



PLAYER GUIDE

2022 WPBA PREDATOR MICHIGAN WOMEN'S OPEN

Predator US Pro Billiard Series



ABOUT

WHAT IS THE PREDATOR US PRO BILLIARD SERIES?

The Predator US Pro Billiard Series, is a series of open/pro events held inside the United States to provide more opportunity for professional and aspiring pool players to compete in high-quality events, earn more income, sharpen their skills, and earn their way into the \$100,000 added Predator World Women's 10-Ball Championship held each year by Predator and the World Pool-Billiards Association.

All Predator US Pro Billiard Series events play 10-ball, the game that best allows professional pool players to showcase their talent. The format has been devised to create drama and excitement for the fans. For more detail on the format, see the "Rules & Regulations" section.

We believe that synergy between amateur and professional pool players is critical to the growth of the sport. Amateur pool players want to watch the best and professional pool players need a fan base. The goal is to organize worldwide events that are combined with various amateur events to bring both worlds together.



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MAIN DETAILS

Dates:	September 21-24, 2022
Entry Deadline:	September 18 th , 2022
Players Meeting:	September 20 th , 2022
Tournament Start:	September 21 st , 2022
Finals:	September 24 th , 2022
Early Entry Fee:	\$370 - (\$350 + \$20 admin fee) - By August 24 th , 2022
Late Entry Fee:	\$390 - (\$350 + \$40 admin fee) - After August 24 th , 2022
Discipline:	10-ball
Rules:	WPA 10-Ball Rules
Additional Rules:	See Rules & Regulations
Race length:	Set System
Bracket:	Stage 1 - 64 player Double Elimination Stage 2 - 16 player Single Elimination

PRIZE MONEY

Prize money: \$75,000 Prize Fund*

Breakdown:

#	Amount		Total
1	\$ 20,000	1	\$ 20,000
2	\$ 10,000	1	\$ 10,000
3-4	\$ 6,000	2	\$ 12,000
5-8	\$ 3,000	4	\$ 12,000
9-16	\$ 1,625	8	\$ 13,000
17-24	\$ 1,000	8	\$ 8,000
	Total:	24 players	\$ 75,000

The winner of the event will receive a spot for the Predator World Women's 10-Ball Championship 2023.

*Based on Full Field

PLAYERS MEETING

There will be a mandatory players' meeting on **Tuesday, September 20th at 8 pm** in the Kellogg Arena (1 McCamly Square, McCamly St S, Battle Creek, MI 49017). The meeting will be conducted by the Tournament Director. Any player not present may be replaced by a player on the waiting list at the tournament's sole discretion without refund.



REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DETAILS

Players may register online at <http://www.probilliardseries.com/>. Each player must sign into the online registration system (or create an account if they don't have one), register themselves and accept the Player Agreement. Third parties may not register another player. No call-in registrations accepted.

VERIFY YOUR REGISTRATION

The complete list of players can be found near the bottom of each event webpage. If you have already registered for the event, verify that your name appears in the Player List. Technical glitches can happen and it's your responsibility to confirm your registration.

PAYMENT

The entry fee for the 2022 WPBA Women's Michigan Open is \$370.00 USD (\$350 + \$20 admin fee) plus electronic processing fees. Payment is done as part of the sign-up process on <http://www.probilliardseries.com/>. Early entry fee ends on August 24th, 2022, and there will be a \$20 increase starting on August 25th, 2022.

REFUNDS

When you register for a US Pro Billiard Series event, you are making a commitment to the event, the event organizers, the fans, event sponsors, your sponsors and yourself. Refunds requested prior to the refund request deadline must be emailed to PBS@PredatorGroup.com and will be processed after the conclusion of the event.

No refunds will be granted after the refund request deadline. Registration for one event is not transferrable to another event.

Refund requests must be received in writing by email, fax or postal mail two weeks prior to the event at the latest and will be processed after the conclusion of the event. Admin fees are non-refundable and an additional \$20 processing fee applies to each entry refunded.

