



2023 WPA 9-BALL CHINA OPEN

Tournament Regulations

1. Hosts

World Pool-Billiard Association

Chinese Billiards & Snooker Association

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

Great Sports Media Co., Ltd.

3. Co-Organizers

Shanghai Pudong Billiards Association

Pudong Yuanshen Sports Development Center, Shanghai

4. Sponsors

Jiangxi Rasson Billiards Manufacturing Co., Ltd

Shanghai Maibu Sports Development Co., Ltd

Hebei Zhunshen Billiards Co., Ltd.

Beijing Taichuang Technology Co., Ltd.

Beijing Qingzhou Technology Co., Ltd.

Shanghai WAN LONG Trading Co., Ltd.

Simonis, Strachan & Aramith (Beijing) Co., Ltd.

Ramada Shanghai East

5. Operator & Promotor

Shanghai Pudong Billiards Association

6. Venue

Stage 1: Men's - Pudong Tangzhen Culture & Sports Center

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

Women's - Pudong Sanlin Sports Center

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

Stage 2: Pudong Tangzhen Culture & Sports Center

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

7. Dates

Stage 1: September 3rd - 5th 2023 (Sunday - Tuesday)

Stage 2: September 7th - 10th 2023 (Thursday - Sunday)

8. Discipline

1) 9-ball Men's singles

2) 9-ball Women's singles

9. TV Coverage

Great Sports Channel

10. Cooperation Media

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, Sina, Tencent, Sohu, NetEase, EASTDAY.COM, the CBSA website, Naughty-Billiards, Poolbond, 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 Designations

- 11.1 Table: Rasson Pool Table
- 11.2 Ball: Aramith TV Ball
- 11.3 Cloth: Andy Cloth
- 11.4 Chalk: TP Professional Chalk
- 11.5 Cue: Arch Benz
- 11.6 Cue Tip: How
- 11.7 Live Broadcast: Sports Master Show
- 11.8 We Media: Naughty-Billiards, Poolbond
- 11.9 Hotel: Ramada Shanghai East

12. Official Website: Chinese Billiards & Snooker Association

www.cbsa.org.cn

13. Entry

13.1 WPA Top 16 (by June 30, 2023) men and women players as well as the 2019 China Open champions shall receive automatic spots to the Stage 2.

13.2 Players from Mainland China (including players who are eligible for Stage 2)

- a. Player registration for the year of 2023 is required;
- b. Entry forms sent via Email: chinaopen_9ball@126.com

Contact: Ms. Zhang Xi

Mobile (Wehat): +86 13795253885

Telephone: +86 (0)_21-50936220

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

13.3 Overseas players please send the entry form to cbsa@sports.cn and CC chinaopen_9ball@126.com

Telephone: +86-10-87187887; Contact: Ms. Yan Qian (AKA Nancy), Director of Foreign Affairs CBSA.

13.4 **Visa:** Players shall send a scanned copy of the passport with the entry form to cbsa@sports.cn and indicate the information in which city the visa application will be handled.

13.5 Entry Deadline

Players from Mainland China: **August 20th 2023**

Overseas Players: **August 10th 2023**

13.6 Entry Fee: CNY1500.00 for the Stage 1 (all 3 chances). CNY1000.00 for the Stage 2.

13.7 Payment Method: Entry fees need to be paid via bank transfer to the following account. Overseas players may pay the entry fees to the event organizer upon arrival.

- Account Name: Shanghai Pudong Billiards Association
- Account Number: 450759216179

- Bank Name: Yu Shan Road Branch, Shanghai, Bank of China

13.8 Logo Application: players shall submit a maximum of two (2) personal logos for review and approval. The name and template of the logos need to be provided together with entry form.

13.9 Players are required to undergo physical examination before the participation and apply for personal accident insurance.

13.10 Players are required to attend all related activities according to the Terms & Conditions of Participation.

13.11 Organizing Committee Office

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

Contact: Ms. Zhang Xi;

TEL: +86-21-50936220;

E-mail: chinaopen_9ball@126.com;

13.12 Airport Shuttle Service

Paid airport transfer services for international players:

A. Shanghai Pudong Airport to the Ramada Shanghai East: 10.00 US dollars one way and 20.00 US dollars per round trip;

B. Shanghai Hongqiao Airport to the Ramada Shanghai East : 25.00 US dollars one way and 50.00 US dollars per round trip.

The airport transfer services can be booked before August 28th 2023 and the Players shall pay the service fees to the organizer upon arrival.

