

PLAYER GUIDE

AMOW
Amusement & Music Operators of Wyoming

2026 AMOW WYOMING 8-BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Best Western Downtown Casper
Casper, Wyoming

Highlights

- ✓ CSI Group Play format - teams guaranteed 5 matches!
- ✓ Open to 2026 BCA Pool League members
- ✓ Free Las Vegas team entries



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NEW THIS YEAR

Eligibility

For all divisions, no person may be rated higher than 720 at the time of registration, unless they can prove a 2-year minimum Wyoming Residency by providing a valid Wyoming ID or Driver's License and a utility bill in their name delivered to their Wyoming address.

Match Times Duration Adjustments

Scotch Doubles and 9-Ball Singles will be scheduled for 90 minutes per match. 8-Ball Singles will be scheduled for 105 minutes per match. Team match duration is unchanged with two and a half hours allotted for Stage 1.

For any matches that do not complete on time, CSI delayed progress rules, which can be found in the CSI Tournament Regulations, will be strictly enforced.

Elite Divisions Changes

The Elite 8-Ball Team event (platinum division) will be 4-person team, 16-game format, with no handicap. The team entry fee is \$800 before February 24. The maximum team total rating for the handicapped divisions (the ceiling of Gold division) is 2,200. AMOW is adding \$2,000 to the elite 8-ball team division payouts. The format will be CSI Group Play for Stage 1, and double elimination for Stage 2.

Elite 8-Ball Singles will be no handicap, race to 6. Any eligible individual may opt into this division. The AMOW is adding \$500 to the elite 8-ball singles division payouts.

Stage 2 Format Changes

The Stage 2 Finals format for 8-Ball Singles and 8-Ball Teams will be double elimination. Exceptions: Elite Platinum 8-Ball Singles, all Ladies 8-Ball Singles, and all Juniors 8-Ball Singles divisions will play their original double elimination brackets through to completion.

Scotch Doubles and 9-Ball Singles will also play their original double elimination brackets through to completion.

HIGHLIGHTS

Free Vegas Entries

The winning team of each division with eight (8) or more teams will receive free entry into the 2027 BCA Pool League World Championships. Visit www.playcsipool.com/free-entry for the details and conditions. No additional exceptions can be made to the requirements listed on the Free Vegas Entries Program webpage.

Rule Changes

The Official Rules of CSI, 9-Ball Rules 3-3 is modified as follows:

M3. If the 9-ball is pocketed on the break it is neither a win nor a loss. The 9-ball is spotted, and play will continue.

The Official Rules of CSI, General Rules 1-3-2 is modified as follows:

M4. You may use electronic headgear in one ear only, such as one earbud. Wrap around-bands and headsets are not allowed.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



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DIVISIONS	MON 3/16	TUE 3/17	WED 3/18	THU 3/19	FRI 3/20	SAT 3/21	SUN 3/22
Scotch Doubles	■						
9-Ball Singles	■						
8-Ball Singles			■				
Elite 8-Ball Singles			■				
Ladies 8-Ball Singles			■				
Elite 8-Ball Teams					■		
8-Ball Teams					■		
Ladies 8-Ball Teams					■		
Junior 8-Ball Singles							■

GENERAL INFO

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.

Important Dates

Feb 17: Last day for early entry discount

Feb 3: Last day for mailed entries & personal checks

Mar 2: Last day for hotel discount

Mar 3: Last day for refund & change requests

Mar 3: Last day to register online

Mar 16: Event begins

Refunds & Changes

Refund requests must be received in writing by email or postal mail by March 3, 2026, and will be processed after April 7, 2026. Admin fees are non-refundable and an additional \$20 processing fee applies to each entry refunded. Change requests must also be received by March 3, 2026, and a \$20/player change fee applies to each change.

Safety Rules & Regulations

Although it is impossible to predict what safety 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 AMOW, CueSports International, Best Western Downtown Casper Hotel, Wyoming 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

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 costs. 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 Feb 17)	LATE ENTRY (Feb 18 – Mar 3)	ON-SITE ENTRY
SINGLES	\$20	additional \$20	N/A
SCOTCH DOUBLES	\$20/player	additional \$20/player	N/A
JUNIORS	\$5	\$5	\$5
TEAMS	\$15/core player	additional \$10/core player	N/A

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 Feb 17)	LATE ENTRY (Feb 18 – Mar 3)	ON-SITE ENTRY
SINGLES	\$20	\$20	N/A
SCOTCH DOUBLES	\$20/player	\$20/player	N/A
JUNIORS	\$5	\$5	\$5
TEAMS	\$15/core player	\$15/core player	N/A

Change fees help cover the cost of processing changes such as removing players from teams, adding players to teams, verifying the eligibility of a new player, 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. We also encourage you to consider the Fargo rates of substitute players. A player designated as a substitute may not replace a lower-rated core player during competition. You may only use a five-person rotation if your four highest rated players are designated as core players.