COVID-19

Although it is impossible to predict exactly what COVID-19 restrictions may be in place at the time of the event, players should be prepared to adhere to all safety rules & regulations put into place by organization, the host venue, accommodations, state government or local ordinances. Face coverings, social distancing and temperature checks are just a few examples of possible safety precautions that could be in effect.

Players accept this when they register and refusal to follow safety rules and regulations is not sufficient justification for a refund.



TRAVEL DETAILS

AIRPORT

The nearest airport to Battle Creek is **Kalamazoo (AZO)** Airport which is 20.1 miles away.

Other nearby airports include:

Grand Rapids (GRR) (43.3 miles)

South Bend (SBN) (72.5 miles) (Indiana)

Fort Wayne (FWA) (92.5 miles)

Detroit (DTW) (94 miles) (International and Largest of the options)

SHUTTLE DETAILS

There are NO shuttle services from any of the airports being provided for this event.

VISA

Please mail PBS@PredatorGroup.com for any travel issues in terms of visa or documentation.

PLAN YOUR TRAVEL CAREFULLY

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

PAYOUTS

Payouts may be made at specific scheduled times each day so please do not expect your payout immediately after you win or are eliminated. Payouts will be made by check in U.S. currency. To receive a payout, you must first present Government-issued photo ID and legibly complete the applicable tax form(s) provided by CueSports International. Checks are valid for 90 days from the date of issue. **DO NOT LOSE YOUR CHECK.** Lost checks and checks not cashed within the 90-day period will not be reissued.



HOTEL DETAILS

FAIRFIELD INN BATTLE CREEK

Location: Fairfield Inn Battle Creek
4665 Beckley Road
Battle Creek, Michigan 49015

Phone: (269) 979 - 8000

Website: [Click Here](#)

PRICING

Book by August 18th, 2022, to receive the special group rate of \$ 109 / night

Room rates do not include any meals. All guest room rates are non-commissionable and exclusive of applicable federal, provincial and local taxes in effect at the time of check out.

If asked, please mention the following code while booking the room for your stay: **CSI**

BAYMONT BY WYNDHAM BATTLE CREEK

Location: Baymont by Wyndham Battle Creek
182 W Van Buren St
Battle Creek, Michigan 49017

Phone: (269) 565 - 0500

Website: [Click Here](#)

PRICING

Book by August 20th, 2022, to receive the special group rate of \$ 99 / \$119 night

Room rates do not include any meals. All guest room rates are non-commissionable and exclusive of applicable federal, provincial and local taxes in effect at the time of check out.

If asked, please mention the following code while booking the room for your stay: **SPORTS**



VENUE DETAILS

Location: Kellogg Arena
1 McCamly Square
Battle Creek, Michigan 49017

Phone: (269) 963 - 4800

Website: [Click Here](#)

To be held in parallel with the Michigan CSI State Championships:
<https://kelloggarena.com/event/2022-csi-michigan-state-championships/>



Prior year state Tournament.



RULES & REGULATIONS

SUPPLEMENTAL

The standard WPA Rules & Regulations will be in use with the following exceptions and additions:

ADDITIONAL RULES

- The 10-ball does not have to be the last ball pocketed. If the 10-ball is pocketed early as part of a legal and called shot, it is a game win.
- If a player pockets the 10-Ball, and it is the last remaining ball in play, and the player commits a foul in the process, it is loss of game.
- If an illegal break occurs, the incoming player has the option to:
 - Re-rack and break, or
 - Require the other player to re-rack and break

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- Players may not use their cell phones during a match.
- Other electronic devices used for communication are not allowed during the match.
- They must be put away, out of sight and on silent mode during the match.

SHOTCLOCK

- There is a 30-second shot clock on the feature table only. For the other tables, the referee(s) will monitor and enforce the WPA slow play rule if necessary.
 - Extended 60-second shot clock after the break
 - One (1) 30-second extension per game
 - The shot clock begins when all balls have come to rest, and the opposing player sits in her chair

FORMAT

STAGE 1

- 32 players seeded based on the WPBA Rankings. Random draw for the remaining players.
- Double elimination to the final 16 players (8 on winners' side & 8 on the one-loss side)
- Two sets, best of seven (7) games. If the set score is tied at 1-1 after two sets, a spot shot shootout will determine the winner.

