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## NEW FOR THIS YEAR

### Event Rescheduled for Sept. 1-11, 2021

The safety of our members and staff remains our top priority. The rise of COVID-19 cases and tighter restrictions being implemented around the world has created the need to reschedule the event. The new dates of September 1-11 will help ensure everyone's safety.

### Revised eligibility requirements

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the difficulty it has placed on our leagues, the minimum eligibility requirements have been revised. To be eligible, players must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Had a 2020 BCA Pool League membership and played at least four (4) weeks in a single division session during the 2020 calendar year;  
or...
- Have a 2021 BCA Pool League membership and play at least four (4) weeks in a single division session between Jan 1, 2021 and the registration deadline of Aug 2, 2021

### Original player requirement eliminated.

Also due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the requirement that at least two (2) players from the same league team be on the team and play each round is being eliminated. This year, teammates only need to be from the same league rather than the same team in the league.

### Male/female requirement eliminated for scotch doubles.

Although this was introduced in 2020, it's important to highlight it once again. Scotch doubles teams may consist of male/female, male/male or female/female.

### Pro events return.

Predator and CueSports International (CSI) are excited to announce the return of the \$100k added Predator World 10-Ball Championship and the \$25k added Diamond Las Vegas Open during the BCA Pool League World Championships. These events have become two of the most anticipated pro events in the world and you will get to enjoy them again in person for free in the CSI Arena.

### CSI 8-Ball Team division added.

For those who don't have the opportunity to join a BCA Pool League, especially teams from other leagues such as VNEA, ACS, TAP, APA, etc., we have added the CSI 8-Ball Team division. Although players must be CSI members (\$40/year), the entry fee is greater than the BCA Pool League divisions and there is no added money, this division does allow everyone to experience team play at the CueSports International Expo. To compete in the larger BCA Pool League divisions with larger prize money and lower entry fees, encourage your League Operator to make your league a member of the BCA Pool League.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### 2021 BCA Pool League World Championships Schedule of Events

9/1 9/2 9/3 9/4 9/5 9/6 9/7 9/8 9/9 9/10 9/11  
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#### 8-BALL SCOTCH DOUBLES

Divisions: Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze

#### FAIRMATCH 8-BALL SINGLES

Handicapped races

#### 8-BALL SINGLES

Divisions: Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze

#### JR 9-BALL SINGLES

Handicapped races

#### JR 8-BALL SINGLES

Handicapped races

#### 9-BALL SINGLES

Divisions: Platinum, Gold, Silver

#### SENIOR 8-BALL SINGLES

Divisions: Platinum, Gold

#### 8-BALL TEAMS

Divisions: Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze

#### LADIES 8-BALL TEAMS

Divisions: Bronze

#### 9-BALL TEAMS

Divisions: Platinum, Gold

#### 2ND CHANCE 8-BALL SINGLES

#### 2ND CHANCE 8-BALL TEAMS

#### MINI-TOURNAMENTS

(available for all BCA Pool League, USA Pool League & CSI members - membership card required)



#### CSI TEAMS

#### CSI 9-BALL SINGLES

#### CSI 10-BALL SINGLES

#### CSI 8-BALL SINGLES

#### DIAMOND LAS VEGAS OPEN

#### PREDATOR WORLD 10-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

## GENERAL INFO

The purpose of this document is to provide the necessary information about the event and its numerous divisions so you can decide which divisions to compete in and how to register. 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

**June 28:** Last day for early entry discount

**July 26:** Last day for mailed entries & personal checks

**Aug 2:** Last day to register (most divisions)

**Aug 9:** Last day for refund requests

**Aug 16:** Last day for change requests & TBA names

**Aug 18:** Last day for hotel discount

### Refunds & Changes

Refund requests must be received in writing by email, fax or postal mail by Aug 9, 2021 and will be processed after Sep 20, 2021. Admin fees are non-refundable and an additional \$20 processing fee applies to each entry refunded. Change requests must be received by Aug 16, 2021 and a \$20/player processing fee applies to each change.

### COVID-19 Safety Rules & Regulations

Although it is impossible to predict what COVID-19 restrictions may be in place at the time of the event, players should be prepared to adhere to all safety rules & regulations put into place by CueSports International, the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, Nevada state government or local ordinances. Face coverings, social distancing and temperature checks are just a few examples of possible safety precautions that could be in effect. Players accept this when they register and refusal to follow safety rules and regulations is not sufficient justification for a refund.