14. Formats and Rules

14.1 Matches shall be played in accordance with the latest WPA 9-ball rules with the Three Point Break Rule included.

14.2 The China Open shall include Stage 1 and Stage 2.

Stage 1 (qualifying events): Winner breaks.

Single elimination, race to 9 (Men's)

Single elimination, race to 7 (Women's)

This stage consists of 3 events. Each registered player is eligible to play all 3 events. Each event shall be started respectively with a maximum of 128 men players and 64 women players. Eight (8) spots (men's and women's each) shall be generated from the Stage 1 (2 spots from the first and second event , and 4 spots from the third event).

Stage 2 (main event): 2 phases.

Alternative breaks.

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

Men's: four (4) spots to the Phase 2, with 2 players from the winner's bracket and 2 players from the loser's bracket;

Women's: two (2) spots to the Phase 2 , with 1 player from the winner's bracket and 1 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 seeded player in the Stage 1.

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

14.4 Players advanced from the winner's bracket will be seeded into Phase 2 Play-off Round according to their results in the Phase 1 Ground Round, players advanced from loser's bracket will be drawn randomly.

14.5 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 remain. Each player will be allowed one extension of 45 seconds 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.

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

- A. 1 object ball is pocketed and at least 2 object balls touched the head string;
- B. 2 object balls are pocketed and at least 1 object ball touched the head string;
- C. 3 object balls are pocketed and other object balls do not have to touch the head string;
- D. 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;
- E. if player B accepts the table as it is, he/she cannot perform a push-out;
- F. if player A is chosen to continue the play, he/she can perform a push-out;
- G. If the No. 9 ball is pocketed in an illegal break, it will be re-spotted before the next action is taken, the opponent will choose to play or not.

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
Champions	40000	32000	36000	28800
Runner-ups	20000	16000	18000	14400
Semi-finalists	10000	8000	9000	7200
Quarter-finalists	6000	4800	5400	4320

Last 9-16	3000	2400	2700	2160
Last 17-32	2000	1600	1800	1440
Last 33-64(Men’s) Last 33-48 (Women’s)	1500	1200	1350	1080
Sub-total	208,000		165,600	
In Total	\$373,600			

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 the staff & referees' round trip ticket, accommodation and allowances.

17. Points for Attention

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 If the player disagreed with the referee's ruling, he/she should raise the question before next shot, otherwise it shall be deemed as a waiver and will not be attended to.

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

17.5 Any forms of gambling, any illegal, disorderly, and unethical behavior is

strictly forbidden during the tournament.

17.6 Any forms of match-fixing or disguised manipulation of the match results is strictly prohibited.

17.7 Dress code:

Men Players: plain shirt with collar and sleeves, long dress pants of dark color, clean black dress shoes;

Women Players: Elegant top, long dress pants of dark color, clean black dress shoes.

17.8 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 3rd to 10th 2023) 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 in this clause and he/she is found violating this clause, the Player will be disqualified by the Event Organizing Committee.

17.9 All players must attend the activities in relation to the China Open including sponsor activities, players' meetings, the opening ceremony, the draw, 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 according to the regulations.

17.10 Each player shall have to wear two (2) tournament logos on the specified positions(right chest for the left-handed and left chest for the right-handed, 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.

17.11 Each player is entitled to wear a maximum of two (2) commercial logos or government 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. 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).

17.12 For violations of the rules and regulations during the tournament, 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 the applicable laws.

18. The final interpretation of the above tournament regulations belongs to the Event Organizing Committee. Matters not included herein shall be subject to further notices.



WPA 9-Ball China Open Stage 1

Terms & Conditions of Participation

1. Women's Division: Players shall report to the Tournament Office for arrival before **13:00** September 2nd 2023 Saturday and attend the player's meeting/draw.

Location: Tournament Office, Sanlin Sports Center Pool Room, 3 floor, 201 Yun Lian Road, Pudong District, Shanghai

2. Men's Division: Players shall report to the Tournament Office for arrival before **15:00** September 2nd 2023 Saturday and attend the player's meeting/draw.

Location: Tournament Office, Tangzhen Culture & Sports Center Pool Room, 3150 Gutang Road, Pudong District, Shanghai

3. Player failed to show up at the Tournament Office on time and explain beforehand via direct or indirect ways such as E-mail/phone/text/We-chat will be disqualified from the event, the entry fees is not refundable.

