

GUIDING BODY

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EVENTS

Straight Pool (14.1)	Singles Competition Only.
Nine Ball	Singles Competition Only.
Eight Ball	Singles Competition Only.

OFFICIALS

Sport Coordinator

MEDICAL

Basic medical supplies, such as a first aid kit will be provided by the WPFGF at each venue. Communications shall be available at each venue and preparations made in case it is necessary to summon emergency services.

FACILITY

A facility is required with a minimum of 12 pool tables. Each table to be (4 1/2' x 9'). There should also be sufficient room between the tables that there is no interference from one match to another.

EQUIPMENT

Results sheets will be furnished by WPFGF

BRACKETING

Double Elimination Bracket

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### SCHEDULING

Experience has shown that 4 days of play are needed.

First day: complete all Nine-Ball competition.  
Second day: complete all Eight Ball competition.  
Third & Fourth days complete all Straight Pool competition

Recommended: Beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day for player's meeting. There will be 45 minutes of practice time and games will begin promptly at 9:45 a.m. No exceptions. As the events are all double elimination, a late player will be marked "forfeit" and the player's name will be moved to the losers' side of the bracketing.

Day 1- 2 Nine Ball (World Pool-Billiards Assn. Rules) - Allow approximately 12 hours to complete this day. The result of competition with the winners' side and the losers' side should be done on the first day. All competitions should be completed on the second day.

Day 3-4 Eight Ball (World Pool-Billiards Assn. Rules) - Allow approximately 14 hours to complete this day. The result of competition with the winners' side and the losers' side should be done on the third day. All competitions should be completed on the fourth day.

Day 5-6 Straight Pool 14.1 (World Pool-Billiards Assn. Rules) - Allow approximately 12 hours to complete this day. The result of competition with the winners' side and the losers' side should be done on the fifth day. All competitions should be completed on the sixth day.

### SCORING

Nine Ball: Preliminary matches: Race to 5  
Quarter Finals: Winner's Bracket Race to 5. Loser's Bracket Race to 3  
Semi-Finals: Winner's Bracket Race to 5. Loser's Bracket Race to 3  
Finals: Race to 5

Eight Ball: Preliminary matches: Race to 5  
Quarter Final: Winner's Bracket Race to 5. Loser's Bracket Race to 3  
Semi-Finals: Winner's Bracket Race to 5. Loser's Bracket Race to 3  
Finals: Race to 5

Straight Pool: (14.1): Preliminary matches DAY 1: All matches to 75 points  
Quarter-Finals & Semi-Finals DAY 2: All matches to 75 points  
Final Matches: 100 points

GENERAL SPORTS RULES for Pocket Billiards

The current rules of the World Pool-Billiard Association shall be strictly adhered to.

The rule of fouling an object ball accidentally will be waived in the absence of a formal referee or an impartial third person.

It is unfair for the shooting player to bend over the table for his/her shot and to have his/her opponent then declare "your shirt or your jacket or some other part of you" touched an object ball. The shooter has no defense against this type of charge mainly because he/she neither can see it (his/her head and eyes are well ahead of his/her body) nor can he/she feel this declared rule violation.

Accidentally moved object ball/balls (without a referee): Upon mutual agreement between the shooter and his/her opponent said moved object ball/balls will be returned to original position. However if this cannot be mutually agreed on: THE NON-SHOOTER WILL PREVAIL. Reason: if a referee had been in charge the shooter would have had no say whatever. The shooter would have lost his/her turn at the table, be penalized one point for the foul and the referee would have returned the ball/balls as near as possible as to his/her (the referee's) best recollection.

A deliberate, intentional disturbance of any object ball/balls is subject to immediate disqualification and loss of that match and possible total disqualification from further tournament participation.

WPBA rules specifically provide for unsportsmanlike conduct penalties to be imposed by the tournament director.

Tournament Director to see that no player is compelled to play two consecutive matches on the same table without the consent of both players.

Special notes for rule of play: SIMULTANEOUS HITS

**Nine Ball** - A legal shot requires that the cue ball's first contact be with the lowest numbered ball on the table. Therefore when the possibility of a simultaneous hit presents itself, (and no referee is officiating) it will be the responsibility of the shooter to request that an independent/neutral observer approach the table (as close as possible) without interfering with the shooter and stand in such a manner that he/she is able to view both balls in question. His/her eyes to be as near as possible directly over the object ball to be struck first and thus render a decision as to the legality of the hit. The observer's decision will be final.

**Eight Ball** - Once a player has qualified to be either on "solids" or "stripes", his/her initial contact by the cue ball must be with said declaration of "solid" or "stripe". No simultaneous hits. Therefore, as in Nine Ball, the shooter is to call for an independent observer whose decision will again be final.

AWARDS

You will need three (3) sets of medals. (1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place).

**ATTENTION COORDINATORS**

**THE WPFGE GENERAL RULES APPLY TO ALL SPORTS.  
YOU MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH ITS CONTENTS.**

**PRECISE RESULTS MUST BE FORWARDED  
TO THE HOST COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE  
CONCLUSION OF THIS SPORT**

The WPFGE Director assigned to your sport is knowledgeable and experienced in providing assistance during the preparation and running of the sport. Questions, a detailed accounting of your preparations, and any area requiring approval of the WPFGE shall be submitted in a timely manner to this WPFGE Director.

The WPFGE Directors want to work with you to make your sport a success.

***PLEASE USE THE WPFGE DIRECTORS AS A RESOURCE.***