



2025 HEYBALL CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

ATHLETE GUIDE

ABOUT

This guide provides essential information for athletes participating in the **2025 Heyball Champion of Champions**, a premier global event sanctioned by the World Pool Association (WPA) and presented by JOY Billiards.

WHAT IS THE 2025 HEYBALL CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The **2025 Heyball Champion of Champions** is one of the most prestigious global events on the Heyball calendar. Sanctioned by the **World Pool Association (WPA)** and presented by **Joy Billiards**, this elite tournament brings together the reigning national champions from around the world in both the men's and women's divisions.

Following the success of the inaugural edition in 2024, the 2025 tournament continues to elevate Heyball on the world stage. With a total prize fund of **\$400,000 USD** and featuring **64 men and 64 women**, the event is part of the WPA's global initiative to grow competitive Heyball and strengthen the international presence of the discipline.

Athletes will compete on professional-grade **JOY Billiards Heyball Tables**, under WPA Heyball Rules, with matches streamed live on WPALive.TV

The 2025 edition will be held at the **Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre**, one of Australia's most iconic sporting and event venues, providing world-class facilities in the heart of Brisbane.

This tournament is more than a competition – it is a celebration of excellence in cue sports and a testament to the rapid rise of Heyball as a global discipline.

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENT

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

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BROADCAST INFORMATION

This event will be broadcast live on <https://wpalive.tv/wpalive-tv>



KEY INFORMATION

Arrival Day:	September 17, 2025 Athlete accreditation will take place from 12:00 to 16:00
Athletes' Meeting:	16:30 – September 17, 2025 (Mandatory)
Opening Ceremony:	19:00 – September 17, 2025 (Mandatory)
Tournament Start:	September 18, 2025
Medal Ceremony:	20:00 – September 21, 2025
Departure Day:	September 22, 2025
Hotel:	Athletes to book their own
Venue:	Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
Nearest Airport:	Brisbane Airport (BNE) – approx. 20 minutes to venue by car.
Discipline:	Heyball
Entry:	WPA Member nomination only
WPA Member Nomination Deadline:	August 8, 2025
Athlete Online Registration Deadline:	August 15, 2025
Entry Fee:	No entry fee
Draw Format:	64 Single Elimination (Men and Women)
Race Length:	Men: Race to 7 (100 minutes match time)
Women:	Race to 6 (100 minutes match time)
Rules:	WPA Heyball Rules
Brackets & Live Scoring:	www.digitalpool.com

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WPA MEMBER ALLOCATIONS:

64 Men & 64 Women (by WPA Member nomination only)

Qualified athletes in the Men's and Women's Divisions are as follows:

1. The Heyball National Champion. If the National championship has not yet been held, then:
2. The highest-ranked athlete from the country based on the WPA Heyball Ranking.
3. The 8-Ball National Champion.

Allocations:

AAPA – 8 Men and 8 Women

ACBS – 16 Men and 16 Women

BCA – 2 Men and 2 Women

CPB – 10 Men and 10 Women

EPBF – 26 Men and 26 Women

OPBA – 2 Men and 2 Women



Nominations will only be accepted through WPA Continental Members. The deadline for WPA Members to submit their athlete nominations via email to admin@wpapool.com is August 8, 2025. After this date, a registration link will be sent to the nominated athletes for individual registration, which must be completed by August 15, 2025, via the WPA website.

ENTRY FEE:

There is no entry fee.

WPA ATHLETE LICENSE REGISTRATION

All athletes participating in the Champion of Champions 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. For more information or assistance please visit <https://wpapool.com/license/> or email admin@wpapool.com

PRIZE MONEY:

Prize Money: \$200,000 for men's event, and \$200,000 for women's event

Breakdown: Equal dispersion across both Men and Women:

Placement	Prize per Player	Total Payout
1st	USD \$30,000	USD \$30,000
2nd	USD \$20,000	USD \$20,000
3rd-4th	USD \$10,000	USD \$20,000
5th-8th	USD \$6,000	USD \$24,000
9th-16th	USD \$3,250	USD \$26,000
17th-32nd	USD \$2,200	USD \$35,200
33rd-64th	USD \$1,400	USD \$44,800
	TOTAL	USD \$200,000

The prize money will be disbursed by WPA through electronic transfer within 14 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 16:30 – September 17, 2025, at Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. 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 athletes on the waiting list.

