

# PLAYER GUIDE

## 2020 WPA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

April 7-11



LAS VEGAS

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CHAMPIONSHIP

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## NEW FOR THIS YEAR

### Overall Duration Reduced From 8 to 5 Days

The 2019 edition of the WPA Players Championship was held over eight days (April 12-19). This year's event is being reduced to five days (April 7-11) just ahead of the US Open 9-Ball Championship (April 13-18), also in Las Vegas. This is being done to reduce the time players must remain in Las Vegas and thus, reduce cost for them.

### Stage 1 Qualifiers Reduced From 4 to 2 Days

In 2019, there were four Stage 1 Qualification events, one per day, in which the final four players from each day earned a spot in the Stage 2 Main Event. This year, there will be two Stage 1 Qualification events, one per day, in which the top eight players from each day will earn a spot in the Stage 2 Main Event.

### Stage 2 Main Event Reduced From 4 to 3 Days

In 2019, the Stage 2 Main Event was played over four days. This year, the 64-player event will be played over three days.

## GENERAL INFO

The 2020 WPA Players Championship is a WPA category 3 ranking event. The game is 9-ball.

### Sponsors & Equipment

Andy Billiard Cloth • CueSports International • Cyclop Balls • Diamond Billiard Products • Griff's Billiards • HOW Tips Predator • Master Billiard Chalk

### Links

Event Webpage: [www.playcspool.com/2020-wpa-players-championship](http://www.playcspool.com/2020-wpa-players-championship)

Facebook Event Page: [www.facebook.com/events/2630164693936578/](https://www.facebook.com/events/2630164693936578/)

Rules of Play: [wpapool.com/rules-of-play/](http://wpapool.com/rules-of-play/)

Dress Code: [wpapool.com/rule-regulations/#Dress-Code](http://wpapool.com/rule-regulations/#Dress-Code)

Brackets: [www.playcspool.com/2020-wpa-players-championship](http://www.playcspool.com/2020-wpa-players-championship)

Live Streaming: [www.playcspool.com/2020-wpa-players-championship](http://www.playcspool.com/2020-wpa-players-championship)

Live Scoring: [www.playcspool.com/2020-wpa-players-championship](http://www.playcspool.com/2020-wpa-players-championship)

### Entry Fees

| STAGES                                   | DATES    | FIELD SIZE | RACE | EARLY ENTRY <sup>1</sup><br>(by Mar 9) | LATE ENTRY <sup>1</sup><br>(Mar 9-30) | ON-SITE <sup>1</sup><br>ENTRY |
|--|----------|------------|------|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Stage 1 – Qualifiers <sup>2</sup></b> |          |            |      |  |                                       |                               |
| Qualifier 1 & 2                          | Apr 7-8  | Unlimited  | 5    | \$275                                  | \$300                                 | \$325                         |
| Qualifier 1                              | Apr 7    | Unlimited  | 5    | \$175                                  | \$200                                 | \$225                         |
| Qualifier 2                              | Apr 8    | Unlimited  | 5    | \$175                                  | \$200                                 | \$225                         |
| <b>Stage 2 – Main Event <sup>3</sup></b> |          |            |      |  |                                       |                               |
| Main Event                               | Apr 9-11 | 64         | 7/9  | \$275                                  | \$275                                 | \$275                         |
| <b>Consolation Event <sup>4</sup></b>    |          |            |      |  |                                       |                               |
| Consolation Event                        | Apr 9-11 | 32         | 5    | N/A                                    | N/A                                   | N/A                           |

- Each entry includes a \$25 green fee.
- There will be two Stage 1 qualification events, one per day, in which the top eight players from each day will earn a spot in the Stage 2 main event. Players may register for both qualification events at a discounted rate. If a player registers for both qualifier events and finishes in the top eight of the first one, he or she advances to Stage 2 and will not be permitted to play in Qualifier 2.
- The Main Event is comprised on 48 players invited by the WPA and its member federations. The remaining 16 players come from the Stage 1 qualifiers.
- The Consolation Event is comprised of the round 1 losers from the Main Event. No additional entry fee is required.

### Refunds

Refund requests must be received in writing via email by March 15, 2020 and will be processed after April 13, 2020. A \$20 processing fee applies to each entry refunded. No refunds after March 15 and any cancellation or no-show will result in spot being returned to the WPA.

### On-Site Registration

On-site registration must be cash only in US currency.

### Hotel Discount - Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino – rates as low as \$25!

Book by March 22, 2020 to receive the special group discount. Taxes and a \$35 resort fee apply. After March 22, rate is based on availability.

- Online Link: TBA
- Phone: (888) 746-6955; Group Code: TBA

### Dress Code

All events will follow the WPA dress code which can be found at <https://wpapool.com/rule-regulations/#Dress-Code>

## Travel Delays – Plan Carefully

We encourage you to allow plenty of time before and after the event for travel. The WPA and CSI 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 the event begins and leave no sooner than the day after it ends.