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 C with the following exceptions. Distressed jeans, sweatpants, opened-toed shoes, and t-shirts with sleeves cut off are allowed.

Hotel Accommodations

Best Western Downtown Casper Hotel (\$109 plus tax)

123 West E St., Casper, WY 82601

- **Book by March 2, 2026** to receive the special group rate
- **Phone:** 307-439-2074 and mention group code: **AMOW CSI Pool Tournament**

FargoRate

FargoRate has replaced the outdated system of subjectively classifying players as Open-Advanced-Masters, 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 AMOW or CSI.

Example: John has a Fargo Rating of 593 based on just 50 games. He was assigned a starter rating of 560 by CSI/AMOW. 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 CSI/AMOW 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 the 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 required (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

The team divisions of 8-Ball Team and Ladies 8-Ball Team have a team rating cushion to allow for natural rating increases after registration. If a team rating naturally increases beyond the cushion, game penalties may be applied.

If a 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.

Group Play Stage 1: Penalty points are deducted from violating teams' score.

The rating cushion applies only to ratings that have naturally increased because 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, at the sole judgement of the AMOW or CSI, 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 or prize money. Don't get disqualified. If you believe you are underrated, contact AMOW 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.

Verifying Your Registration

You have the responsibility of verifying your registration. The complete list can be found near the bottom of the official event webpage. All upcoming events can be found at www.playcsipool.com/events.

If you have already registered for the event, please verify that your name appears in the "Awesome Participants" list in every division for which you registered. Technical glitches can happen and **it's your responsibility to confirm your registration(s)**. At least three (3) weeks prior to the event. If you are not on the participant list, and you fail to notify us at least three (3) weeks prior to the event, we may not be able to accommodate you. If your name does appear on the list, it's a good idea to take a screen shot and keep it with you as backup as needed. It is not helpful to show up at the tournament desk and simply say that your name was previously on the list.

Start Times & Format

Divisions may begin as early as the times listed in the sections below. 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.

Plan Your Travel Carefully

We encourage you to allow plenty of time before and after the event for travel. AMOW is not responsible for travel delays, 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 encouraged 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 for being at your assigned table when it becomes available. Please review Appendix A – Using CTS (CueSports Tournament System) and the CSI Tournament Regulations. These documents detail the process of avoiding forfeits. If you still need help, please ask the Tournament Director. Being forfeited because 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, CSI is only able to schedule around some of the 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...
Scotch Doubles	Elite 8-Ball Singles, 8-Ball Singles, Ladies 8-Ball Singles	9-Ball Singles or Mini Tournaments
9-Ball Singles	Elite 8-Ball Singles, 8-Ball Singles, Ladies 8-Ball Singles	Scotch Doubles or Mini Tournaments
Elite 8-Ball Singles	Scotch Doubles, 9-Ball Singles, Elite 8-Ball Teams, 8-Ball Teams, Ladies 8-Ball Teams	8-Ball Singles, Ladies 8-Ball Singles, Mini Tournaments
8-Ball Singles	Scotch Doubles, 9-Ball Singles, Elite 8-Ball Teams, 8-Ball Teams, Ladies 8-Ball Teams	Elite 8-Ball Singles, Ladies 8-Ball Singles, Mini Tournaments
Ladies 8-Ball Singles	Scotch Doubles, 9-Ball Singles, Elite 8-Ball Teams, 8-Ball Teams, Ladies 8-Ball Teams	Elite 8-Ball Singles, 8-Ball Singles, Mini Tournaments
Elite 8-Ball Teams	Elite 8-Ball Singles, 8-Ball Singles, Ladies 8-Ball Singles	8-Ball Teams, Ladies 8-Ball Teams, Mini Tournaments
8-Ball Teams	Elite 8-Ball Singles, 8-Ball Singles, Ladies 8-Ball Singles	Elite 8-Ball Teams, Ladies 8-Ball Teams, Mini Tournaments
Ladies 8-Ball Teams	Elite 8-Ball Singles, 8-Ball Singles, Ladies 8-Ball Singles	Elite 8-Ball Teams, 8-Ball Teams, Mini Tournaments

Payouts

Payouts may be made at specific scheduled times each day so please do not expect your payout immediately after you win or are eliminated. Payouts will be made by check in US currency. To receive a payout, you must first present government issued photo ID and legibly complete the applicable tax form(s) provided by AMOW. Checks are valid for ninety days from the date of issue. **DO NOT LOSE YOUR CHECK.** Lost checks and checks not cashed within the ninety-day period will not be reissued.