### On-Site Registrations

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

## Event Fees

**Admin fees** help cover the cost of processing registrations, verifying eligibility, verifying ratings, etc. Late registrations create a backlog, require extra personnel and cause increased labor cost. On-site registrations require extra event staff and even more labor costs. Because admin fees are consumed during the registration process, they are non-refundable. Admin fees are included in the entry fees and are as follows:

DIVISION TYPE	EARLY ENTRY (by June 28)	LATE ENTRY (June 29-Aug 2)	ON-SITE ENTRY
SINGLES	\$25	additional \$25	additional \$25
SCOTCH DOUBLES	\$25/player	additional \$25/player	additional \$25/player
TEAMS	\$20/core player	additional \$20/core player	additional \$20/core player
JUNIORS	\$20	additional \$10	additional \$10

**Green fees** help cover the cost of the venue, equipment, staff, set-up, tear-down, etc. Green fees are refundable if a written refund request is submitted prior to the refund request deadline. Green fees are included in the entry fees and are as follows:

DIVISION TYPE	EARLY ENTRY (by June 28)	LATE ENTRY (June 29-Aug 2)	ON-SITE ENTRY
SINGLES	\$25	\$25	\$25
SCOTCH DOUBLES	\$25/player	\$25/player	\$25/player
TEAMS	\$20/core player	\$20/core player	\$20/core player

**Change fees** help cover the cost of processing changes such as removing players from teams, adding players to teams, verifying the eligibility of new players, verifying the ratings of new players, etc. The change fee is \$20/change. We encourage you to be confident about your registration before submitting it to avoid change fees.

## Digital Membership Card & Valid Photo ID Required

All participants must have their digital membership card and valid Government-issued photo ID and 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 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.

## Dress Code

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

## Hotel Discount - Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino

Book by Aug 18, 2021 to receive the special group rate of \$90/\$149. **No resort fees. No parking fees.**

- Online Link: <https://book.passkey.com/go/SRCS11>
- Phone: (888) 746-6955; Group Code: **srCSI1** (processing charge may apply to phone reservations)

## 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 the BCA Pool League.

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

## Rating Reviews

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.**

**REGISTER EARLY:** You may register at any time. There is no need to wait until you have an active membership or reach the minimum weeks of play requirement (discussed later) to register. Players who are not current members but intend to play in a BCA Pool League later in the year may register now by submitting a paper or PDF entry form which can be downloaded from the [official webpage](#). These registrations will be processed and reviewed at a later date to verify membership status and weeks played.

## Rating Penalties

Each division has a team and/or individual rating cushion to allow for 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. The rating cushion applies only to ratings that have naturally increased as a result of additional FargoRate data. 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 the BCA Pool League 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 9am on the dates 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](http://www.ctsondemand.com) for the exact start time of your match or ask the Tournament Director. All divisions are 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. The BCA Pool League 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

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 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 BCA Pool League 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.

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

## Match Conflicts

You may want to play in as many divisions as possible to get the most out of the experience. Therefore, participants are free to register for divisions that overlap. However, the BCA Pool League is 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...
<b>Fairmatch 8-Ball Singles</b>	Scotch Doubles	9-Ball Singles; Diamond Las Vegas Open; CSI Teams
<b>9-Ball Singles</b>	Scotch Doubles	Fairmatch 8-Ball Singles; Diamond Las Vegas Open; CSI Teams
<b>Scotch Doubles</b>	Fairmatch 8-Ball Singles <b>or</b> 9-Ball Singles; 8-Ball Singles <b>or</b> Senior 8-Ball Singles <b>or</b> Ladies 8-Ball Singles; 9-Ball Teams	CSI 9-Ball Singles; Diamond Las Vegas Open; CSI Teams
<b>8-Ball Singles</b>	Scotch Doubles; 9-Ball Teams	Senior 8-Ball Singles; Ladies 8-Ball Singles; CSI 9-Ball Singles; Diamond Las Vegas Open; CSI Teams

