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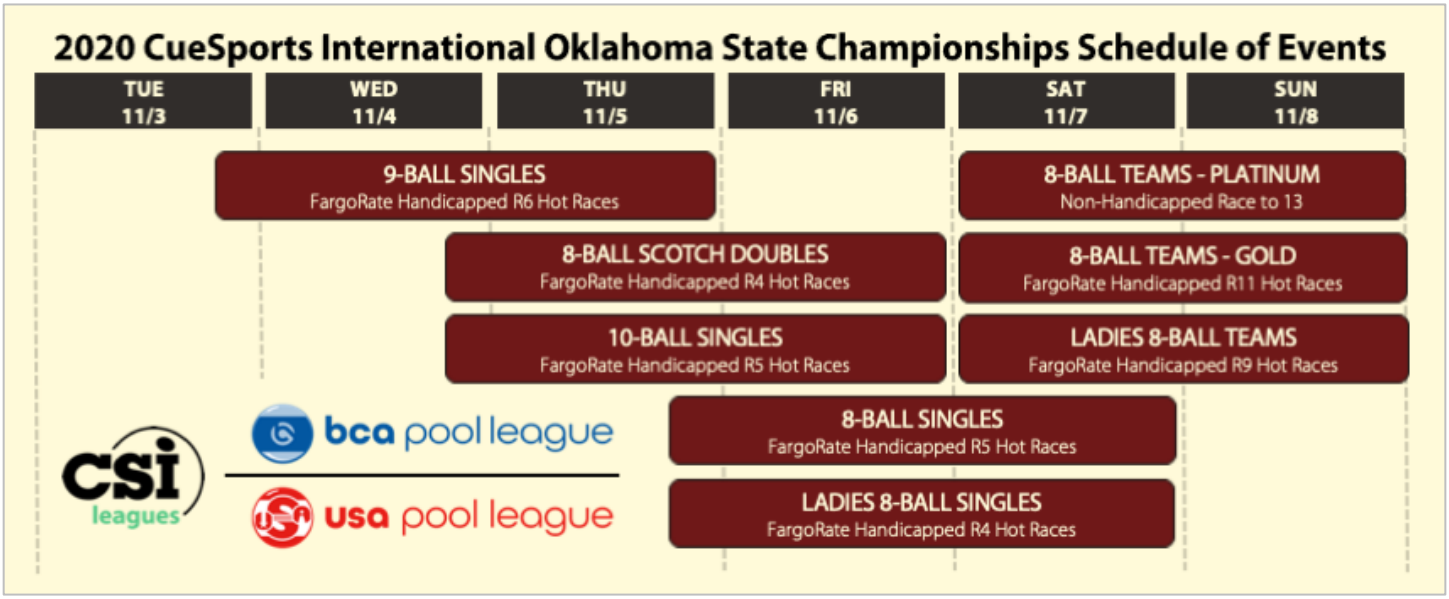
NEW FOR THIS YEAR

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.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



NOTE: Although every attempt will be made to complete the divisions by the days indicated above, various factors could extend any of the divisions into subsequent days. All participants should be prepared to compete through Sunday, Nov 8.

GENERAL INFO

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

Important Dates

Oct 5: Last day for early entry discount
Oct 12: Last day for mailed entries & personal checks
Oct 26: Last day for hotel discount
Oct 26: Last day for refund & change requests
Oct 26: Last day to register online
Nov 3: Event begins

Refunds & Changes

Refund & change requests must be received in writing by email, fax, or postal mail by Oct 26, 2020 and will be processed after Nov 16, 2020. Admin fees are non-refundable and an additional $20 processing fee applies to each entry refunded. A $10/player processing fee applies to each change.

On-Site Registrations

All on-site registrations must be cash only in US currency and received by 6pm on the day before the start date for teams and by noon on the start day of the other divisions.

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 automatic disqualification and forfeiture of entry fees and prize money.

