

ASIAN HEYBALL OPEN

Doha, Qatar from October 23 to October 26, 2024

ATHLETE GUIDE

ABOUT

This guide provides essential information for athletes participating in the **2024 Asian Heyball Open**. The event will be held in **Doha, Qatar from October 23 to October 26, 2024**.

What is the 2024 Asian Heyball Open?

The 2024 Asian Heyball Open marks the inaugural event of the "From China with Love" Heyball campaign in Asia. The event will be organized by the Qatar Billiard Sports Federation (QBSF) and is sanctioned by both the World Pool Association (WPA) and the Asian Confederation of Billiard Sports (ACBS)

The tournament will feature 16 JOY Billiards Heyball tables, with one table dedicated to live streaming, offering free online viewing for all. This event is part of a global initiative, known as "From China with Love," which aims to provide a high-level competitive platform where the best players in the sport can showcase their talent. The campaign is a series of international events organized by the World Pool Association, designed to raise awareness, popularity, and participation in Heyball worldwide.

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENT

- JOY Billiards Heyball Table
- Rack – Triangle
- Cloth – Strachan
- Balls – Aramith

BROADCAST INFORMATION

This event will be broadcast live on www.acbs.qa

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KEY INFORMATION

Arrival Day:	October 22, 2024
Athletes' Meeting:	19:00 – October 22, 2024 (Mandatory)
Tournament Start:	October 23, 2024
Departure Day:	October 27, 2024
Hotel:	Hyatt Regency Oryx Doha
Venue:	Qatar BSF Academy
Airport:	Doha - Hamad International Airport DXB
Disciple:	Heyball
Entry:	Via WPA Member Allocation
WPA Member Nomination Deadline:	September 30, 2024
Athlete Registration Deadline:	October 07, 2024
Entry Fee:	USD 100
Bracket: Stage 1:	64 player double elimination
Bracket: Stage 2:	16 player single elimination
Race Length:	Race to 7 or 100 minutes (men) Race to 6 or 100 minutes (women)
Rules:	WPA Heyball Rules
Online Brackets and scoring:	CueScore

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RULES AND REGULATIONS:

WPA MEMBER ALLOCATION:

Allocations - 64 Spots:	Host	24 Spots
(Men 64 and Women 64)	ACBS	16 Spots
	WPA	4 Spots
	Americas	8 Spots (BCA North 5, CPB South 3)
	AAPA	2 Spots
	EPBF	8 Spots
	OPBA	2 Spots

Nominations will only be accepted through WPA Members. The deadline for WPA Members to submit their athlete nominations via email to admin@wpapool.com is September 30, 2024. After this date, a registration link will be sent to the nominated athletes for individual registration and entry fee payment, which must be completed by October 07, 2024, via the WPA website.

ENTRY FEE:

The entry fee is set at USD 100 per athlete and must be paid during the online registration process on the WPA website by October 07, 2024.

REFUNDS

By registering for this event, you are committing to the event, the organizers, fans, sponsors, and yourself. Refund requests can be made prior to the entry fee deadline and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. No refunds will be issued after the entry fee deadline.

Refund requests must be submitted in writing to admin@wpapool.com before the entry fee deadline. Eligibility for a refund will be determined after the event concludes. Please note that administrative fees are non-refundable, and an additional \$25 fee will be applied for any approved refunds.

WPA ATHLETE LICENSE REGISTRATION

All athletes participating in the Asian Heyball Open will need to have a valid WPA Athlete's License. Athletes without a valid WPA Athlete's License will have their payouts withheld until their WPA Athlete's license is activated.

<https://wpapool.com/register/wpa-player-license/>

For more information or assistance please visit www.wpapool.com or email admin@wpapool.com

PRIZE MONEY:

Prize Money: \$58,000 for men's event, and \$58,000 for women's event

PLACE	PRIZE MONEY	TOTAL
Champion	USD \$10,000	USD \$10,000
Runner Up	USD \$6,000	USD \$6,000
3 – 4th	USD \$4,000	USD \$8,000
5 – 8th	USD \$2,000	USD \$8,000
9 – 16th	USD \$1,250	USD \$10,000
17 – 32nd	USD \$500	USD \$8,000
33 – 64th	USD \$250	USD \$8,000
Total 64	For Both Men and Women	USD \$58,000

The prize money will be disbursed by JOY Billiards through electronic transfer within 30 days following the event. Payments will be made to the bank accounts provided by athletes during the online registration process.