Team Payouts

Team Payouts will be made by check in US currency. One check will be written to one person for the entire team payout. The person receiving the check must complete the applicable tax form(s) provided by AMOW. The person receiving the check should also document the payouts he or she distributes to other teammates for tax purposes.

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 AMOW and 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 you 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 AMOW and CueSports International (CSI). AMOW and 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, AMOW 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 AMOW or CSI, if any, shall be limited to reimbursement of the entry fee paid to that division.

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

CSI or AMOW may also use your photograph, image, likeness or name for information, reporting or promotional purposes via print, video and all other media without limitation or compensation of any kind. By participating, you further release all media and appearance rights to CSI or AMOW to produce televised matches, recorded or broadcasted at the event and for all photographic images taken at the event. By registering, you agree that CSI or AMOW 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. **Emergency change requests must be made by Noon, Sunday, March 15 and final league standings and/or other documents may be required.** Only players with an established Fargo rating (minimum robustness of 200) may be added on-site. Emergency changes require a change request fee of \$20 per change and may not result in the team moving into another division. The format is double elimination with no redraw. Match duration will be 90 minutes.

Eligibility

- There is no male/female requirement. Teams may consist of male/female, male/male or female/female.
- Any Wyoming players must have a 2026 BCA Pool League membership and have played at least eight (8) weeks in a single division session between Sept 1, 2025 and the registration deadline in an AMOW member's Wyoming-only BCA Pool league. The eight (8) weeks must be played with at least seven (7) calendar days between match dates.
- By decision of the AMOW, all participants must be 21 years of age to compete in this event.
- Any non-Wyoming resident may qualify only if they have a 2026 BCA Pool League membership and have played at least sixteen (16) weeks between September 1, 2025 and the registration deadline in an AMOW member's Wyoming-only BCA Pool league. The sixteen (16) weeks must be played with at least seven (7) calendar days between match dates.
 - Your BCA Pool League membership status can be checked at www.playcspool.com/bcapl-membership-lookup
- No person (male or female) may be rated higher than 720 at the time of registration, unless they can prove a 2-year minimum Wyoming Residency by providing a valid Wyoming ID or Driver's License and a utility bill in their name delivered to their Wyoming address.

Scotch Doubles Divisions (teams may be male/male, male/female, female/female) (1440 max team rating)

DIVISIONS	START ¹	SPLIT ² (approx)	RACE	EARLY ENTRY ³ (by Feb 17)	LATE ENTRY ³ (Feb 18 – Mar 3)	ON-SITE ENTRY
Gold Division ^{2,4}	3/16 (Mon) 4pm	Upper 50%	R4 Hot	\$160	\$200	N/A
Silver Division ^{2,4}	3/16 (Mon) 4pm	Lower 50%	R3 Hot	\$160	\$200	N/A

1. Start times shown are the earliest possible start times.
2. Players register without knowing exactly which subdivision they will compete in (i.e. Gold, Silver, etc). After registration ends, the field will be split into multiple divisions based on players' Fargo ratings, approximate percentages shown, and the bracket sizes. The percentages shown are approximations and are subject to change based on the skill levels of the participants and bracket sizes.
3. Each entry includes admin & green fees. See the General Info section for a breakdown of those fees.
4. Money added per division based on field size: \$400 based on 32 players and \$700 added based on 64 players.

SINGLES

Check-in for singles divisions is not required. However, **it is your responsibility to know when and where you play**. The format is double elimination to the prize money rounds (Stage 1) and a double elimination final bracket (Stage 2). Match duration will be 105 minutes with the following exception: 9-Ball Singles will be 90 minutes.

Eligibility

- Any Wyoming players must have a 2026 BCA Pool League membership and have played at least eight (8) weeks in a single division session between Sept 1, 2025 and the registration deadline in an AMOW member's Wyoming-only BCA Pool league. The eight (8) weeks must be played with at least seven (7) calendar days between match dates.
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- No person (male or female) may be rated higher than 720 at the time of registration, unless they can prove a 2-year minimum Wyoming Residency by providing a valid Wyoming ID or Driver's License and a utility bill in their name delivered to their Wyoming address.
- Ladies' divisions are open to female players only, as determined by current government issued photo ID.