Hotel Reservations – Apache Casino Resort

Book by Oct 26, 2020 to receive the special group rate of $99/night.
Phone reservations: Call **580-248-5905** and mention group code **G2011PT**.
Online reservations: Click here

Dress Code

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

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.

> **Example**: John has a Fargo Rating of 593 based on just 50 games. He was assigned a starter rating of 560 by CueSports International. 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 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**.

Rating Penalties

Each division has a team and/or individual rating cushion to allow for minor and natural rating increases after registration. If a rating naturally increases beyond the cushion, game penalties may be applied. If a player or team has incurred a game penalty, the opponent will race to one game less. If both teams in a match have been penalized, the penalty in that match will be the difference between the two penalties. For example, if Team A has a one-game penalty and Team B has a two-game penalty, Team B will incur a one-game penalty in that match. If both teams have a one-game penalty, there will be no penalty.

Please Note: The rating cushion applies only to ratings that have naturally increased as a result of additional data in FargoRate. A change or correction of a starter rating is not a natural increase.

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 prior to the registration deadline.

Ladies Events

While ladies divisions are offered, FargoRate provides the opportunity for ladies to compete on a level playing field against men. A lady rated 450 plays at the same level as a man rated 450. Therefore, ladies are welcomed and encouraged to participate in all divisions.

Start Times & Format

Divisions may begin as early as the times listed. However, various factors could delay start times and a delayed start is not grounds for a refund. Always check the tournament brackets at www.ctsondemand.com for the exact start time of your match or ask the Tournament Director. All divisions are alternate break, rack your own, true double elimination format unless otherwise noted.

Plan Your Travel Carefully

We encourage you to allow plenty of time before and after the event for travel. CueSports International is not responsible for airline delays, lost luggage, traffic jams or any other travel-related issue 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 no later than the day before your division(s) begin and leave no sooner than the day after the event ends.

How to Avoid Forfeits

People sometimes 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 earlier 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 the Tournament Director. 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 of any kind.

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

Match Conflicts

Play in as many divisions as possible to get the most out of the experience. You are free to register for divisions that overlap. However, we are only able to schedule around select overlapping divisions as noted in the table below. If match conflicts occur that are not specified in the second column below, the player or team must forfeit one of the conflicting matches without refund.

If you're in…	We WILL schedule around…	We WILL NOT schedule around…
9-Ball Singles	8-Ball Scotch Doubles, 10-Ball Singles, 8-Ball Singles, Ladies 8-Ball Singles	- - -
8-Ball Scotch Doubles	9-Ball Singles, 8-Ball Singles, Ladies 8-Ball Singles	10-Ball Singles
10-Ball Singles	9-Ball Singles, 8-Ball Singles, Ladies 8-Ball Singles	8-Ball Scotch Doubles
8-Ball Singles	9-Ball Singles, 8-Ball Scotch Doubles, 10-Ball Singles, 8-Ball Teams Platinum, 8-Ball Teams Gold, Ladies 8-Ball Teams	Ladies 8-Ball Singles
Ladies 8-Ball Singles	9-Ball Singles, 8-Ball Scotch Doubles, 10-Ball Singles, 8-Ball Teams Platinum, 8-Ball Teams Gold, Ladies 8-Ball Teams	8-Ball Singles
8-Ball Teams Platinum	8-Ball Singles, Ladies 8-Ball Singles	8-Ball Teams Gold, Ladies 8-Ball Teams
8-Ball Teams Gold	8-Ball Singles, Ladies 8-Ball Singles	8-Ball Teams Platinum, Ladies 8-Ball Teams
Ladies 8-Ball Teams	8-Ball Singles, Ladies 8-Ball Singles	8-Ball Teams Platinum, 8-Ball Teams Gold

SCOTCH DOUBLES

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

Eligibility

- NEW: There is no male/female requirement. Teams may consist of male/female, male/male or female/female.
- Both teammates must meet **both** of the following requirements:
  - Be current members of either the BCA Pool League or USA Pool League
  - Play a minimum of six (6) full scheduled matches during the 2020 calendar year (Jan 1 – Nov 3)
- No person may be rated higher than 720 at the time of registration.

