

2019 World 9-ball China Open

Competition Regulations

1. Hosts

World Pool-Billiard Association
China Billiards & Snooker Association
Shanghai Administration of Sports
Shanghai Sports Federation

2. Title Sponsor

Shanghai Pudong Tangcheng Investment Development Co., Ltd.

3. Organizers

Shanghai Billiards Association
Pudong Administration of Culture & Sports & Tourism
Pudong New Area Sports Federation
Peoples' Government of Tangzhen Pudong New Area
Tangzhen Community Public Welfare Foundation
Great Sports Media Co., Ltd.

4. Co-Organizers

Shanghai Pudong Billiards Association
Pudong Yuanshen Sports Development Center
Beijing Xingwei Sports Goods Co., Ltd.

5. Operator & Promotor

Shanghai Pudong Billiards Association

6. Tournament Venue

Stage 1: Men - Pudong Tangzhen Culture & Sports Center Billiards Club
(1F, No. 3150, Gu Tang Road, Pudong, Shanghai)
Women - Pudong Sanlin Sports Center Billiards Club
(3F, No.201, Yun Lian Road, Pudong, Shanghai)
Stage 2: Pudong Tangzhen Culture & Sports Center
(No.3150, Gu Tang Road, Pudong, Shanghai)

7. Tournament Dates

Stage 1: September 1st - 3rd, 2019 (Sunday - Tuesday)
Stage 2: September 5th - 8th, 2019 (Thursday - Sunday)

8. Discipline

1. 9-ball Men's singles
2. 9-ball Women's singles

9. TV Coverage

1. CCTV-5 Channel
2. Great Sports Channel

10. Cooperation Media

Xinhua News Agency, China News Service, People's Daily, Guangming Daily, China Sports Daily, China Youth Daily, Workers' Daily, Wenhui Daily, Jiefang Daily, Xinmin Evening News, Labour Daily, Oriental Sports Daily, Global Times, Shanghai Daily, Youth Daily, Shanghai Morning Post, Pudong Times, Pudong Sports Community, Shanghai Billiards News, Sina, Tencent, Sohu, NetEase, SPORTS.CN, EASTDAY.COM, the CBSA website, TOP147, CCTV Sports Channel, CCTV Billiards Channel, Beijing TV, Guangdong TV, Shanghai TV, Oriental TV, Great Sports, VideoLand TV, Pudong Cable TV, Pudong Radio, Great Sports Radio, Shanghai People's Radio Station, etc.

11. Official Designations

- 11.1 Table: Xingpai
- 11.2 Ball: Aramith TV Ball
- 11.3 Cloth: CPBA Competition
- 11.4 Light: Tianjin Junyao Billiard Light
- 11.5 Cue: Piston
- 11.6 Hotel: Ramada Shanghai East
- 11.7 Website: www.cbsa.org.cn

12. Entry

12.1 Men players ranked at top 16 and women players ranked at top 8 in WPA ranking system (by June 30, 2019) shall have direct access to the Stage 2.

12.2 Players from Mainland China (including players who are eligible for stage 2 already)

a. Download CBSA APP and fill the online entry form there; or Log in on CBSA official website and fill the online entry form there.

b. Players who wish to wear commercial logos are required to send the name and the picture of the logos to cbsa@sports.cn for prior approval.

12.3 For overseas players, please send the filled entry form and personal logo(s) information to cbsa@sports.cn and CC to chinaopen_9ball@126.com.

12.4 Entry Deadline

Players from Mainland China: August 20th, 2019

Overseas Players: August 10th, 2019

12.5 Inquiry Telephone: +86-10-87187887; Contact person: Ms. Yan Qian (AKA Nancy), CBSA.

12.6 Entry Fees: CNY1500 per entry for the Stage 1 (all 3 chances).

CNY1000 per entry for the Stage 2.

12.7 Players are required to attend all competition related activities according to the players' notice.

12.8 Event Organizing Committee Office

Shanghai Pudong Billiards Association

(Room 308, West Area, No. 655, Yuanshen Road, Pudong, Shanghai)

Contact person: Ms. Zhang Xi;

TEL: +86-21-50936220;

FAX: +86-21-50933078;

E-mail: chinaopen_9ball@126.com;

13. Tournament Formats and Rules

13.1 Matches shall be played in accordance with the latest WPA 9-ball rules with the Three Point Break Rule included.

13.2 Stage 1(qualifying tournaments):

Winner breaks.

