** *Lower half of field (approx.)*
 - Eligibility: A BCA Pool League membership is not required
 - Handicapped Races: **Hot handicaps using FargoRate Chart R5**
 - Format: Alternate break, rack your own, true double elimination
 - Fees: Each entry includes \$55 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.
 - Added Money: This division is not eligible for added money

Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point “cushion” if a player is rated 720 or lower at the time of registration but their rating naturally increases above those limits before the tournament. If a rating increases beyond 730 they must play and accept a 1-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over the cushion (730). This is in addition to any handicaps.

Example: A player had a rating of 718 at the time of registration but it naturally increases to 732 before the tournament (2 pts. over the cushion), they will incur a 1-game penalty in each match. If their rating increases to 756 (26 pts. over the cushion), they will incur a 2-game penalty in each match. A penalty reduces the race for the opponent.

Teams (8 BALL)

Team Check-In Required

The Team Captain or League Operator must check in at the Tournament Desk prior to the start of the division and get an official team roster. The official roster and photo IDs of all teammates must be presented to all opposing teams and tournament staff upon request.

Gold Teams

- Team Size: Four (4) core members and a max of one (1) substitute
- Rating Limits: The team’s combined rating of the core roster may not exceed 2400 at the time of registration.
- Handicapped Races: **Hot handicaps using FargoRate Chart R11** (team average is used to determine the races)
- Format: Rack your own, true double elimination
- Fees: Each team entry includes \$275 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Silver Teams

- Team Size: Four (4) core members and a max of one (1) substitutes
- Team Rating Limit: The team’s combined rating of the core roster may not exceed 2000 at the time of registration.
- Handicapped Races: **Hot handicaps using FargoRate Chart R11** (team average is used to determine the races)
- Format: Rack your own, true double elimination
- Fees: Each team entry includes \$175 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Team Rating Increases

There is a 10-point per core player “cushion” if a team is eligible for a specific division at the time of registration but one or more members’ ratings naturally increases before the tournament to push the team over the limit. If the team rating moves beyond the cushion, it will have the following options:

- Option 1: Move up into the next division (if possible)
- Option 2: Replace one or more teammates to get back within the division limit (replacements must meet all other eligibility requirements)
- Option 3: Play and accept a 1-game penalty in each match for every 50 points over the cushion. This is in addition to any handicaps.

Example: A Gold Team is below the 2,400 limit at the time of registration but its rating naturally increases to 2,453 (53 pts. over the cushion), they will incur a 1-game penalty in each match. If their rating increases to 2,477 (77 pts. over the cushion), they will incur a 2-game penalty in each match. A penalty reduces the race for the opponent.

Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point “cushion” if a person is rated 720 or lower at the time of registration but his or her rating naturally increases above 720 before the tournament. If a person’s rating increases beyond 730, the team will have the following options:

- Option 1: Move up into the next division (if possible)
- Option 2: Replace the teammate (replacement must meet other eligibility requirements)
- Option 3: Play and accept a 1-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over 730. This is in addition to any handicaps.

Example: A team member had a rating of 716 at the time of registration but it naturally increased to 735 before the tournament (5 pts. over the cushion), the team will incur a 1-game penalty in each match. If the same person’s rating increases to 758 (28 pts. over the cushion), the team will incur a 2-game penalty in each match. A penalty reduces the race for the opponent.