ATHLETE'S MEETING

There will be a mandatory athletes' meeting on October 22, 2024, at 19:00, at Qatar BSF Academy. This meeting, conducted by the Event Management and the Tournament Director, must be attended by all participants. Athletes who are not present may be replaced by local athletes on the waiting list, and no refund will be given.

TRAVEL DETAILS

AIRPORTS:

- Doha - Hamad International Airport DXB:

Transportation from the airport to the hotel will be arranged by the host federation, please provide your confirmed flight details to qbsf@msy.gov.qa by 07 October 2024.

HOTEL:

Athletes are required to stay at the **Hyatt Regency Oryx Doha**

Accommodation with breakfast and all taxes are:

- US\$100.00 (US dollars one hundred) per single room per night.
- US\$110.00 (US dollars one hundred and twenty) per double room night.

For hotel reservation, please email qbsf@msy.gov.qa by 07 October 2024.

VISA – LETTER OF INVISTATION:

Most countries can receive visas upon arrival at the Airport, but some countries do not require visas, for those who need visas please check with the Qatar embassy in your country or send a scanned copy of the passports to QBSF Email: qbsf@msy.gov.qa

PLAN YOUR TRAVEL CAREFULLY:

We encourage you to allow ample time for travel both before and after the event. Please be aware that the organization and event director are not responsible for airline delays, lost luggage, traffic jams, or any other travel-related issues that could result in missing the athletes' meeting or forfeiting your spot. Matches will not be delayed or rescheduled to accommodate individual travel challenges. For this reason, you are advised to arrive no later than the day before the event starts and to plan your departure for no sooner than the day after the event concludes.

COVID-19

While it is difficult to predict the exact COVID-19 restrictions that may be in place at the time of the event, athletes should be prepared to follow all safety rules and regulations enforced by the event organizers, host venue, accommodations, national government, or local authorities. This may include, but is not limited to, face coverings, social distancing, and temperature checks. We expect all participants and their companions to comply with any safety measures that may be required throughout the event.

FORMAT

MEN'S STAGE 1 - DOUBLE ELIMINATION:

- Half the field will be seeded by WPA Rankings. Random draw for the remaining athletes.
- Double elimination to the final 16 (8 on winners' side and 8 on the one-loss side).
- One set, Race to 7 or 100 minutes.
- A shootout will occur if the set is tied at the end of 100 minutes.

MEN'S STAGE 2 - SINGLE ELIMINATION:

- Final 16 athletes from Stage 1. A new draw will determine the single elimination bracket.
 - o From the 16 remaining athletes, the 8 highest ranked athletes on the WPA ranking will be seeded into the bracket.
 - o The remaining 8 athletes will be drawn randomly
- Single elimination
- One set, Race to 7 or 100 minutes.

- A shootout will occur if the set is tied at the end of 100 minutes.

WOMEN'S STAGE 1 - DOUBLE ELIMINATION:

- Half the field will be seeded by WPA Rankings. Random draw for the remaining athletes.
- Double elimination to the final 16 (8 on winners' side and 8 on the one-loss side).
- One set, Race to 6 or 100 minutes.
- A shootout will occur if the set is tied at the end of 100 minutes.

WOMEN'S STAGE 2 - SINGLE ELIMINATION:

- Final 16 athletes from Stage 1. A new draw will determine the single elimination bracket.
 - o From the 16 remaining athletes, the 8 highest ranked athletes on the WPA ranking will be seeded into the bracket.
 - o The remaining 8 athletes will be drawn randomly
- Single elimination
- One set, Race to 6 or 100 minutes.
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RULES

BREAKING

- Alternate breaks. Lag for the opening break of the first set.
- Referee racks on all tables – athletes may not approach or inspect the rack.

SCHEDULE

If an athlete is not present at the posted match time, the opponent must notify the Tournament Co-ordinator immediately.

- The Tournament Co-ordinator will penalize the athlete one frame and place the athlete “on the clock.”
- The Tournament Co-ordinator will subsequently penalize the athlete one game for every 5 minutes, until he or she is present.
- If the athlete is not present after 15 minutes of being placed “on the clock,” it is a forfeit.

PRACTICE

- No open practice is allowed at all on the feature table. The two athletes scheduled on the feature table may shoot one rack each prior to the match.
- Between matches, practice will be allowed at the 4 practice tables.
- If a table does not become available until match time, athletes may shoot one rack each prior to beginning the match.