Singles Divisions

DIVISIONS	START ¹	SPLIT ² (approx)	RACE	EARLY ENTRY ³ (by Feb 17)	LATE ENTRY ³ (Feb 18 – Mar 3)	ON-SITE ENTRY
9-Ball Singles						
Gold Division ^{2,5}	3/16 (Mon) 4pm	Upper 50%	R5 Hot	\$80	\$100	N/A
Silver Division ^{2,5}	3/16 (Mon) 4pm	Lower 50%	R4 Hot	\$80	\$100	N/A
Elite 8-Ball Singles						
Platinum Division ⁶	3/18 (Wed) 11am	N/A	R6	\$140	\$160	N/A
8-Ball Singles (720 max player rating)						
Gold Division ^{2,5}	3/18 (Wed) 8am	Upper 25%	R5 Hot	\$80	\$100	N/A
Silver Division ^{2,5}	3/18 (Wed) 8am	Mid-Upper 30%	R4 Hot	\$80	\$100	N/A
Bronze Division ^{2,5}	3/18 (Wed) 8am	Mid-Lower 30%	R4 Hot	\$80	\$100	N/A
Iron Division ^{2,5}	3/18 (Wed) 8am	Lower 15%	R3 Hot	\$80	\$100	N/A
Ladies 8-Ball Singles ⁴						
Diamond Division ^{2,5}	3/18 (Wed) 11am	Upper 35%	R4 Hot	\$80	\$100	N/A
Sapphire Division ^{2,5}	3/18 (Wed) 11am	Middle 40%	R3 Hot	\$80	\$100	N/A
Ruby Division ^{2,5}	3/18 (Wed) 11am	Lower 25%	R3 Hot	\$80	\$100	N/A

1. Start times shown are the earliest possible start times. Platinum, Diamond, Sapphire, and Ruby divisions will hold a full field calcutta at approx. 10am on 3/18 (Wed). Finals calcutta for all remaining 8-Ball Singles divisions will be held at approx. 9pm on 3/18 (Wed).

2. Players register without knowing exactly which subdivision they will compete in (i.e. Gold, Silver, etc). After registration ends, the field will be split into multiple divisions based on players' Fargo ratings, approximate percentages shown, and the bracket sizes. The percentages shown are approximations and are subject to change based on the skill levels of the participants and bracket sizes.

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

4. Open to ladies only.

5. Money added per division based on field size: \$400 based on 32 players; \$700 added based on 64 players; \$1,200 based on 128 players.

6. Elite 8-Ball Singles added purse will be weighted to ensure the elite division is awarded respectfully. The minimum added purse will be \$500.

TEAMS

Team Check-In & Rosters

Team check-in is required. The Team Captain or League Operator must check in at the Tournament Desk prior to the start of the division and obtain 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 captains are responsible for team rosters and there is a \$10 charge for reprinting them.

- **EMERGENCY ROSTER CHANGE REQUESTS MUST BE MADE BY 5PM ON THE DAY PRIOR TO THE DIVISION START DATE** and final league standings and/or other documents are required.
- **EMERGENCY ROSTER CHANGES ARE LIMITED TO ADDING SUBSTITUTES ONLY AND MAY NOT RESULT IN THE TEAM MOVING INTO ANOTHER DIVISION. CHANGES TO CORE ROSTERS ARE NOT PERMITTED AFTER THE CHANGE REQUEST DEADLINE.** Only players with an established Fargo rating (minimum robustness of 200) may be added on-site.

Team Shirts

Please note that team shirts are encouraged but not required.

Eligibility

- Any Wyoming player must have a 2026 BCA Pool League membership and have played at least eight (8) weeks in a single division session between Sept 1, 2025 and the registration deadline in an AMOW member's Wyoming-only BCA Pool league. The eight (8) weeks must be played with at least seven (7) calendar days between match dates.
- By decision of the AMOW, all participants must be 21 years of age to compete in this event.
- Any non-Wyoming resident may qualify only if they have a 2026 BCA Pool League membership and have played at least sixteen (16) weeks between September 1, 2025 and the registration deadline in an AMOW member's Wyoming-only BCA Pool league. The sixteen (16) weeks must be played with at least seven (7) calendar days between match dates.
 - Your BCA Pool League membership status can be checked at www.playcspool.com/bcapl-membership-lookup
- No person may be rated higher than 720 at the time of registration, unless they can prove a 2-year minimum Wyoming Residency by providing a valid Wyoming ID or Driver's License and a utility bill in their name delivered to their Wyoming address.
- Ladies' divisions are open to female players only, as determined by current government issued photo ID.
- Players may not be on more than one team roster.
- All team members must qualify in the same league.

