

NORTH AMERICAN HEYBALL OPEN



October 26TH-30TH, 2026

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2026 North American Heyball Open

Athlete Guide

ABOUT

This document is the main source of information to the athletes for the 2026 North American Heyball Open.

The **North American Heyball Open** is a newly scheduled continental-level Heyball tournament for 2026. It will take place **October 26–30, 2026** in **Toronto**, with a total prize pool of **USD 116,000**.

The event will take place at Brothers Billiards in Toronto on ten (10) nine-foot JOY Heyball tables, with one table positioned for live streaming.

This event is part of a worldwide initiative by JOY Billiards and the World Pool Association (WPA) to provide a high-quality platform and international exposure for the cue sport of Heyball, where the finest in the sport can compete and showcase their skills. This is a series of international events on 6 continents all sanctioned by the WPA.

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENT

- JOY 9ft Heyball International Table
- Rack – Triangle, Referee racks
- Cloth – Liberwin
- Balls – Dynaspheres - Palladium

VENUE



Brothers Billiards

Unit 109, 3751 Victoria Park Ave
Scarborough, ON, M1W 3Z4
Canada

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<https://www.brothersbilliards.ca/>

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MAIN EVENT TIMELINE

Latest Arrival:	October 25, Sunday
Athletes' Meeting:	Time: 2:00 pm (local time) – Sunday, October 25 Place: At the venue: Brothers Billiards ¹
Tournament Start:	9:00 am (local time) - October 26, Monday
Finals:	October 30, Friday
Entry Fee:	\$100 USD
Athlete Entry Fee Deadline	<u>September 20, 2026</u>
Bracket: Stage 1:	64-player double elimination
Bracket: Stage 2:	16-player single elimination
Race Length: Stage 1 and 2:	Race to 7 or 100 minutes (men) Race to 6 or 100 minutes (women)
Rules:	WPA Heyball Rules

ALLOCATIONS:

Federation/Category	Spots (Men & Women)
AAPA	5
ACBS	7
EPBF	7
CPB	3
OPBA	4
*WPA Heyball Ranking	16
BCA (Hosts)	20
Joy/WPA Wild Card	2

**WPA Heyball Rankings as of August 16, 2026 will be used.*

WPA members must submit athlete nominations by email to events@wpapool.com by September 10, 2026, and the by-name deadline announcement is September 15, 2026.

¹ *Athletes' meeting is mandatory. Athletes not in attendance may be forfeited and replaced.

Any spots not filled with member allocations by this date will be returned to WPA, Joy Billiards, and/or the Host. The deadline for athlete online registration via the WPA website is September 20, 2026.

PRIZE MONEY

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

Place	Amount		TOTAL
1 st	\$10,000	1	\$10,000
2 nd	\$6,000	1	\$6,000
3 rd	\$4,000	2	\$8,000
5 th	\$2,000	4	\$8,000
9 th	\$1,250	8	\$10,000
17 th	\$600	8	\$4,800
25 th	\$400	8	\$3,200
33 rd	\$300	16	\$4,800
49 th	\$200	16	\$3,200
	TOTAL:	64 athletes	\$58,000

The prize money will be disbursed by WPA through electronic transfer within 30 days following the event. WPA will make payments to the bank accounts athletes provide during the online registration process. Please ensure that the bank details you provide are accurate and that your account can receive international transfers in USD. The account holder's name must match your bank records exactly; otherwise, the transfer will be rejected. If you submit incorrect information and the transfer must be resubmitted, you will be responsible for any additional bank charges incurred. Athletes who do not have an active WPA Athlete License or have not yet submitted their ADEL Certificate may have their prize money withheld.

WPA ATHLETE LICENSE REGISTRATION

All athletes must have a valid WPA Athlete License. Athletes without a valid license will have their prize money and ranking points withheld until their WPA Athlete License is activated. For more information or assistance, please visit <https://wpapool.com/license/>.

ADEL INTERNATIONAL-LEVEL ATHLETES EDUCATION PROGRAM

All athletes must successfully complete the ADEL International-Level Athletes Education Program and submit their ADEL Certificate to anti.doping@wpa.sport. This mandatory requirement has been in effect since 1 January 2026. Athletes who have not submitted their ADEL Certificate may have their prize money and ranking points withheld until WPA receives the certificate. The course is available in athletes' native languages through many National Anti-Doping Agencies and is also available through WADA in Arabic, English, French and Spanish: <https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn>.

ATHLETES' MEETING

The athletes' meeting will be held on Sunday, October 25th at 2:00 pm, the day before the tournament begins at the venue.