<b>Senior 8-Ball Singles</b>	Scotch Doubles; 9-Ball Teams	8-Ball Singles; Ladies 8-Ball Singles; CSI 9-Ball Singles; Diamond Las Vegas Open; CSI Teams
<b>Ladies 8-Ball Singles</b>	Scotch Doubles; 9-Ball Teams	8-Ball Singles; Senior 8-Ball Singles; CSI 9-Ball Singles; Diamond Las Vegas Open; CSI Teams
<b>9-Ball Teams</b>	Scotch Doubles; 8-Ball Singles; Senior 8-Ball Singles; Ladies 8-Ball Singles; 8-Ball Teams; Ladies 8-Ball Teams	Junior 9-Ball Singles; Junior 8-Ball Singles; CSI 9-Ball Singles; CSI 10-Ball Singles, CSI 8-Ball Singles
<b>Junior 9-Ball Singles</b>	No other division	9-Ball Teams; 8-Ball Teams; Ladies 8-Ball Teams; CSI 10-Ball Singles
<b>Junior 8-Ball Singles</b>	No other division	8-Ball Teams; Ladies 8-Ball Teams; CSI 8-Ball Singles
<b>8-Ball Teams</b>	9-Ball Teams	Junior 9-Ball Singles; Junior 8-Ball Singles; Ladies 8-Ball Teams; CSI 10-Ball Singles; CSI 8-Ball Singles
<b>Ladies 8-Ball Teams</b>	9-Ball Teams	Junior 9-Ball Singles; Junior 8-Ball Singles; 8-Ball Teams; CSI 10-Ball Singles; CSI 8-Ball Singles
<b>CSI Teams</b>	No other division	Fairmatch 8-Ball Singles; 9-Ball Singles; Scotch Doubles; 8-Ball Singles; Senior 8-Ball Singles; Ladies 8-Ball Singles
<b>CSI 9-Ball Singles</b>	No other division	Scotch Doubles; 8-Ball Singles; Senior 8-Ball Singles Ladies 8-Ball Singles; 9-Ball Teams
<b>CSI 10-Ball Singles</b>	No other division	Junior 9-Ball Singles; 8-Ball Teams; Ladies 8-Ball Teams; 9-Ball Teams
<b>CSI 8-Ball Singles</b>	No other division	9-Ball Teams, Junior 8-Ball Singles; 8-Ball Teams; Ladies 8-Ball Teams
<b>Diamond Las Vegas Open</b>	No other division	9-Ball Singles, Fairmatch 8-Ball Singles, 8-Ball Scotch Doubles, 8-Ball Singles, Senior 8-Ball Singles, Ladies 8-Ball Singles

## Player Agreement

These terms set forth the legally binding rules for participation in the event. By registering, players agree to be bound by all terms and conditions set forth by CueSports International (CSI). If you are under the age of 18, you agree to obtain the consent of your legal guardian to participate under these terms.

You acknowledge that you have read and completely understand the latest edition of the Player Guide, Entry Form, Tournament Regulations and/or all rules and regulations and I will check for the latest edition of all documents just prior to the event start date. You agree to abide by all rules & regulations implemented by CueSports International (CSI). CSI reserves the following rights and responsibilities: determine a player's eligibility, refuse entry to anyone for any reason, change field sizes, adjust ratings, display names and ratings online, change schedules & payouts based on, but not limited to, field sizes, inclement weather, acts of God, war, or terrorism.

You understand that your participation in this event is completely voluntary. CSI and all representatives, agents, sponsors and affiliates are released and to be held harmless of and from any injury, illness, losses, damages, liability or expenses of any kind incurred by me, my heirs or personal representatives either caused or alleged to be caused during or surrounding this event. Maximum liability to CSI, if any, shall be limited to reimbursement of the entry fee paid.

Disqualification from any CSI event, for any reason, shall result in forfeiture of any prize money won by that player or team, and possible suspension from future CSI produced events.

CSI may also use your photograph, image, likeness or name for information, reporting or promotional purposes via print, video and other media without limitation or compensation of any kind. By participating, you further release all media and appearance rights to CSI for the production of televised matches, recorded or broadcast at the event and for all photographic images taken at the event. By registering, you agree that CSI may also add your email address to its email list and send you periodic emails at its sole discretion.

## SCOTCH DOUBLES

Check-in is not required for scotch doubles divisions. However, it is your responsibility to know when and where you play! Roster change requests must be made at the BCA Pool League Registration Desk by noon on Wednesday, Sep 1 and final league standings and/or other documents may be required. All roster changes require a change request fee of \$20 per change.