DRESS CODE

APPROVED CLOTHING

This tournament will enforce the dress code described in the WPA regulations: [Click Here](#). This is the minimum required dress code, and athletes may choose to wear a waistcoat under the same conditions.

Athletes need to be dressed professionally during the entire event, not just during their match. This includes practice, meetings, and the public areas of the venue.

PROHIBITED CLOTHING

Under no circumstances will the organization accept any of these clothing:

- Athletic wear of any kind, including but not limited to sweats, swimwear, jogging suits, uniforms, jerseys, or any type of pants with contrasting stripes not associated with formal wear.
- Shorts of any kind, regardless of apparent length. Pants must be normal in respect to the appropriate rise in relation to the length of garment and may not be excessively baggy or loose fitting.
- Overalls, coveralls, jeans, hats, headphones, or earpieces (unless medical need, proof required)

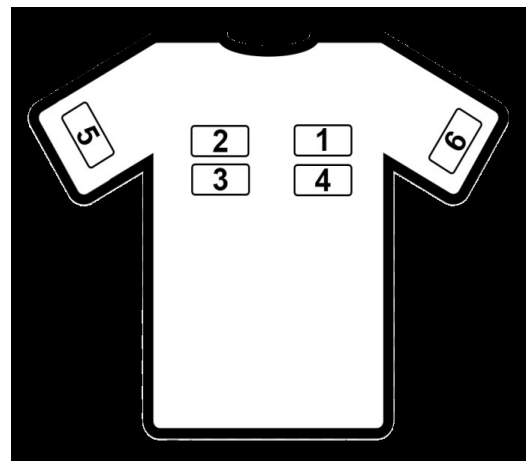
LOGOS & PATCHES

Athletes may wear a maximum of four (4) of their own logos on playing apparel (“Athlete’s logos”). All logos, including apparel brand logos and federation logos, are included in this maximum of four (4) restriction. Athletes may display a fifth logo if this logo is an official partner of the event. These logos should be placed in positions 2- 6 on the diagram. Text on jerseys will be treated as a sponsor logo, unless it is the athlete’s name, nickname, or country they represent.

In addition, the organizers may provide athletes with one additional patch for the event. This should be displayed as shown in position (1) on the below image.

Logos may not exceed sixty-five (65) square centimeters. The athlete must submit to the organization, before his or her first match, samples of all sponsor logos for approval. Logos should only be worn in the positions shown in the image to the right.

The organization reserves the authority to disallow any sponsor logos for any reason, including but not limited to not submitting logo for approval or conflicting with any other event or broadcast sponsor.



ATHLETE AGREEMENT

These terms outline the legally binding rules for participation in the event. By registering, athletes agree to adhere to all terms and conditions set by the organizers and other event partners. If you are under 18 years of age, you must obtain the consent of your legal guardian to participate under these terms.

You acknowledge that you have read and fully understand the latest version of the Athlete Guide, Tournament Regulations, and all other relevant rules. You also agree to check for the latest updates to these documents before the event begins. By participating, you commit to following all rules and regulations established by the organizers and event partners.

The organizers and event partners reserve the right to: determine athlete eligibility, refuse entry for any reason, adjust field sizes, change ratings, display names and ratings online, and modify schedules or payouts based on factors such as field size, inclement weather, acts of God, war, or terrorism.

You recognize the inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 or other illnesses during events with large gatherings. While it is uncertain what specific COVID-19 restrictions will be in place at the time of the event, you agree to comply with all safety rules and regulations enforced by the organizers, host venue, national government, or local ordinances. Safety measures may include face coverings, social distancing, and temperature checks. Refusing to follow these safety guidelines will not qualify you for a refund.

Participation in the event is voluntary, and by participating, you release the organizers, their representatives, agents, sponsors, and affiliates from any liability for injury, illness, losses, damages, or expenses of any kind incurred by you, your heirs, or personal representatives in connection with the event. The maximum liability of the organizers and event partners, if any, is limited to the reimbursement of the entry fee paid.

Disqualification from the event for any reason will result in forfeiture of any prize money earned and may lead to suspension from future events organized by the same organizers or from WPA-sanctioned events.

By participating, you grant the organizers and event partners the right to use your photograph, image, likeness, or name for informational, reporting, or promotional purposes in any media, including print and video, without limitation or compensation. You also release all media and appearance rights to the organizers and event partners for the production of televised matches, recordings, or broadcasts at the event, as well as for any photographs taken during the event. Additionally, by registering, you agree to have your email added to the organizers' mailing list for periodic communication at their discretion.