

INVITATION

WORLD 9 BALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2017 (W9BC)

5th – 14th December 2017

We are pleased to inform you that the Qatar Billiards & Snooker Federation in Cooperation with the Qatar Olympic Committee, is hosting the World 9 Ball Championship 2017 (W9BC) sanctioned by the World Pool-Billiards Association (WPBA) and Asian Pocket Billiards Union (APBU).

This mega event is Sponsored by Qatar Olympic Committee and co-sponsored by Simonis (Cloth), Aramith (Balls) and Wiraka Tables.

Discipline



9 Ball

Venue

The entire event i.e. Stage -1 & Stage-2 will be played at **Al Attiya Sports Arena, Al Saad.**

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Entry Dates

Keeping in view the shortage of time, **all the participants are strictly advised to send their entries within the stipulated time frame given as under enabling us to obtain the Visas for them.** The Organizing Committee will not accept any entry after the last date of entry. Furthermore, Qatar Billiards & Snooker Federation will not be responsible for any Visa for the late entries and in that case, the participants shall have to arrange their Visas by themselves.

WPA Ranking Players : Confirm the Entry On or before 1st November, 2017

Allocation Confirmed : On or before 4th November, 2017

(Entry by Number) :

Entry by Name : On or before 4th November, 2017 (First come, first served basis)

Entry Fee

Stage-1

An Entry Fee of US\$250 is applicable to each participant for Stage-1. Stage-1 participants may avail three chances to qualify for Stage-2.

Stage-2

An Entry Fee of US\$ 250 is applicable to each participant.

All the participants are advised to pay their Entry Fee within the due date. Any entry without the Entry Fee will not be entertained and included in the Draw.

Participation

Stage-1 Participants:

All the Players can send their entries only through their National Federations. Entries sent directly by the players shall not be entertained. The maximum number of entries for Stage-1 shall be 96 (Ninety Six) on first-come-first basis.

Stage-2 Participants:

128 spots are fixed for the Stage-2 of W9BC. All those players who come under following criteria are eligible to get a direct entry in Stage-2 of W9BC;

- a. Defending Champion
- b. WPA Rankings (The spots are guaranteed for the players who are amongst the top 24 rankings in the WPA Ranking System)
- c. The Continental Federations can allocate their players.
- d. Wild Cards from the WPA and the Organizers.
- e. Qualifiers from W9BC Stage-1 tournaments.

Quotas for the Federations

The quotas for the different federations are as under;

• WPA Ranking	24 (Including Defending Champion)
• APBU	20
• BCA	6
• EPBF	24
• AAPA	4
• CPB	3
• OPBA	3
• West Asia & Arab Countries	12
• Host Country	8
• WPA Wild Cards	6
• Organizers' Wild Cards	4
• Qualifying Players	12
• Sponsors	2
Total	128 Players

Schedule of Events

The Stage-1 & Stage-2 matches shall be played on 16 Tables.

Qualifying Round (Stage-1)	5 th till 7 th 2017 (3 Days)
Players' Meeting and Draw	Friday, 8 th December 2017 5:00 p.m. (At the Hotel)
Main Event (Stage-2)	9 th till 11 th December 2017 (4 Days)

Knock Out Round (64 Players) 12rd till 14th December, 2017 (2 Days)

General Instructions for the Players

Stage-1 Participants

All the players are advised to submit the entry forms and entry fee along with a scanned Passport Size Photograph and copy of the Passport to the QBSF through their respective National Federations on or before 5th November, 2017. The Organizing Committee will confirm the entry only after they receive the Entry Fees within the due date and the Stage-1 players shall be guaranteed for 1st Chance, 2nd Chance & 3rd Chance tournaments.

Stage-2 Participants

- All the Players who are amongst the top 24 rankings of the WPA Ranking System are advised to inform and confirm about their participation or non-participation not later than 1st November, 2017.
- All Continental Federations are also requested to inform the QBSF about their allocation of entries on or before 4th November, 2017.

Accreditation

All the Stage-2 participants are advised to send their entry forms along with the scanned Passport Size Photo and scanned copy of the Passport enabling the Organizing Committee to prepare the Identity Cards of the participants which is mandatory to enter the Tournament Venue.

All the Stage-1 players and officials are advised to get them register and obtain their Identity Cards before the Players' meeting through the Accreditation Process from the Accreditation Desk in the Official Hotel Lobby. Please be informed that the Accreditation Card can only be obtained after the submission of the Entry Fee. The Entry Fee can only be paid in US Dollars (US\$).

Prize Fund

The Players who lose in the last round of the Losers' bracket and finish from 65th to 96th are also guaranteed a prize purse of US\$ 500 each.