### Eligibility

- There is no male/female requirement. Teams may consist of male/female, male/male or female/female.
- Both teammates must meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:
  1. Had a 2020 BCA Pool League membership and played at least four (4) weeks in a single division session during the 2020 calendar year;  
or...
  2. Have a 2021 BCA Pool League membership and play at least four (4) weeks in a single division session between Jan 1, 2021 and the registration deadline of Aug 2, 2021
- No person (male or female) 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 for a specific 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 (1) player to get back within the division limit (must still meet all other eligibility requirements)
- Option 3: Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 50 points over the cushion

**Example:** A Gold Scotch Doubles team is below the 1,100 limit at the time of registration but its 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 its rating naturally increases to 1,152 (32 pts. over the cushion), it 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	START DATE	TEAM MAX RATING <sup>1</sup>	RACE <sup>2</sup>	EARLY ENTRY <sup>3</sup> (by June 28)	LATE ENTRY <sup>3</sup> (June 29-Aug 2)	ON-SITE ENTRY
Platinum	9/2 (Thu)	1,200	5/4	\$300	\$350	N/A
Gold	9/2 (Thu)	1,100	4/3	\$250	\$300	N/A
Silver	9/2 (Thu)	1,000	4/3	\$200	\$250	N/A
Bronze	9/2 (Thu)	900	4/3	\$150	\$200	N/A

1. The team's combined rating may not exceed these limits at the time of registration.

2. The first number is the race on the winners' side. The second number is the race on the one-loss side.

3. Each entry includes admin & green fees. See the General Info section for a breakdown of those fees.

## SINGLES

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

### Eligibility

- Players must meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:
  - Had a 2020 BCA Pool League membership and played at least four (4) weeks in a single division session during the 2020 calendar year; or...
  - Have a 2021 BCA Pool League membership and play at least four (4) weeks in a single division session between Jan 1, 2021 and the registration deadline of Aug 2, 2021
- Non-BCA Pool League members are not eligible for BCA Pool League divisions but may play the CSI Teams division, CSI Singles divisions, Diamond Las Vegas Open or the Junior divisions.
- Ladies divisions are open to female players only. All other divisions are open to male and female players.
- 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.
- All players in the Fairmatch 8-Ball Singles division must have an established Fargo rating (minimum robustness of 200).
- Junior Singles divisions do not require any type of membership or league play requirements.

### 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 DATE	COMPOSITION <sup>1</sup> (approx.)	RACE	EARLY ENTRY <sup>2</sup> (by June 28)	LATE ENTRY <sup>2</sup> (June 29-Aug 2)	ON-SITE ENTRY
<b>9-Ball Singles</b>						
Platinum	9/1 (Wed)	Upper 20% of field	6	\$175	\$200	N/A
Gold	9/1 (Wed)	Lower 40% of field	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
Silver	9/1 (Wed)	Lower 40% of field	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
<b>Fairmatch 8-Ball Singles<sup>3</sup></b>						
Handicapped Races	9/1 (Wed)	All	R5 Hot	\$175	\$200	N/A
<b>8-Ball Singles</b>						
Platinum	9/4 (Sat)	Upper 15% of field	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
Gold	9/4 (Sat)	Upper middle 35%	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
Silver	9/4 (Sat)	Lower middle 35%	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
Bronze	9/4 (Sat)	Lower 15% of field	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
<b>8-Ball Senior Singles<sup>4</sup></b>						
Platinum	9/4 (Sat)	Upper 25% of field	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
Gold	9/4 (Sat)	Lower 75% of field	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
<b>Ladies 8-Ball Singles<sup>5</sup></b>						
Platinum	9/4 (Sat)	Upper 20% of field	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
Gold	9/4 (Sat)	Middle 40%	5	\$175	\$200	N/A
Silver	9/4 (Sat)	Lower 40%	4	\$175	\$200	N/A
<b>Junior Singles<sup>6</sup></b>						
Junior 9-Ball	9/8 (Wed)	17 & under	R4 Med	\$20	\$30	\$40
Junior 8-Ball	9/10 (Fri)	17 & under	R4 Med	\$20	\$30	\$40

1. Players register without knowing exactly which subdivision they will compete in (i.e. Platinum, Gold, Silver, etc.). After registration ends, the field is separated into multiple 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.
2. Each entry includes admin & green fees. See the General Info section for a breakdown of those fees.
3. All players in the Fairmatch 8-Ball Singles division must have an established Fargo rating (based on a minimum robustness of 200). Races are based on the FargoRate R5 Hot race chart.
4. 8-Ball Senior Singles is open to men and ladies age 55+.
5. Ladies 8-Ball Singles is open to ladies only. All ladies must be rated 660 or lower at the time of registration.
6. Junior divisions are open to boys and girls age 17 and under and must be accompanied by an adult. There are no cash payouts. Races are handicapped according to the FargoRate R4 Medium race chart. The on-site registration deadline is 6pm on the day before the start date.