After the athletes' meeting, we will host a welcome party with drinks and hors d'oeuvres at the venue, Brothers Billiards.

Event Management and the Tournament Director will conduct the meeting. Any athlete not present may be replaced by an athlete on the waiting list at the Billiard Congress of America's sole discretion without refund.

PAYMENT DETAILS

The entry fee for the 2026 North America Heyball Open Championship is \$100 USD. If you have confirmed your invitation to this event through your national federation, which in turn will report back to the continental federation, payment must still be received before the registration deadline.

To make an entry fee payment and register for the event, please visit:

<https://wpapool.com/2026-north-american-heyball-open/>

Please click the link above and follow the instructions to register for the event.

For assistance with registration, please contact the WPA at events@wpapool.com.

REFUNDS

Refund requests must be submitted in writing to the WPA before the entry fee deadline and will be determined eligible for refund after the event concludes. Admin fees are non-refundable, and an additional \$15 fee (USD) will be assessed in the case of a refund.

TRAVEL DETAILS

AIRPORT: Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) (torontopearson.com)

Toronto Pearson International Airport is approximately 45 minutes by car or rideshare from the event venue, Brothers Billiards, depending on traffic. Common rideshare and taxi options in Toronto include Uber, Lyft, and local taxi services. These apps are widely available and reliable for travel between the airport, hotels, and the venue.

There will be NO shuttle service from Toronto Pearson International Airport to the host hotel or event venue. There will be NO shuttle service from the host hotel to Brothers Billiards.

VISA & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements for Canada vary by nationality, passport, and travel method. Most international travelers will need either a Visitor Visa (Temporary Resident Visa) or an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA). Athletes should confirm their individual requirements directly with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) well in advance.

Check requirements: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada.html>

This information is general guidance only. Each athlete is responsible for obtaining the appropriate documentation. For invitation letters to support a visa application, email events@wpapool.com.

PLAN YOUR TRAVEL CAREFULLY

We encourage you to allow plenty of time for travel before and after the event. The organization and event director are not responsible for airline delays, lost luggage, traffic jams, or any other travel-related issue that could cause you to miss the athletes' meeting and lose your spot. Matches are not delayed or accelerated to accommodate travel issues. Therefore, please arrive no later than the day before the event begins and leave no sooner than the day after the event ends.

HOTEL DETAILS

Host Hotels: These two hotels are approximately 20 miles to/from YYZ airport, but they are the closest hotels to the venue, Brothers Billiards. The venue, Brothers Billiards, is approximately 2.5 km from the host hotels. Ride shares (such as Uber or Lyft) are approximately \$10 CAD from the hotel to the venue, and it will take about 10-15 minutes.

- 1. TownePlace Suites by Marriott - Toronto Northeast/Markham**
7095 Woodbine Ave.
Markham, ON, Canada L3R 1A3
Rate: \$199 CAD (Canadian Dollar)
Includes: Overnight parking and Breakfast
Last Day to Book: Monday Sept 28, 2026
Link to book: [Group rate for North American Heyball Open 2026](#)
- 2. Courtyard by Marriott - Northeast/Markham**
7095 Woodbine Ave.
Markham, ON, Canada L3R 1A3
Rate: \$179 CAD (Canadian Dollar)
Includes: Overnight parking
Last Day to Book: Monday Sept 28, 2026
Link to book: [Group rate for North American Heyball Open 2026](#)

EVENT FORMAT

STAGE 1

- Top 16 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 (men) or race to 6 or 100 minutes (women).

STAGE 2

- Final 16 athletes from Stage 1. A new draw will determine the single elimination bracket.
- The eight remaining athletes in the loser's bracket will be drawn randomly against the eight remaining athletes in the Winner's Bracket.
- Athletes who played each other in the Winner's qualification round cannot be drawn against each other in the first round of Stage 2.

- Single elimination
- One set: race to 7 or 100 minutes (men), race to 6 or 100 minutes (women).

A shootout will occur if the set is tied when the time has expired for the match.

RACE LENGTH

Race to 7 or 100 minutes (men)

Race to 6 or 100 minutes (women)

BREAKING

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

SCHEDULE

If an athlete is not present at the posted match time, the athlete should notify the Tournament Director immediately. The athlete will be penalized one game and placed “one the clock.” An additional game is deducted every 5 minutes. After 15 minutes on the clock, the match is forfeited.