STAGE 2

- Final 16 players from Stage 1. A new draw will determine the bracket placement (undefeated player vs one-loss side player). The order of the undefeated and one-loss players will be random.
- Single elimination
- Two sets, best of seven (7) games. If the set score is tied at 1-1 after two sets, a spot shot shootout will determine the winner.

BREAKING

- Winner breaks. Lag for the opening break of the first set.
- The loser of the lag breaks first in the second set.
- Referee racks on all tables – opponents may not approach or inspect the rack

SCHEDULE

- If a player is not present at the posted match time, the opposing player should notify the Tournament Director.
 - The Tournament Director will penalize the player one game and place the player "on the clock."
 - The Tournament Director will subsequently penalize the player one game for every 5 minutes, until she is present.
 - If the player is not present after 15 minutes of being placed "on the clock," it is a forfeit.
- No open practice is allowed at all on the feature table. The two players scheduled on the feature table may shoot one rack each prior to the match.
- Between matches, players may practice with alternate racks until match time.
- If a table does not become available until match time or later, players may shoot one rack each prior to beginning the match.

SHOOTOUT

If a set score is tied at 1-1 after two sets, a shootout will determine the winner. The goal is to pocket the object ball in its designated pocket. To determine a winner the following system will be used:

- The winner of the lag at the start of the match decides the starting player of the shootout, alternating turns thereafter. One turn by each player is an inning.
- The starting player determines the starting side from which the shootout will begin. Sides will alternate thereafter for each inning.
- Players will shoot four (4) innings in alternating turns. Both players get an equal number of turns.
- The player with the most points (i.e. balls pocketed) after four innings wins.
- If both players are tied after four innings, the order of play will remain until a player reaches a score that cannot be tied by her opponent in the same inning. This is called "Sudden Death."
 - In Sudden Death, the cue ball must be moved one diamond behind the head string.
- Shot clock extensions may not be used during a shootout.

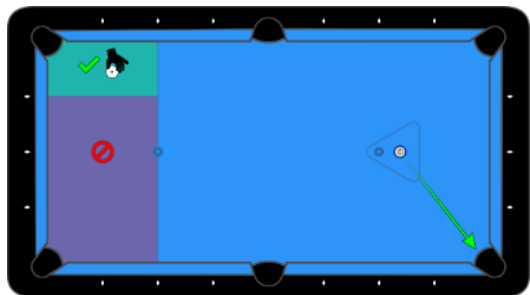
For a shot to be considered legal, the following rules in terms of position and placement must be executed:

- The 10-Ball will be used as the object ball during the entire shootout. The position of the object ball corresponds to its original position in a standard 10-Ball rack.

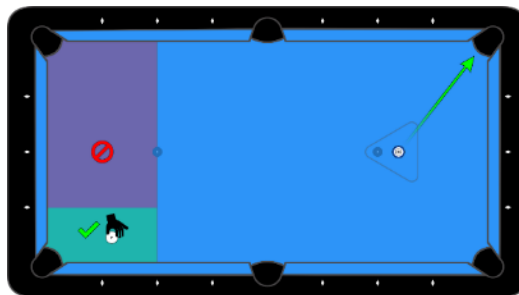


- The same rules of racking apply to the spotting of the 10-ball during the shootout:
 - Players spot their own 10-ball. Opponents may not approach or inspect the ball.
 - Referee spots the 10-ball on the TV table – players may not approach or inspect the object ball or ask for a re-spot.
- There are two zones designated for the shootout, the left and right side, shown below. The player must place the cue ball within the designated zone and pocket the 10-ball in the opposite corner pocket as shown below.
- Players must alternate the zone after each inning.
- The zones can be recognized according to the following parameters:
 - The left side is on the left side of the table while facing the object ball.
 - The right side is on the right side of the table while facing the object ball.