## TEAMS

### Team Check-In & Rosters

Team check-in is required and begins at noon on Sunday, Sept 5. The Team Captain or League Operator must check in at the BCA Pool League Registration Desk prior to the start of the division and obtain an official team roster. Roster change requests must be made by noon on the day prior to the division start date and final league standings and/or other documents are required. 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 Captains are responsible for team rosters and there is a \$10 charge for reprinting them.

### Team Shirts

Please note the following team shirt requirements from Dress Code A:

- Team shirts are required during team competition.
- Color and style of team shirts (front & back) must match (except for the player names)
- Each member must have his or her own team shirt. Borrowing the shirt of a teammate is not permitted.

### Eligibility

- All teammates must meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:
  - Had a 2020 BCA Pool League membership and played at least four (4) weeks in a single division session during the 2020 calendar year;  
or...
  - Have a 2021 BCA Pool League membership and play at least four (4) weeks in a single division session between Jan 1, 2021 and the registration deadline of Aug 2, 2021
- 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.
- NOTE: A person may play on an 8-ball team and a 9-ball team. However, a person may only be on one (1) 8-ball team roster and one (1) 9-ball team roster.

### 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 3,000 limit at the time of registration but its team rating naturally increases to 3,093 (43 pts. over the cushion). It will incur a one-game penalty in each match. If its rating naturally increases to 3,127 (77 pts. over the cushion), it 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.

## 9-Ball Divisions

DIVISIONS	START DATE	PLAYERS <sup>1</sup> (core/sub)	TEAM MAX RATING <sup>2</sup>	PLAYER MAX RATING <sup>3</sup>	RACE	EARLY ENTRY <sup>4</sup> (by June 28)	LATE ENTRY <sup>4</sup> (June 29-Aug 2)	ON-SITE ENTRY <sup>5</sup>
Platinum <sup>6,7</sup>	9/7 (Tue)	3/2	1,800	720	11	\$375	\$435	\$495
Gold <sup>6,7</sup>	9/7 (Tue)	3/2	1,650	720	11	\$300	\$360	\$420

1. The first number is the number of players on the core roster. The second number is the maximum number of substitutes on the roster.
2. The team's combined rating of the core roster may not exceed these limits at the time of registration.
3. No person (male or female) may be rated higher than 720 at the time of registration.
4. Each entry includes admin & green fees. See the General Info section for a breakdown of those fees.
5. The on-site registration deadline is noon on Monday, Sep 6.
6. All teammates must be qualified from the same league.
7. A person may play on an 8-ball team and a 9-ball team. However, a person may only be on one (1) 8-ball team roster and one (1) 9-ball team roster.

## 8-Ball Divisions

DIVISIONS	START DATE	PLAYERS <sup>1</sup> (core/sub)	TEAM MAX RATING <sup>2</sup>	PLAYER MAX RATING <sup>3</sup>	RACE	EARLY ENTRY <sup>4</sup> (by June 28)	LATE ENTRY <sup>4</sup> (June 29-Aug 2)	ON-SITE ENTRY
Diamond <sup>5,7</sup>	9/8 (Wed)	5/3	3,250	720	13	\$650	\$750	N/A
Platinum <sup>6,7</sup>	9/8 (Wed)	5/3	3,000	720	13	\$550	\$650	N/A
Gold <sup>6,7</sup>	9/8 (Wed)	5/3	2,750	720	13	\$450	\$550	N/A
Silver <sup>6,7</sup>	9/8 (Wed)	5/3	2,500	720	13	\$350	\$450	N/A
Bronze <sup>6,7</sup>	9/8 (Wed)	5/3	2,250	720	11	\$250	\$350	N/A

1. The first number is the number of players on the core roster. The second number is the maximum number of substitutes on the roster.
2. The team's combined rating of the core roster may not exceed these limits at the time of registration.
3. No person (male or female) may be rated higher than 720 at the time of registration.
4. Each entry includes admin & green fees. See the General Info section for a breakdown of these fees.
5. Diamond division only: at least two (2) players from the same league must play each round. Other players may come from any BCA Pool League in the same state.
6. Platinum, Gold, Silver & Bronze divisions: all teammates must be qualified from the same league.
7. A person may play on an 8-ball team and a 9-ball team. However, a person may only be on one (1) 8-ball team roster and one (1) 9-ball team roster.