Team Rating Increases

There is a 20-point team rating cushion. If a team is eligible at the time of registration, but one or more members' ratings naturally increase to push them over the limit plus the cushion, it has the following options:

Option 1: Replace one (1) player to get back within the division limit (must still meet all other eligibility requirements)
Option 2: Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 50 points over the cushion

Example: A team is below the 1,100 limit at the time of registration but their rating naturally increases to 1,118 (18 pts. over the limit) – there is no penalty in the match because it did not exceed the 20-point team rating cushion. If their rating naturally increases to 1,152 (32 pts. over the cushion), they will incur a one-game penalty in each match.

Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point individual rating cushion. If a person is rated 720 or lower at the time of registration, but his or her rating naturally increases over the limit plus the cushion, the team has the following options:

Option 1: Replace the player (must still meet all other eligibility requirements)
Option 2: Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over the cushion

Example: A player has a rating of 717 at the time of registration but it naturally increases to 735 afterwards (5 pts. over the cushion), the team will incur a one-game penalty in each match. If the same player's rating increases to 758 (28 pts. over the cushion), the team will incur a two-game penalty in each match.

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

DIVISIONS (8-ball)	START [1]	MAX TEAM [2] RATING	RACE [3]	EARLY ENTRY [4] (by Oct 5)	LATE ENTRY [4] (Oct 6-26)	ON-SITE [4, 5] ENTRY
Scotch Doubles [6]	11/4 (Wed) 4pm	1,100	R4 Hot	$80	$100	$120

1. Start times shown are the earliest possible start times. Actual start times may be later. Check the brackets or ask the Tournament Director for actual times.
2. The team's combined rating may not exceed these limits at the time of registration.
3. Races are handicapped based on FargoRate race chart R4, hot handicaps.
4. Each entry includes a $15 green fee and $50 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.
5. On-site entries must be received by noon on Wednesday, Nov 4, 2020.
6. $750 added to the prize fund based on 64 teams.

SINGLES

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

Eligibility

- All players must meet **both** of the following requirements:
  - Be a current member of either the BCA Pool League or USA Pool League
  - Play a minimum of six (6) full scheduled matches during the 2020 calendar year (Jan 1 – Nov 3)
- Ladies divisions are open to females only. All other divisions are open to anyone.
- For Ladies divisions, no lady may be rated higher than 660 at the time of registration. For all other divisions, no person may be rated higher than 720 at the time of registration.

Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point individual rating cushion. If a person is rated 720 (660 for Ladies Singles) or lower at the time of registration, but his or her rating naturally increases above 730 (670 for Ladies Singles), he or she has the following options:

Option 1: Move to another division (if possible) and pay any difference in entry fees
Option 2: Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over 730 (or 670)

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

Divisions

DIVISIONS	START [1]	COMPOSITION (approx.)	RACE [2]	EARLY ENTRY [3] (by Oct 5)	LATE ENTRY [3] (Oct 6-26)	ON-SITE [3,4] ENTRY
9-Ball Singles [7]						
9-Ball Singles	11/3 (Tue) 4pm	All	R6 Hot	$75	$90	$105
10-Ball Singles [7]						
10-Ball Singles	11/4 (Wed) 4pm	All	R5 Hot	$75	$90	$105
8-Ball Singles [5, 7]						
Platinum Division	11/5 (Thu) 4pm	Upper half of field	R5 Hot	$75	$90	$105
Gold Division	11/5 (Thu) 4pm	Lower half of field	R5 Hot	$75	$90	$105
Ladies 8-Ball Singles [6, 7]						
8-Ball Singles	11/5 (Thu) 4pm	All	R4 Hot	$75	$90	$105

1. Start times shown are the earliest possible start times. Actual start times may be later. Check the brackets or ask the Tournament Director for actual times.
2. Races are handicapped based on the indicated FargoRate race chart, hot handicaps.
3. Each entry includes a $15 green fee and $50 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.
4. On-site entries must be received by noon on the start date of the division.
5. Players register without knowing exactly which subdivision they will compete in (i.e. Platinum or Gold). After registration ends, the field is separated into two divisions based on players' Fargo ratings, approximate percentages shown and bracket sizes. The percentages shown are approximations and are subject to change based on the skill levels of the participants and bracket sizes.
6. Open to ladies only rated 660 or lower at the time of registration.
7. $750 added to the prize fund based on 64 players.