PRACTICE

- No open practice is allowed, and all must be scheduled with the tournament director.
- The two athletes scheduled on the feature table may shoot one rack each prior to the match.
- Between matches, athletes may practice with alternate racks until match time.
- If a table does not become available until match time or later, athletes may shoot one rack each prior to beginning the match.

ONLINE BRACKETS

The tournament software will be announced before the tournament.

DRESS CODE

APPROVED CLOTHING

This tournament will enforce the dress code described in the WPA regulations: [Click Here](#).

Athletes must dress professionally throughout the entire event, not just during their match. This includes practice, meetings, and the public areas of the venue, not just during matches.

PROHIBITED CLOTHING

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

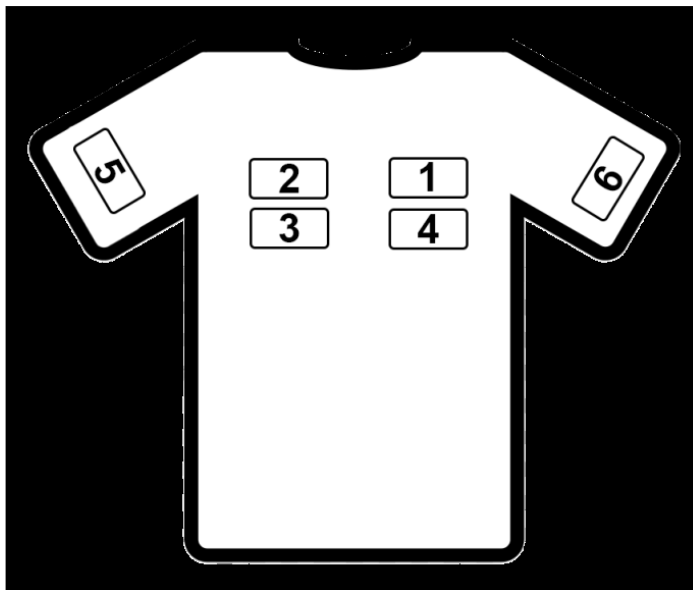
- Athletic wear of any kind, including but not limited to sweats, swimwear, jogging suits, uniforms, jerseys, or any type of pants with contrasting stripes not associated with formal wear.

- 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 event promoters 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 set forth the legally binding rules for participation in the event. By registering, athletes agree to be bound by all terms and conditions set forth by the USA Cue Sports and the World Pool Association other event partners. If you are under the age of 18, you agree to obtain the consent of your legal guardian to participate under these terms.

You acknowledge that you have read and completely understand the latest edition of the Athlete's Guide, Tournament Regulations and/or all rules and regulations and you will check for the latest edition of all documents prior to the event start. You agree to abide by all rules & regulations implemented by the USA Cue Sports, WPA and other event partners. USA Cue Sports and other event partners reserve the following rights and responsibilities: determine an athlete's eligibility, refuse entry to anyone for any reason, change field sizes, adjust ratings, display names and ratings online, change schedules & payouts based on, but not limited to, field sizes, inclement weather, acts of God, war, or terrorism.

You understand that your participation in this event is completely voluntary. The USA Cue Sports, WPA and all representatives, agents, sponsors, and affiliates are released and to be held harmless of and from any injury, illness, losses, damages, liability, or expenses of any kind incurred by me, my heirs or personal representatives either caused or alleged to be caused during or surrounding this event. Maximum liability to the USA Cue Sports, WPA, and all event partners, if any, shall be limited to reimbursement of the entry fee paid.

Disqualification from any USA Cue Sports event, for any reason, shall result in forfeiture of any prize money won by that athlete, and possible suspension from future USA Cue Sports or WPA sanctioned events.

USA Cue Sports, WPA and other event partners may use your photograph, image, likeness, or name for information, reporting or promotional purposes via print, video and other media without limitation or compensation of any kind. By participating, you further release all media and appearance rights to the USA Cue Sports, WPA, and other event partners to produce televised matches, recorded or broadcast at the event and for all photographic images taken at the event. By registering, you agree that the USA Cue Sports, WPA and other event partners may also add your email address to its email list and send you periodic emails at its sole discretion.

BROADCAST INFORMATION

This event will be broadcast live on

1. WPALive.tv
2. [YouTube.com/@BilliardCongressofAmerica](https://www.youtube.com/@BilliardCongressofAmerica)

WPALive.tv is a 24/7 digital broadcast platform designed to elevate Pool to new heights of visibility and engagement, to harness cutting-edge AI, data analytics, and immersive broadcasting to connect the worldwide cue sports community like never before. A bold new era in cue sports, where data and digital transformation meet elite competition and grassroots development.