Core Roster & Substitutions

The "core" roster is used to determine the total team rating. We encourage you to be confident about your registration before submitting it to avoid change fees. We also encourage you to consider the Fargo rates of substitute players. Players designated as substitutes may not replace a lower-rated core player during competition. You may only use a five-person rotation if your four highest rated players are designated as core players. **Once the deadline for change requests has passed, only subs can be added to the roster. There can be no changes to the "core" roster after the change request deadline.**

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 4- player team is below the 2,200 limit at the time of registration, but its team rating naturally increases to 2,243 (43 pts. over the cushion). It will incur a one-game penalty in each match. If it's rating naturally increases to 2,277 (77 pts. over the cushion), it will incur a two-game penalty in each match.

Teams Format - CSI Group Play... *All Teams Guaranteed 5 Matches**

The team divisions use the CSI Group Play format consisting of **Stage 1 – Group Stage** (match duration will be 150 minutes) and

Stage 2 – Double Elimination Final Bracket. See below the specific details of each stage.

**Excluding factors beyond the control of AMOW such as forfeits, drop out teams, no-shows, byes, etc.*

Stage 1 – Group Stage ²

- 4-Player Teams
- Each team plays 5 matches* consisting of 16 racks each.
- 8-Ball Teams and Ladies 8-Ball Teams are Handicapped by FargoRate ¹
- 8-Ball Team and Ladies 8-Ball Team ranking criteria:
 - 1st Criteria: Match Win % ³
 - 2nd Criteria: Avg. Performance Margin ⁴
 - 3rd Criteria: Strength of Schedule ⁵
 - 4th Criteria: Shootout ⁶
- Elite 8-Ball Teams are not handicapped
- Elite 8-Ball Team ranking criteria:
 - 1st Criteria: Match Win % ³
 - 2nd Criteria: Avg. Games Won ⁴
 - 3rd Criteria: Strength of Schedule ⁵
 - 4th Criteria: Shootout ⁶

Stage 2 – Double Elimination Final Bracket ²

- Teams advance to the Stage 2 double elimination bracket based on the Team ranking criteria of Stage 1. **NOTE: the goal is to advance 50%, but no more than 50%, of the field into Stage 2, and to completely fill the Stage 2 bracket with zero byes (Stage 2 bracket will be 4, 8, 16, or 32 teams).**
- Stage 2 teams are seeded in the Stage 2 bracket by their Stage 1 ranking.
- Stage 2 Races:
 - 8-Ball Teams and Ladies 8-Ball Teams FargoRate R9 Hot
 - Elite 8-Ball Teams which will be R9 no handicap

1. The FargoRate League Calculator can be found at <http://leaguecalc.fargorate.com>. Enter the Fargo ratings of each player on both teams, click the blue button until "1 POINTS" is displayed, enter "4" into the field for "Number of games a player plays per round (or per match if handicapping matches)," and click the "CALCULATE" button. The result will be the handicap per match.
2. Teams that forfeit any Stage 1 match may be suspended from future AMOW events.
3. Each match is handicapped by FargoRate. If a match ends in a tie score, each team receives 0.5-win points.
4. If two or more teams have the same win/loss record, the team that has a higher average performance margin will be ranked higher. The performance margin is a comparison of what a team is expected to score vs what it scores in each match. Winning more racks increases your team's performance margin.
5. Strength of schedule is the average rating of opposing teams' core rosters. If two or more teams have the same match win % and the same average performance margin, the team(s) with the larger strength of schedule will be ranked higher.
6. The cue ball is placed behind the head string and each core player, or eligible sub, for each team shoots alternating spot shots. The team with the most shots legally pocketed after all players have taken a shot, wins the shootout. If tied after all players have shot, it is sudden death.

* Excluding factors beyond the control of AMOW such as forfeits, drop-out teams, no-shows, byes, etc. If a team receives a forfeit, they receive a match win (1.0 match win points). Their other stats are unaffected.

