

PUDONG TANGCHENG 2024 WPA 9-BALL CHINA OPEN

Tournament Regulations

September 14th to 22nd 2024
Shanghai China

1. HOSTS

World Pool Association (WPA)

Chinese Billiards & Snooker Association (CBSA)

Shanghai Sports Federation

2. ORGANIZERS

Pudong Administration of Culture, Sports & Tourism, Shanghai

Peoples' Government of Tangzhen Pudong New Area, Shanghai

Shanghai Billiards Association

Pudong New Area Sports Federation, Shanghai

Tangzhen Community Public Welfare Foundation of Pudong New Area,
Shanghai

3. CO-ORGANIZERS

Shanghai Pudong Billiards Association

Shanghai Pudong Yuanshen Sports Development Center

4. SPONSORS

VOCO Shanghai Zhangjiang Hotel

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Beijing Taichuang Technology Co., Ltd.

Beijing Qingzhou Technology Co., Ltd.

Hebei Zhunshen Billiards Co., Ltd.

Shanghai Wanlong Trading Co., Ltd.

Shanghai Tuoqiao Catering Management Co., Ltd

Wuxi Longpai Billiards Technology Co., Ltd

Jiangxi Rasson Billiards Manufacturing Co., Ltd

CRAND (Beijing) Technology Co., Ltd

Simonis (Beijing) Trading Co., Ltd.

5. OPERATOR & PROMOTOR

Shanghai Pudong Billiards Association

6. LOCATION

Stage 1: Pudong Tangzhen Culture & Sports Center

Address: 1/F, No. 3150, Gu Tang Road, Pudong, Shanghai

Stage 2: Pudong Tangzhen Culture & Sports Center

Address: 2/F No.3150, Gu Tang Road, Pudong, Shanghai

7. EVENT DATES

Stage 1: September 14th - 16th 2024 (Saturday - Monday)

Stage 2: September 18th - 22nd 2024 (Wednesday - Sunday)

8. DISCIPLINE

8.1 9-ball Men's singles

8.2 9-ball Women's singles

9. TV COVERAGE

Great Sports Channel

10. MEDIA COOPERATION

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, Global Times, Shanghai Daily, Youth Daily, Shanghai Morning Post, Pudong Times, Pudong Sports Community, Douyin, Sina, Tencent, Sohu, NetEase, EASTDAY.COM, the CBSA website, TOP147, CCTV Sports Channel, CCTV Billiards Channel, Beijing TV, Guangdong TV, Shanghai TV, Oriental TV, Great Sports, Pudong Cable TV, Pudong Radio, Great Sports Radio , Shanghai People's Radio Station, etc.

11. OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT & SERVICE

11.1 Table: Rasson Pool Table

11.2 Ball: Aramith TV Ball

11.3 Table Cloth: Andy Cloth

11.4 Chalk: TP Professional Chalk

11.5 Cue: Arch Benz

11.6 Cue Tip: How

11.7 Lighting: HUYI Billiards Lighting

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11.8 Player Sofa: HUYI Billiards Sofa

11.9 Live Streaming: Sports Master Show

11.10 Scoring System: CRAND

11.11 We Media: Naughty-Billiards, Poolbond

11.12 Dessert: Su Shan Shuo Chinese Style Pastry

11.13 Hotel: VOCO Shanghai Zhangjiang Hotel

12. OFFICIAL WEBSITE

Chinese Billiards & Snooker Association www.cbsa.org.cn

13. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

13.1 Eligibility: The WPA ranked Top 16 men and Top 16 women players (by July 8th 2024) as well as the Champions of 2023 China Open shall be automatically invited to the Stage 2.

13.2 Entry open to players from Mainland China (including players who are eligible to directly start from the Stage 2) who should

a. hold a valid membership of CBSA for 2024;

b. fill out the entry form and send it via e-mail to

chinaopen_9ball@126.com.

Contact: Ms. Zhang Xi

Mobile (WeChat account): +86 13795253885

Address: 3/F, No.201, Yun Lian Road, Pudong, Shanghai

Telephone: +86 (21)-50936220

13.3 Entry open to overseas players.

Please send the entry form with necessary information via e-mail to cbsa@sports.cn and copy chinaopen_9ball@126.com.

Contact: Ms. Yan Qian, Director of Foreign Affairs of CBSA.

Telephone: +86 (0) 10 -87187887;

13.4 **Visa**

Should a player need to apply for the China visa, please send a scanned copy of passport to cbsa@sports.cn and confirm which visa center/consulate to go.

13.5 **Entry Deadline**

Players from Mainland China: August 30th 2024 (Friday)

Overseas Players: August 10th 2024 (Saturday)

13.6 **Entry Fees**

CNY1500.00 for the Stage 1 (all 3 chances).

CNY1000.00 for the Stage 2.

Overseas players shall pay the fees directly to the organizer upon arrival.