TEAMS

Team Check-In & Rosters

Team check-in is required and begins at noon on Friday, Nov 6, 2020. 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 valid Government-issued photo ID of all players must be presented to all opposing teams and event staff upon request.

Team Shirts

Team shirts are encouraged but not required.

Eligibility

- All teammates must meet **both** of the following requirements:
  - Be current members of either the BCA Pool League or USA Pool League
  - Play a minimum of six (6) full scheduled matches during the 2020 calendar year (Jan 1 – Nov 3)
- For Ladies Teams, no lady may be rated higher than 660 at the time of registration. For all other divisions, no person (male or female) may be rated higher than 720 at the time of registration.

Core Roster & Substitutions

The "core" roster is used to determine the total team rating. Players designated as substitutes may not replace a lower-rated core player during competition.

Team Rating Increases

There is a 10-point per core player team rating cushion. If a team is eligible for a division at the time of registration but one or more members' ratings naturally increase to push them over the limit plus the cushion, it has the following options:

Option 1: Move up into the next division (if possible) and pay any difference in entry fees
Option 2: Replace one or more players to get back within the division limit (must still meet other eligibility requirements)
Option 3: Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 50 points over the cushion

Example: A Platinum 8-Ball Team is below the 1,800 limit at the time of registration but their team rating naturally increases to 1,873 (43 pts. over the cushion). They will incur a one-game penalty in each match. If their rating naturally increases to 1,907 (77 pts. over the cushion), they will incur a two-game penalty in each match.

Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point individual rating cushion. If a person (male or female) is rated 720 or lower in Teams, or a female is rated 660 or lower in Ladies Teams at the time of registration, but his or her rating naturally increases above 730 (Teams) or 670 (Ladies Teams), the team has the following options:

Option 1: Replace the player (must still meet other eligibility requirements)
Option 2: Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over the cushion (730 or 670)

Example: A male has a rating of 716 at the time of registration but it naturally increases to 735 (5 pts. over the cushion), the team will incur a one-game penalty in each match. If the same person's rating increases to 758 (28 pts. over the cushion), the team will incur a two-game penalty in each match.

Divisions

DIVISIONS	START [1]	PLAYERS [2] (core/sub)	MAX TEAM [3] RATING	MAX PLAYER RATING	RACE	EARLY ENTRY [4] (by Oct 5)	LATE ENTRY [4] (Oct 6-26)	ON-SITE [4] ENTRY
Platinum [5, 8]	11/7 (Sat) 9am	3/1	1,800	720	13	$300	$330	$360
Gold [6, 8]	11/7 (Sat) 9am	5/2	2,750	720	R11 Hot	$400	$450	$500
Ladies [6, 7, 8]	11/7 (Sat) 9am	3/1	1,500	660	R9 Hot	$240	$270	$300

1. Start times shown are the earliest possible start times. Actual start times may be later. Check the brackets or ask the Tournament Director for actual times.
2. The first number is the number of players on the core roster. The second number is the maximum number of substitutes on the roster.
3. The team's combined rating of the core roster may not exceed these limits at the time of registration.
4. Each entry includes a $25 green fee and an admin fee that varies based on when the entry is submitted. The early entry admin fee is $25. If entry is submitted after Oct 5, the admin fee increases by $10/core player. If submitted on-site, the admin fee increases by an additional $10/core player. On-site entries must be received by 6pm on the day before the start date.
5. This division is non-handicapped.
6. This division is handicapped by the indicated FargoRate race chart.
7. This division is open to ladies only.
8. $1,000 added to the prize fund based on 32 teams.