Single elimination, race to 9 (Men's)

Single elimination, race to 7 (Women's)

This stage consists of 3 chances. Each player is eligible for playing all 3 chances. A maximum of 128 men players and 64 women players will participate in each chance. For each gender, there are 8 qualifying seats (2 from 1st chance, 2 from 2nd chance and 4 from 3rd chance).

Stage 2(main tournament): 2 phases

Alternate breaks.

Phase 1 Group round:

Men's: 64 players, Double elimination, race to 9, 2 players from the winner's bracket and 2 players from the loser's bracket will enter into the Phase 2.

Women's: 48 players, Double elimination, race to 7, 1 player from the winner's bracket and 1 player from the loser's bracket will enter into the Phase 2.

Phase 2 Play-off round:

32 players, Single elimination, race to 11 (Men's)

16 players, Single elimination, race to 9 (Women's)

4 players from each group advance into last 32 (Men's);

2 players from each group advance into last 16 (Women's);

13.3 No seeded player in stage 1.

Stage 2 seeded players: Top 16 men players and women players according to current WPA rankings.

13.4 Players advanced from winner's bracket will be seeded into Play-off Round according to their results in group rounds, players advanced from loser's bracket will be drawn randomly.

13.5 A Shot clock shall be used in every match. Each player will have 45 seconds per shot. A warning will be given when 10 seconds remain. A countdown will be given

when 5 seconds remains. Each player will be allowed one 45-second extension during each rack. No shot clock will be used in the deciding/final rack.

13.6 Each player can take one time out of 5 minutes during one match.

13.7 Magic sheet will be used to rack the balls with the No.1 ball on the spot and No. 9 ball on the center. Players are not allowed to ask the referee to adjust the rack.

According to WPA 9-ball rules, at least 3 object balls must either be pocketed or touched the head string as a result of a break in order for it to be legal.

Circumstances below are legal breaks:

1 object ball is pocketed and 2 object balls touching the head string;

2 object balls are pocketed and at least 1 object ball touching the head string;

3 object balls are pocketed and no need for other object balls touching the head string;

If player A's break is considered illegal, player B has the option either to accept the table as it is, or hand it back to the player A who breaks; if player B accepts the table as it is, he/she cannot perform a push-out; if player A is chosen to continue the play, he/she can perform a push-out; If the No. 9 ball is pocketed in an illegal break, it will be re-spotted before the next action is taken.

14. Rewards

14.1 Prizes will be given in accordance with the criteria of WPA.

14.2 Trophies will be given to champions, runners-ups and third places.

15. Expenses

15.1 Players are responsible for their own expenses incurred during the Tournament.

15.2 The Organizing Committee will be responsible for staff & referees' return ticket, accommodation and remuneration.

16. Points for Attention

16.1 Players must obey the arrangements and follow the rules of event organizing committee.

16.2 Players are requested to be stand-by at the Check-in desk in the venue 30 minutes before the scheduled match time. If a player fails to turn up after the head referee declared the start of the competition, the match will be awarded to the opposing player.

16.3 If the player disagreed with the referee's ruling, he/she should raise the question before next shot, otherwise it will not be attended to.

16.4 Smoking is strictly forbidden in the venue. Active players are not allowed to take their mobile phones into play area.

16.5 Any forms of gambling is strictly forbidden during the tournament.

16.6 Dress code:

Men Players: Nice Shirt with collar and sleeves, dark trousers & black leather shoes;

Women Players: Dark trousers, dark dress shoes.

16.7 Players of Stage 2 are obliged to attend commercial activity organized by the organizing committee for at least once. Players are forbidden to attend any other commercial activities or any other tournaments in the duration of the China Open (specifically Aug. 20th – Sept. 10th 2019) without permission from the organization committee. If any violation was found, the Organizing Committee will fine the player for CNY 5000 for each violation. Player will be disqualified if the case is serious enough.

16.8 All players must attend all competition related activities including sponsor activities, player's meetings, the official opening ceremony, the draw meeting and the closing ceremony. Anyone absent without permission from the organizing committee will be fined CNY 1500 each time.

16.9 It is mandatory that players should wear 2 designated logos at specified position (right chest for left-handed, left chest for right-handed). Logo positions on the arms are reserved by CBSA.

16.10 Players can wear at most 2 commercial or governmental logos which should be stated in the Entry Form and approved by Organization Committee beforehand. The logos should be put at the specified positions (left chest or right chest). The size should not exceed 5cm*8cm, diameter of circular logo does not exceed 7cm. Wearing logos not stated in the entry form or wearing logos at non-specified positions shall result in immediate disqualification.

The final interpretation of the above competition regulations belongs to the Event Organizing Committee. Any matters not mentioned herein will be announced separately.