13.7 **Payment and Bank**

Both Stage 1 and 2 players please pay the entry fees to the following account:

- Account Name: Shanghai Pudong New Area Billiards Association

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- Account number: 450759216179
- Bank Name: Bank of China, Shanghai Yushan Road Branch

13.8 Players are required to do logo application (maximum of 2 logos) beforehand by filling out the entry form with a photo and the name of personal logos.

13.9 Players are required to undergo physical check before participation and apply for personal accident insurance on their own.

13.10 Players are required to arrive in time and abide by the event regulations including but not limited to attending all related activities according to the Players' Notice.

13.11 Organizing Committee Office

Shanghai Pudong Billiards Association (Address 3/F, No.201, Yun Lian Road, Pudong, Shanghai)

Contact: Mrs. Zhang Xi

TEL: +86 - (0) 21-50936220

E-mail: chinaopen_9ball@126.com

13.12 Airport transfer services for international players:

a. The transfer service fee from Shanghai Pudong Airport to the VOCO Shanghai Zhangjiang Hotel is 10.00 dollars per person and 20.00 dollars for a round trip;

b. The transfer service fee from Shanghai Hongqiao Airport to the

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VOCO Shanghai Zhangjiang Hotel is 25.00 dollars per person and 50.00 dollars for a round trip.

c. The airport transfer service needs to be requested and confirmed before September 7th Saturday and transfer service fee shall be paid to the organizer upon arrival.

14. RULES AND FORMAT

14.1 All matches shall be played in accordance with latest WPA 9-Ball rules with the Three Point Break Rule included.

14.2 The China Open 2024 consists of 2 stages.

Stage 1 (qualifying events): Winner breaks.

Men's events: Single elimination, race to 9.

Women's events: Single elimination, race to 7.

This stage consists of 3 chances. Each player is eligible to play all three events. Each event shall be started respectively with a maximum of 128 men players and 64 women players. Eight spots (men's and women's each) shall be generated from the Stage 1, with 2 spots from the first and second event , and 4 spots from the third event.

Stage 2 (main events): Two phases. Alternative breaks.

- Phase 1 (Group round): 64 men players, double elimination, race to 9; 48 women players, double elimination, race to 7.

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Men's: four spots to the Phase 2, with two players from the winner's bracket and two players from the loser's bracket;

Women's: two spots to the Phase 2 , with one player from the winner's bracket and one player from the loser's bracket.

- Phase 2 (Play-off Round) : 32 men players, single elimination, race to 11; 16 women players, single elimination, race to 9.

14.3 No player will be seeded in the Stage 1.

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

14.4 Players advanced from the winner's bracket (16 men and 8 women) will be seeded into Phase 2 Play-off Round according to their competition results in the Phase 1 Group Round, players advanced from the loser's bracket will be drawn randomly.

14.5 Shot Clock

A Shot clock shall be used in each 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 is used in the deciding/final rack.

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

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14.7 Magic sheet will be used to rack the balls with the one ball on the spot t and nine 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 touch the head string as a result of a break in order for it to be legal. Circumstances below are legal breaks:

A. No object ball is pocketed and at least 3 or more object balls touched the head string.

B. 1 object ball is pocketed and at least 2 or more object balls touched the head string;

C. 2 object balls are pocketed and at least 1 or more object ball touched the head string;

D. 3 object balls are pocketed and other object balls do not have to touch the head string;

E. 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;

F. if player B accepts the table as it is, he/she cannot perform a push-out;

G. if player A is chosen to continue the play, he/she can perform a push-out;

H. If the No. 9 ball is pocketed in an illegal break, it will be re-spotted

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before the next action is taken, the opponent will choose to play or not.

14.8 Appeal Methods and Procedures

A. All complaints, objections or disagreements should be raised before the next shot if the player does not agree with the judgments made by the duty referees, otherwise it will not be attended to.

B. If a player disagrees with the judgment made by the referees on duty, the player can make complaints to the head referee, and the head referee's decision shall be the final.

15. PRIZE

15.1 Trophies will be given to champions, runners-up and third places.

15.2 Prize money break-down:

Prize money (Tax rate 20%)	Men		Women	
	USD	After tax	USD	After tax
Winner	40000	32000	36000	28800
Runner-up	20000	16000	18000	14400
The 3 rd -4 th	10000	8000	9000	7200
The 5 th -8 th	6000	4800	5400	4320
The 9 th -16 th	3000	2400	2700	2160
The 17 th -32 nd	2000	1600	1800	1440
The 33 rd -64 th (Men) The 33 rd -48 th (Women)	1500	1200	1350	1080
Total	208,000		165,600	
Total Prize	\$373,600.00			

Please be noted: The prize money is before tax and shall be deducted at a rate of 20% as the withheld tax by the organizers in accordance with national tax regulations.