4. Tournament Logos: Each player shall have to wear two (2) tournament logos on the specified positions(right chest for the left-handed and left chest for the right-handed, 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.

5. Personal Logos: Each player is entitled to wear a maximum of two (2) commercial logos or government 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. 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. Logo(s) not on the stated positions will be prohibited from playing.

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6. Dress Code: Players's wear must meet the requirement of the dress code. Men players wear plain shirt with collar and sleeves, long dress pants of dark color, clean black dress shoes. Women players may wear elegant top, long dress pants of dark color, clean black dress shoes.

7. Health Status & Insurance: Player shall have to conduct a physical examination before participation and purchase Person Accident & Injury Insurance.

8. Player qualified to the stage 2 shall have to report to the Tournament Reception for arrival at the official hotel Ramada Shanghai East 1 Floor before **14:00** September 6th 2023 Wednesday with the paper certificate issued by the Tournament Office.

9. Players of the stage 2 must stay in the official hotel Ramada Shanghai East, 811 Hua Xia Dong Lu, Pudong District, Shanghai.

Room Rates

Double Room/Twin Room: RMB 600.00 per night, two breakfasts included.

Booking and inquiries via E-mail: chinaopen_9ball@126.com.

10. Successful entry to the China Open event shall be deemed as acceptance of the rules and regulations. Any matters not included in this Terms & Conditions of Participation shall be subject to further notice.



WPA 9-Ball China Open Stage 2

Terms & Conditions of Participation

Venue: Tangzhen Culture & Sports Center, 3150 Gutang Road, Pudong District, Shanghai

Dates: September 7th -10th 2023 (Thursday-Sunday)

Official Hotel: Ramada Shanghai East, 811 Hua Xia Dong Lu, Pudong District, Shanghai.

1. Players' Meeting: Players shall arrive at the Hai Yi Room, Floor 1 Ramada Shanghai East before 14:00 on September 6th 2023 Wednesday to attend the players' meeting/draw.

2. Press Conference: WPA Top 8 women and men players shall attend the press conference at 16:00 on September 6th 2023 Wednesday in the Hai Yi Room, Floor 1 Ramada Shanghai East.

3. Welcome Banquet: Players shall attend the welcome banquet with invitation at 18:00 on September 6th 2023 Wednesday in the Nan Guo Xuan Room, Floor 1 Ramada Shanghai East.

4. Opening Ceremony: Players shall attend the opening ceremony at 18:00 on September 7th 2023 Thursday in the venue Tangzhen Culture & Sports Center.

5.Sponsors Protection: 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 3rd to 10th 2023) 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 in this clause and he/she is found violating this clause, the Player will be disqualified by the Event Organizing Committee.

5. Promotional Obligations: Players shall fully cooperate and assist in the advertising, publicity and promotion of the China Open event, including appearing at sponsors' activities, players' meeting, opening ceremony, draw of men's Last 32 and women's Last 16, closing ceremony & awards presentation, unless the Player has submitted reasonable report and been approved by the Event Organizing Committee, otherwise the Player failed to appear may receive penalties decisions made by CBSA or the Event Organizing Committee according to the regulations.

7. Tournament Logos: Each player shall have to wear two (2) tournament logos on the specified positions(right chest for the left-handed and left chest for the right-handed, 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.

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10. Health Status & Insurance: Players shall have to conduct a physical examination before participation and purchase Person Accident & Injury Insurance.

11. Hotel: It is mandatory that players shall book hotel room(s) through the Event Reception and stay in the official hotel Ramada Shanghai East. Breakfast will be available from 06:00-10:30 at the cafeteria Floor 1 Ramada Shanghai East.

Room Rates:

Double Room/Twin Bed Room: RMB 600.00 per night, breakfasts included.

Booking and inquiries via E-mail: chinaopen_9ball@126.com

12. Shuttle Bus: Players may take the shuttle bus for free with the player accreditation between the hotel and the venue, bus schedule will be released by the Event Reception at the official hotel.

13. Player's Guest: Each player shall be permitted to claim one (1) ticket for his/her guest in advance, player's guest can only enter to watch in the audience area with the ticket but shall not be allowed to enter the practice rooms and backstage area.

14. Inquires: Should the Player have any questions on the reception please approach the Event Reception, any questions on the event please approach the Tournament Office.

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