## Ladies 8-Ball Divisions

DIVISIONS	START DATE	PLAYERS <sup>1</sup> (core/sub)	TEAM MAX RATING <sup>2</sup>	PLAYER MAX RATING <sup>3</sup>	RACE	EARLY ENTRY <sup>4</sup> (by June 28)	LATE ENTRY <sup>4</sup> (June 29-Aug 2)	ON-SITE ENTRY
Bronze <sup>5,6</sup>	9/8 (Wed)	4/2	1,800	660	9	\$400	\$480	N/A

1. The first number is the number of players on the core roster. The second number is the maximum number of substitutes on the roster.
2. The team's combined rating of the core roster may not exceed 1,800 at the time of registration.
3. No lady may be rated higher than 660 at the time of registration.
4. Each entry includes admin & green fees. See the General Info section for a breakdown of those fees.
5. All players must be qualified from the same league.
6. A person may play on an 8-ball team and a 9-ball team. However, a person may only be on one (1) 8-ball team roster and one (1) 9-ball team roster.

## 2ND CHANCE TOURNAMENTS

There will be 2<sup>nd</sup> chance tournaments offered for various singles and team divisions. Those wishing to participate in 2<sup>nd</sup> chance events should check with the Tournament Director for exact times and entry details. On-site 2<sup>nd</sup> chance entries must be cash only (U.S. currency) at the Tournament Desk and payouts will be by check which can be conveniently cashed at the Rio Casino Cashier.

## CUESPORTS INTERNATIONAL (CSI) DIVISIONS

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

### Eligibility

- CSI divisions are open to male and female players rated 720 or lower at the time of registration.
- All players must be either league-qualified or a CSI member.
- League-Qualified: Players must meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:
  1. Had a 2020 BCA Pool League membership and played at least four (4) weeks in a single division session during the 2020 calendar year;  
or...
  2. Have a 2021 BCA Pool League membership and play at least four (4) weeks in a single division session between Jan 1, 2021 and the registration deadline of Aug 2, 2021
- CSI Member: a person who is not league-qualified but has a current CSI membership (\$40/year).

### 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 above 730, he or she will have the following options:

Option 1: Drop out of the division and receive a refund (minus admin & processing fees)

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 (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.

### Divisions

CUESPORTS INTERNATIONAL DIVISIONS	START DATE	MAX RATING	RACE	EARLY ENTRY (by June 28)	LATE ENTRY (June 29-Aug 23)	ON-SITE ENTRY
CSI 8-Ball Teams <sup>2</sup>	9/3 (Fri)	5-player / 3,000	13	\$750	\$850	\$950
CSI 9-Ball Singles <sup>3</sup>	9/6 (Mon)	720	7	\$175	\$200	\$225
CSI 10-Ball Singles <sup>3</sup>	9/8 (Wed)	720	7	\$175	\$200	\$225
CSI 8-Ball Singles <sup>3</sup>	9/10 (Fri)	720	7	\$175	\$200	\$225
Diamond Las Vegas Open <sup>4</sup>	9/1 (Wed)	No limit	7	\$300	\$325	\$350

1. Each entry includes admin & green fees. See the General Info section for a breakdown of these fees.

2. The on-site registration deadline is noon on the day before the start date.

3. The on-site registration deadline is 6pm on the day before the start date.

4. Diamond Las Vegas Open Format:

- 10-ball, race to 7 (9 in the final)
- Limited to 128 players
- Double elimination
- Alternate break, rack your own

## MINI-TOURNAMENTS

We anticipate more than 700 mini-tournaments to be held during the BCA Pool League World 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).

### Eligibility

Must meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

- Had a 2020 BCA Pool League membership; or...
- Have a 2021 BCA Pool League membership; or...
- Have a current CSI Membership and pay a \$25 admin fee & \$25 green fee (if not registered in any other events).

NOTE: Some mini-tournaments have specific rating, gender, league, and misc. requirements.