16. EXPENSES

16.1 Players are responsible for their own expenses in respect of his/her participation in the China Open.

16.2 The Event Organizing Committee will be responsible for staff & referees' round trip tickets, accommodation and allowances.

17. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

17.1 Players understand and shall fully cooperate with the arrangements and abide by the regulations of Event Organizing Committee.

17.2 Players shall have to be stand-by in the venue 30 minutes before his/her match time. If the Head Referee announced Match Start and a player failed to be present, he/she shall be deemed as conceding of his/her match and the match will be awarded to the his/her opponent.

17.3 No smoking in the venue. Active players are not allowed to take their mobile phones into the play area.

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17.4 Any forms of gambling, any illegal disorderly and unethical behavior is strictly forbidden during the tournament, any such violations will be dealt seriously in accordance with the relevant regulations.

17.5 Any forms of match-fixing or disguised manipulation of the match results is strictly prohibited. Once found out, it will be dealt in accordance with the relevant regulations and those serious cases will be transferred to the judicial authorities.

17.6 Dress code: all players are obliged to ensure their play attire meet with the requirements of the dress code as follows.

Men Players: Nice shirt with collar and sleeves, long dress pants of dark color, black leather dress shoes.

Women Players: elegant tops, long dress pants of dark color, black leather dress shoes.

17.7 Stage 2 Players are obliged to attend the sponsors' promotional event for one time organized by the Event Organizing Committee. Players of Stage 2 will not be allowed to appear in any other commercial activities or events during the China Open event (September 17th to 22nd 2024) without a prior consent in writing from the Event Organizing Committee. In the event the Player does not comply with the notice provision set out

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in this clause and he/she is found violating this clause, the Player will be disqualified by the Event Organizing Committee.

17.8 All players must attend the activities in relation to the China Open including sponsor activities, players' meetings, the opening ceremony, the draw meeting for men Last 32 and women Last 16, and the closing ceremony, unless the Player has submitted reasonable report and been approved by the Event Organizing Committee, otherwise the Player failed to appear may receive penalty decisions made by CBSA or the Event Organizing Committee in accordance with relevant regulations.

17.9 It is mandatory that players shall wear 2 tournament logos at specified positions (right chest or left chest). Logo positions on the sleeves are reserved by the CBSA. The tournament logos will be made and provided by the Event Organizing Committee. In the event the Player does not comply with the notice provision set out in this clause, the Player is not allowed to play.

17.10 Each player is entitled to wear a maximum of 2 commercial logos or national flag or emblem as personal logos. Players' personal logos must be on the specific positions (left chest or right chest), with a maximum size of 5cm*8cm or max diameter of 7cm.

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For the purpose of this clause the Player shall fill out the entry form with the logos of personal sponsors contemplated to appear on any apparel of the Player to the Event Organizing Committee for review and approval.

Logo(s) not provided in the entry form, or not meet the measurement requirements, or logo(s) including any commercial or promotional material that may damage the interests of the hosts and tournament sponsors , the Player shall be prohibited from wearing such logo(s).

The Player will be disqualified from the Event if the logo(s) not approved by the Event Organizing Committee and the Player refused to correct or make a change. The Player will be prohibited from playing if logo(s) not on the stated positions.

Players' personal logo(s) including or indicating political orientation, racial discrimination, gender discrimination, terrorism and any contents that go against the public interests, or in relation to betting, sex, violence, tobacco, or inappropriate for exhibition, and any contents prohibited by decree in Law of Advertisement and/or relevant regulations, the Event Organizing Committee is entitled to prohibit the player from wearing such logo(s).

17.11 For violations of rules and regulations and the applicable laws during the China Open, CBSA will impose corresponding penalties in accordance with the *Rules and Punishment Regulations of the Chinese*

Billiards & Snooker Association. If he/she disagreed with the outcome, he/she is entitled to submit to the Sports Arbitration Committee according to the applicable laws.

18. The final interpretation of the above Tournament Regulations belongs to the CBSA and the Event Organizing Committee of China Open. Matters not included herein shall be subject to further notices.

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Entry Form

Full Name		Gender	
Date of Birth		Nationality	
Mobile		E-mail	
Passport No.		Need a visa letter (yes/no)	
Stage 1 or Stage 2		Airport Transfer (yes/no)	
Itinerary (Flights)			
Hotel Booking	Double Room		Twin Bed Room
Logo Application			
Bank Details (For prize money)	Beneficiary's Name		
	Beneficiary's Address		
	Bank Name		
	Bank Address		
	Account No.		
	IBAN		
	Swift Code/ BIC Code		
<p>1. Overseas players please send the entry form to cbsa@sports.cn and copy chinaopen_9ball@126.com by August 10th 2024.</p> <p>2. Personal logos need to be submitted with a photo for prior approval.</p> <p>3. A confirmation of receipt of your entry form via e-mail is a successful entry.</p>			