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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (JULY 17-27, 2019)



## NEW FOR 2019

### Shorter Races Now Being Used

The 2019 USA Pool League (USAPL) National Championships will be played using the Shorter Races. We made this decision to reduce match lengths for teams and singles events. This will allow for fewer match conflicts and keep the tournament running on schedule.

### All Mixed Team Divisions Are Now 5-Players

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

### League Manager's Singles Division

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

### Predator World 10-Ball Championship at the Rio

Predator and CueSports International (CSI) are excited to announce a partnership that will bring the World 10-Ball Championship to the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino during the USA Pool League National Championships.

This World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA)-sanctioned Category 1 World Championship, with \$100,000 added prize money, will be the first ever World 10-Ball Championship in the United States. This is huge because no WPA-sanctioned World Championship in 8-ball, 9-ball or 10-ball has occurred in the United States since 1997, when Johnny Archer won the World 9-Ball Championship in Chicago.

This prestigious event will be played on 9-ft pool tables in the Pavilion Ballroom of the Rio Convention Center and will be free for all spectators, including participants of the USA Pool League events. You can't get this at any other league event.

### Las Vegas 9-Ball Open at the Rio

Predator & CueSports International will also provide the \$25,000 added Las Vegas 9-Ball Open which will be played on 9-foot tables in the Pavilion Ballroom of the Rio Hotel & Casino. It will be a WPA ranking event and open to anyone but limited to the first 128 players who register.

## 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 3:** Early entry discount ends  **SAVE MONEY!**  
**June 10:** Last day for personal checks  
**June 25:** Registration ends for most events  **DON'T MISS OUT!**  
**June 28:** Last day for refund requests  
**July 1:** TBA names due  
**July 5:** Last day for division change requests

### Refunds & Division Changes

Refund requests must be received in writing by email, fax, or postal mail by June 28, 2019 and will be processed after Aug. 12, 2019. Admin fees are non-refundable and an additional \$20 processing fee applies to each entry refunded. Division change requests must be received by July 5, 2019 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 28, 2018 to receive the special group rate of \$86/\$140. **NO RESORT FEES REQUIRED! NO PARKING FEES!**

- Online: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SRCUE9>
- Phone: (888) 746-6955; Group Code: **SRCUE9** (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

The USA Pool League carefully reviews the ratings of all players who register. This process takes time. Therefore, 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 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 any adjustments to starter ratings push a team over the maximum rating limit, the team will be assessed one penalty point for each point over the limit.

### 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 vs. Women's Events

While a Women's Team division is offered, FargoRate and the USA Pool League 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.

## 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.

# MIXED TEAM DIVISIONS

Team check-in is required for all divisions and begin at 8:00 AM, July 17, 2019. The Team Captain or League Manager is responsible to check in teams and obtain team rosters. Teams must provide a copy of their team roster to all opponents to confirm player ratings and to identify which players are Original Players. Team Captains are responsible for team rosters and there is a \$10 charge for reprinting them.

## General Eligibility

- Team rosters must have five (5) USA Pool 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 Shirts Are Required

All team members on the roster must be wearing matching team shirts. For a full list of requirements for team shirts, please see the Tournament Regulations.

## 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 surpasses this limit, it will be assessed one (1) penalty point for each point over.

## Announcing Players & Pace of Play

All Matches will be played on the number 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.

## Original Player Requirements for All Mixed Team Divisions

All teams 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 USA Pool League. It is the Team Captain's responsibility to confirm the status of their Original Players upon registration. Women's Team 8-Ball is not subject to the Original Player rule.



## Mixed Team Divisions

DIVISIONS	START	TEAM RATING LIMIT	RACE <sup>1</sup>	ENTRY FEE <sup>2</sup> (by June 3)	ENTRY FEE <sup>2</sup> (June 4-24)	ENTRY FEE (on-site)
<b>9-Ball Mixed Teams</b>	7/17 (Wed)	2,375	Hdcp.	\$625	\$675	N/A
<b>8-Ball Mixed Teams</b>	7/21 (Sun)	2,375	Hdcp.	\$625	\$675	N/A
<b>10-Ball Mixed Teams</b>	7/25 (Thu)	2,375	Hdcp.	\$625	\$675	N/A

1. All matches are played with the USA Pool League Handicap System powered by FargoRate.

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

## WOMEN'S TEAM

Team check-in is required for Women's 8-Ball Team Division and begin at 8:00 AM, July 17, 2019. The Team Captain or League Manager is responsible to check in teams and obtain team rosters. Teams must provide the team roster to all opponents to confirm player ratings. Team Captains are responsible for team rosters and there is a \$10 charge for reprinting them.

### General Eligibility

- Team rosters must have three (3) USA Pool 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 <sup>1</sup>	ENTRY FEE <sup>2</sup> (by June 3)	ENTRY FEE <sup>2</sup> (June 4-24)	ENTRY FEE (on-site)
<b>Women's 8-Ball Teams</b>	7/21 (Sun)	1,275	Hdcp.	\$375	\$405	N/A

1. All matches are played with the USA Pool League Handicap System powered by FargoRate.

2. Each entry includes a \$25/player green fee and \$275 toward 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 USA Pool 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 2018-2019 league year (June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019).
- Players are only eligible to participate in singles events in the game in which they played the required weeks during the 2018-2019 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 USA Pool League Managers.

### Mixed 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles

Mixed 8-Ball and 9-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 10-Ball Singles

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

## Mixed Singles Divisions

DIVISIONS	START	RACE <sup>1</sup>	ENTRY FEE <sup>2</sup> (by June 3)	ENTRY FEE <sup>2</sup> (June 4-24)	ENTRY FEE (on-site)
<b>Mixed 9-Ball Singles</b>	7/19 (Fri)	Hdcp.	\$150	\$175	N/A
<b>League Manager Singles</b>	7/20 (Sat)	Hdcp.	\$150	\$175	N/A
<b>Mixed 8-Ball Singles</b>	7/23 (Tue)	Hdcp.	\$150	\$175	N/A
<b>Mixed 10-Ball Singles</b>	7/26 (Fri)	Hdcp.	\$150	\$175	N/A

1. All matches are played with the USA Pool League Handicap System powered by FargoRate.

2. Each entry includes a \$35 green fee and \$100 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 <sup>1</sup>	ENTRY FEE <sup>2</sup> (by June 3)	ENTRY FEE <sup>2</sup> (June 4-24)	ENTRY FEE <sup>3</sup> (on-site)
<b>Junior 9-Ball Singles</b>	7/24 (Wed)	17 & under	Hdcp.	\$20	\$30	\$40
<b>Junior 8-Ball Singles</b>	7/26 (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 3, 2019 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 2019 USA Pool League 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 BCA Pool League or USA Pool League and play a minimum of eight (8) full scheduled weeks during a single division session during the 2018-2019 league year (June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019) or...
- Be a CSI Member and pay a \$35 green fee
- 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 BCA Pool League or USA Pool League that has played a minimum of eight (8) full scheduled weeks during a single division session during the 2018-2019 league year (June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019).

- 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 <sup>1</sup>	RACE	ENTRY FEE <sup>2</sup> (by June 3)	ENTRY FEE <sup>2</sup> (June 4-24)	ENTRY FEE <sup>3</sup> (on-site)
<b>CSI 9-Ball Singles</b>	7/22 (Mon)	720	7	\$160	\$185	\$210
<b>CSI 10-Ball Singles</b>	7/24 (Wed)	720	7	\$160	\$185	\$210
<b>CSI 8-Ball Singles</b>	7/26 (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 3, 2019 is \$15. If submitted June 4-24, 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.