The break down for the Prize Money is as follows;

Winner	US\$ 30,000
Runner Up	US\$ 15,000
3 rd & 4 th Place	US\$ 7,500 each
5 th to 8 th Place	US\$ 5,000 each
9 th to 16 th Place	US\$ 3,000 each
17 th to 32 nd Place	US\$ 2,000 each
33 rd to 64 th Place	US\$ 1,000 each
65 th to 96 th Place	US\$ 500 each (Loser of 2 nd Round in Losers' bracket of Stage-2)
Total	US\$ 200,000

Please be informed that there is no tax deduction from the Prize Money.

Equipment

- Tables : 16 latest model Wiraka Tables shall be used for the entire event.
- Cloth : The Simonis 860 Cloth (Tournament Blue Color) shall be used for the Tables.
- Balls : The Aramith Super Pro TV Ball shall be used for the event.

Championship Format

Stage-1 Qualifying Tournaments

Stage-1 qualifying tournaments shall be played by following rules;

- Single Elimination
- Race to 7
- Alternate Break
- Qualifying rules for the substitute players : Point System

All the Stage-1 participants are guaranteed to play in three tournaments i.e. 1st chance, 2nd chance & 3rd chance to qualify for the 12 spots in the Stage-2.

Stage-2 Group Round

Stage-2 event of the W9BC shall be played by following rules;

- Double Elimination
- Race to 9 up to Last 64
- Alternate Break

The main draw i.e. Stage-2 of the W9BC will be consisted of 128 players including the 12 qualifiers from Stage-1. These 128 players shall be divided into 16 groups of 8 players each. 4 players from each group shall advance into the Last 64 round. 2 players from Winner's Bracket shall be seeded in the Final Round spots according to their results from their respective groups. 2 players from Loser's Bracket shall be drawn randomly.

From the Final Round i.e. last 64 the tournament will be played by following rules;

- Single Elimination
- Alternate Break
- Race to 11 up to Semi Finals
- Final will be Race to 13
- It is mandatory for the all the players qualified for the last 8 (Quarter Finals) stage, to wear the Polo T-Shirts with QBSF Sponsorship Logos provided by the Organizing Committee during all the matches from the Quarter Finals onwards.

Travel & Accommodations

The Official Hotel of the W9BC is _____. This hotel offers special subsidized room rates to the Players, Officials and guests of the W9BC.

Hotel Information:

Web Site Address:

Email Address:

Telephone: +974 _____ **Fax :** +974 _____

Room Rates:	Single Room with Breakfast	110 US\$ (inclusive of all the taxes)
	Twin Bed Room with Breakfast	120 US\$ (inclusive of all the taxes)

All the Players & Officials are responsible for their Air Ticket, Accommodation and daily meals.

Please find attached the Reservation Form and send it to Qatar Billiards & Snooker Federation at the earliest convenience to avoid the last minute refusal from the hotel. The name & contact details of the Public Relations Officer is **Mr. Ehab Anwar Contact # +974 66 741 741.**

Transportation

The Venue is about ____ minutes drive from the Official Hotel.

The QBSF will provide the shuttle bus service 5-6 times a day from the Hotel to Venue and vice versa.

Insurance

As the organizer cannot accept responsibility for any accidents or injury that might occur, participants are advised to arrange for their own personal insurance.

Visas

All the participants who need a Visa Invitation Letter are advised to send a scanned copy of their valid passport to the QBSF at the earliest convenience.

Below is a list of countries who can obtain a visa on arrival at Doha Airport after a payment of Visa Fees of US\$ 28.00 which is payable by a credit card only. However, if you will send a Visa Application well in advance then the QBSF will arrange for your Visa without any fees.

The Citizens other than the countries mentioned below shall arrange for their Visas prior to travel either by themselves or by the QBSF.

Andorra	Czech Republic	Lebanon	Russia
Argentina	Denmark	Liechtenstein	San Marino
Australia	Ecuador	Lithuania	Seychelles
Austria	Estonia	Luxembourg	Singapore
Azerbaijan	Finland	Macedonia	Slovakia
Bahamas	France	Malaysia	Slovenia
Belarus	Georgia	Maldives	South Africa
Belgium	Germany	Malta	South Korea
Bolivia	Greece	Mexico	Spain
Brazil	Guyana	Moldova	Suriname
Brunei	Hong Kong	Monaco	Sweden
Bulgaria	Hungary	Netherlands	Switzerland
Canada	Iceland	New Zealand	Thailand
Chile	India	Norway	Turkey
China	Indonesia	Panama	Ukraine
Colombia	Ireland	Paraguay	United Kingdom
Costa Rica	Italy	Peru	United States
Croatia	Japan	Poland	Uruguay
Cuba	Kazakhstan	Portugal	Vatican City
Cyprus	Latvia	Romania	Venezuela

Confirmation of Travel

All the participants are informed that they might be checked for "OK TO BOARD" stamp on the Paper Visa at the Airline Counter. We therefore advise you to check with your travel agents or the Airline, if they need "OK TO BOARD" stamp on the Visas arranged by the QBSF.