## STAGE 1 QUALIFIERS

### Important Dates

|          |                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| March 9  | Last day for early entry discount  |
| March 22 | Last day for hotel discount        |
| March 30 | Last day to register online        |
| April 6  | Last day to register on-site (8pm) |
| April 7  | Qualifier 1 begins (top 8 advance) |
| April 8  | Qualifier 2 begins (top 8 advance) |

### Format

- Two (2) qualifiers, one per day, held April 7-8
- Open to anyone
- 9-ball, single elimination, race to 5, alternate break
- Final eight (8) from each day advances to the Stage 2 Main Event
- 3 ball break rule applies

### Bonus #1: US Open 9-Ball Championship Entries

Two of the 16 players who qualify from Stage 1 will also win paid entries into the 2020 US Open 9-Ball Championship (April 13-18 in Las Vegas). The highest placing player in Stage 2 from the eight players who qualify on April 7, and the highest placing player in Stage 2 from the eight players who qualified on April 8, who are not already entered in the 2020 US Open 9-Ball Championship, will win a paid entry. Entry cannot be sold or transferred.

### Bonus #2: International 9-Ball Open Entries

Two of the 16 players who qualify from Stage 1 will also win paid entries into the 2020 International 9-Ball Open (Oct 25-31 in Norfolk, VA). The highest placing U.S. player in Stage 2 from the eight players who qualify on April 7, and the highest placing U.S. player in Stage 2 from the eight players who qualified on April 8, and did not win the other bonus, will win a paid entry. Entry cannot be sold or transferred.

## STAGE 2 MAIN EVENT

### Important Dates

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| March 22 | Last day for hotel discount             |
| March 30 | Last day to pay entry fee to WPA online |
| April 8  | Last day to pay entry fee on-site (8pm) |
| April 9  | Stage 2 begins                          |

### Player Selection

- Limited to 64 players
- 48 players chosen by WPA rankings & federations. All players must hold 2020 WPA Player License and player's entry fees must be guaranteed by nominating member federation.
  - 16 WPA rankings (as of Dec 31, 2019)
  - 8 APBU
  - 8 EPBF
  - 6 BCA

- 4 CPB
- 2 AAPA
- 2 OPBA
- 2 WPA wildcards
- 16 players from the Stage 1 Qualifiers

### Format

- 9-ball, single elimination, race to 7 (9 in semi-final & final)
- All matches win by two (2), one rack sudden death at 9-9 or 11-11
- 3 ball break rule applies

### Payouts

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>                    | \$10,000    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>                    | \$7,000     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>   | \$5,000 ea. |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>   | \$3,000 ea. |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>  | \$1,500 ea. |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> -32 <sup>nd</sup> | \$400 ea.   |

## CONSOLATION EVENT

### Format

- Comprised of the 32 players eliminated from first round of Stage 2
- No additional entry fee required
- 9-ball, single elimination
- Race to 5 (7 in semi-final & final)
- 3 ball break rule applies

### Payouts

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>                   | \$1,500   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>                   | \$1,000   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>  | \$500 ea. |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>  | \$250 ea. |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> | \$150 ea. |

## SCHEDULE

### Stage 1 – Qualifiers

Matches for Stage 1 will begin at 9am on April 7 & 8. The complete schedule for Stage 1 will be determined at a later date when the actual number of players can be better determined.

### Stage 2 – Main Event

#### Thursday, April 9

|                |                     |           |           |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>12:30pm</b> | Round 1             | 8 matches | Race to 7 |
| <b>2:00pm</b>  | Round 1             | 8 matches | Race to 7 |
| <b>3:30pm</b>  | Round 1             | 8 matches | Race to 7 |
| <b>5:00pm</b>  | Round 1             | 8 matches | Race to 7 |
| <b>6:30pm</b>  | Consolation Round 1 | 8 matches | Race to 5 |
| <b>8:00pm</b>  | Consolation Round 1 | 8 matches | Race to 5 |

**Friday, April 10**

|                |                           |           |           |
|----------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>12:30pm</b> | Round 2                   | 8 matches | Race to 7 |
| <b>2:00pm</b>  | Round 2                   | 8 matches | Race to 7 |
| <b>3:30pm</b>  | Consolation Round 2       | 8 matches | Race to 5 |
| <b>5:00pm</b>  | Round 3                   | 8 matches | Race to 7 |
| <b>6:30pm</b>  | Round 3                   | 8 matches | Race to 5 |
| <b>8:00pm</b>  | Consolation Quarter-Final | 4 matches | Race to 5 |
| <b>8:00pm</b>  | Quarter-Final             | 4 matches | Race to 7 |

**Saturday, April 11**

|               |                         |           |           |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>2:00pm</b> | Consolation Semi-Finals | 2 matches | Race to 7 |
| <b>4:00pm</b> | Semi-Finals             | 2 matches | Race to 9 |
| <b>6:00pm</b> | Consolation Final       | 1 match   | Race to 7 |
| <b>8:00pm</b> | Final                   | 1 match   | Race to 9 |