TRAVEL DETAILS

JOY Billiards will provide a return flight ticket to the athlete's nominated airport. All other costs—including airport shuttle, accommodation, meals, visa fees, etc.—are the responsibility of the athlete.

The closest airport is Brisbane Airport (BNE), approximately 20 minutes by car from the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. Uber is widely available in Brisbane and offers a convenient option for airport transfers.

VISA – LETTER OF INVITATION:

For Australian visa information:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/tourist-stream-overseas>

WPA Members may request “Letter of Invitation” from admin@wpapool.com on behalf of their athletes to present to the Australian Embassy in their respective country. When submitting your request, please include your full name, a copy of your passport, and the city and country where you will apply for the visa.

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.

FORMAT

MEN - SINGLE ELIMINATION:

- 16 Athletes will be seeded by WPA Heyball Rankings. Random draw for the remaining athletes.
- 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 - SINGLE ELIMINATION:

- 16 Athletes will be seeded by WPA Heyball Rankings. Random draw for the remaining athletes.
- Single elimination
- One set, Race to 6 or 100 minutes.
- A shootout will occur if the set is tied at the end of 100 minutes.

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 Rule 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:

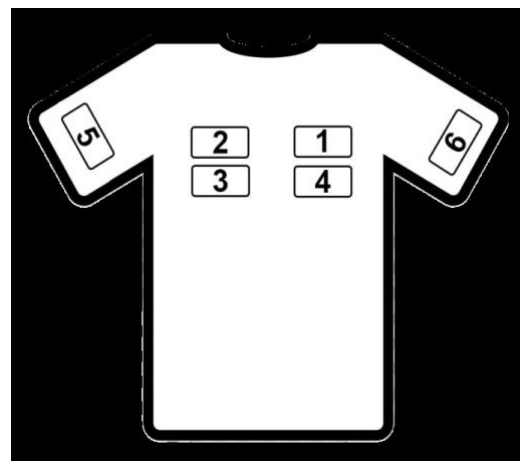
- Athletic wear of any kind, including but not limited to sweats, swimwear, jogging suits, uniforms, jerseys, or any type of pants with contrasting stripes not associated with formal wear.
- Shorts of any kind, regardless of apparent length. Pants must be normal in respect to the appropriate rise in 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

By registering, athletes agree to follow all terms and conditions set by the event organizers and partners. Participants under 18 must have guardian consent. Athletes must review and comply with the latest Athlete Guide and Tournament Regulations and accept that these may be updated before the event.

Organizers reserve the right to determine eligibility, deny entry, adjust formats or payouts, and make changes due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. weather, emergencies).

Participation is voluntary and at the athlete’s own risk. Organizers are not liable for injury, illness (including COVID-19), or other losses. COVID-related safety protocols—such as masks or distancing—must be followed.

Disqualification may result in forfeiture of prize money and suspension from future events.

By registering, athletes grant the right to use their image, name, and likeness for event promotion and media without compensation. Email addresses and contact numbers may be added to the event mailing list to receive updates and important information.

FINAL REMARKS

The **2025 Heyball Champion of Champions** is an opportunity to represent your country, showcase your talent on a global stage, and be part of the continued rise of Heyball worldwide. We look forward to welcoming all athletes, officials, and partners to Brisbane for what promises to be an exciting and unforgettable event. Please ensure you are fully familiar with the contents of this guide and prepared to comply with all requirements.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact admin@wpapool.com