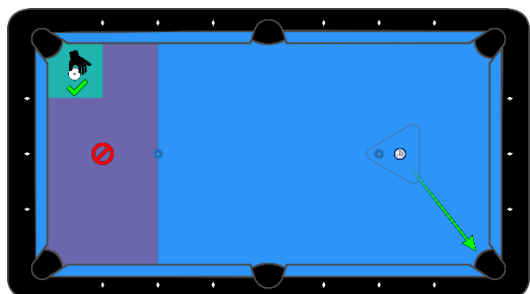
Regulation Shootout (Left Side)



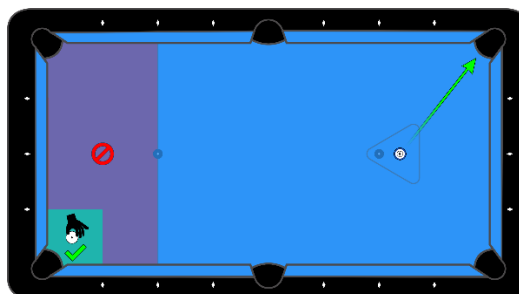
Regulation Shootout (Right Side)



Sudden Death Shootout (Left Side)



Sudden Death Shootout (Right Side)



In addition to the standard WPA rules and regulations, additional rules that are in place that determine whether an inning is considered legal are as following:

- The execution of the shot must be done within the timeframe that has been determined. This can be based on a shot clock ruling or the decision of the acting referee.
- The object ball must be pocketed in its designated pocket. If the object ball is pocketed in any other pocket, it will be considered as a miss.
- A shot that includes the rails, being or resembling a bank or a kick, will be considered a miss.

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENT

- Predator Apex 9ft Pro Table
- Predator Aero Rack
- Predator Arcadia Reserve Cloth
- Predator Arcos II Reserve Billiard Balls
- Predator Arena Lights by Lucid Sports
- Predator Bridges
- Predator 1080 Chalk



DRESS CODE

APPROVED CLOTHING

- PROFESSIONAL – TO BE WORN IN THE ARENA, AT PRO-AMS, AT MEET & GREETINGS, AT PLAYERS MEETINGS, PUBLIC PRACTICE AREAS, AND DURING TELEVISED MATCHES. (At any time when you are on WPBA time, not on your own time).
- Dress-slacks, skirts (below the knee), or divided skirts (below the knee), to be worn with coordinated tops and/or jackets.
- Tops are defined as: blouses, shirts, sweaters, vests, dressy knit tops or fitted polos.
- Polo or button-down style shirt with sleeves, fold over or vertical collar. Button-down shirts may be worn unbuttoned if they are worn with a neat and tasteful undergarment. Button-down shirts worn without an undergarment may only be unbuttoned one button below the neck button or as deemed appropriate by the Tournament Director. Shirts should not be excessively loose or revealing.
- All footwears must be dark color, close-toe and normal in style and wear. Shoes with laces must have the laces properly tied. Dark color tennis or walking shoes are acceptable but must be clean and neat.
- As to athletic STYLE shoes, the shoe should look good with dress pants and have the same color sole as top. We are allowing athletic style shoes, but not those traditionally used for exercising.
- You may submit a picture of your shoes to the WPBA office in advance of event if you are in doubt.

PROHIBITED 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

Players may wear a maximum of three (3) logos on playing apparel (“player’s logos”). All logos, including apparel brand logos, are included in this maximum of three (3) restriction. Logos may not exceed sixty-five (65) square centimeters. The player must submit to the organization, before her first match, samples of all sponsor logos for approval. 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. Additionally, the organization reserves the right to require any player to display event sponsor logos on the player’s apparel in addition to the three (3) logos allowed.



SCHEDULE

Play will begin with the first round of Stage 1 starting on Wednesday, September 21st and Stage 2 is estimated to start and complete on Saturday, September 24th to crown our champion! Times are TBD and will be listed on the Online Brackets once published.



BROADCAST INFORMATION



Beside internet websites publishing news, results or selling billiards equipment, Kozoom has built its reputation producing high quality streaming of many major Carom and Pool events worldwide. Kozoom developed a unique skill in billiards production with hundred hours of Live programs delivered to Eurosport and other major networks since 2005.

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