Team Divisions

DIVISIONS	START ¹	SPLIT ² (approx)	PLAYERS ³ (core/sub)	STAGE 1 LENGTH	STAGE 2 RACE ⁴	EARLY ENTRY ⁵ (by Feb 17)	LATE ENTRY ⁵ (Feb 18-Mar 3)	ON-SITE ENTRY
Elite 8-Ball Teams (4-player)								
Platinum Division ^{5,8}	3/20 (Fri) 8am	N/A	4/2	16 racks	R9	\$800	\$840	N/A
8-Ball Teams (4-player / 2,200 max team rating)								
Gold Division ^{2,6,9}	3/20 (Fri) 8am	Upper 25%	4/2	16 racks	R9 Hot	\$320	\$360	N/A
Silver Division ^{2,7,9}	3/20 (Fri) 8am	Mid-Upper 30%	4/2	16 racks	R9 Hot	\$320	\$360	N/A
Bronze Division ^{2,7,9}	3/20 (Fri) 8am	Mid-Lower 30%	4/2	16 racks	R9 Hot	\$320	\$360	N/A
Iron Division ^{2,6,9}	3/20 (Fri) 8am	Lower 15%	4/2	16 racks	R9 Hot	\$320	\$360	N/A
Ladies 8-Ball Teams (4-player/2,200 max team rating)								
Ladies Division ^{2,6,9}	3/20 (Fri) 8am	N/A	4/2	16 racks	R9 Hot	\$320	\$360	N/A

1. Start times shown are the earliest possible start times. Finals culcutta for all team divisions will be held 3/21 (Sat) at approx. 1pm. Teams must check-in at the Tournament Desk prior to the start of their division to receive Stage 1 paperwork.
2. If the total number of 8-Ball Teams does not reach 60 teams, all teams may compete in one division. If the total number of Ladies 8-Ball Teams does not reach 12 teams, all Ladies 8-Ball Teams will be placed in 8-Ball Teams.
3. The first number is the number of players on the core roster. The second number is the maximum number of substitutes on the roster.
4. Stage 2 is a double elimination bracket. All matches in the final stage will be handicapped by FargoRate except for Elite.
5. Each entry includes admin & green fees. See the General Info section for a breakdown of these fees.
6. \$750 added based on 32 teams.
7. \$1,250 added based on 64 teams.
8. Elite 8-Ball Teams added purse will be weighted to ensure the elite division is awarded respectfully. The minimum added purse will be \$2,000.
9. All teammates must be qualified from the same league.

2ND CHANCE TOURNAMENTS

There will be a 2nd chance tournament offered for 8-Ball Singles and 8-Ball Team events. Those wishing to participate in a 2nd chance event should check with the Tournament Desk for exact times and entry details. On-site 2nd chance entries must be cash only (U.S. currency) at the Tournament Desk. 2nd chance team tournament entries must be comprised of the members of your original team roster only. New divisions and handicaps may apply.

JUNIORS TOURNAMENT

Check-in for Juniors divisions is not required. However, **it is your responsibility to know when and where you play**. The format is double elimination. There are no cash prizes for Juniors divisions.

Juniors Divisions

DIVISIONS	START ¹	AGE RANGE ⁴	RACE	EARLY ENTRY ³ (by Feb 17)	LATE ENTRY ³ (Feb 18 – Mar 3)	ON-SITE ³ ENTRY
8-Ball Singles						
Platinum Division ²	3/22 (Sun) 8am	18-20 Years Old	R3 Hot	\$10	\$10	\$10
Gold Division ²	3/22 (Sun) 8am	14-17 Years Old	R2 Hot	\$10	\$10	\$10
Silver Division ²	3/22 (Sun) 8am	13-11 Years Old	R2 Hot	\$10	\$10	\$10
Bronze Division ²	3/22 (Sun) 8am	10 Years Old & Under	R2 Hot	\$10	\$10	\$10

1. Start times shown are the earliest possible start times. Check the brackets or ask the Tournament Director for actual times.
2. The on-site registration deadline is 3pm on the day before the start date, Saturday, March 21st.
3. Each entry includes admin & green fees. See the General Info section for a breakdown of these fees. On-site entries must be cash only (USD) and there are no refunds after registering.
4. The age ranges are suggested. Actual brackets may vary by age and are based on participation and size of field.

MINI-TOURNAMENTS

Mini tournaments may be conducted beginning on the first day of the event. Many different formats may be offered. Those wishing to participate should visit the Tournament Desk.

Eligibility

- a. All players must have a 2026 AMOW BCA Pool League membership and must pay a \$20 admin/green fee if not registered in any other events.
- b. Your BCA Pool League membership status can be checked at www.playcspool.com/bcapl-membership-lookup.

NOTE: Some mini tournaments may have specific ratings, gender, league, and misc. requirements.