



ATHLETE GUIDE

2023 Predator World 10-Ball Championship



CueSports International

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ABOUT

This document is the main source of information to the athletes for the World 10-Ball Championship held during the CueSports International Expo at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, February 27- March 3, 2023.

WHAT IS THE WORLD 10-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP?

The World 10-Ball Championship is an annual event organized by CueSports International and Predator Group. The event is sanctioned by the World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA) and takes place during the CueSports International Expo in Las Vegas in February.

The event takes place on 12 nine-foot tables with one table positioned for live streaming available for all to watch for free online. It is preceded by the Alfa Las Vegas Open, a US Pro Billiard Series event, and sponsored by the cryptocurrency Alfa Coin.

These events are all part of a worldwide initiative called the World Pro Billiard Series, providing a high-grade platform, where the finest in the sport can compete and showcase their skills. The US Pro Billiard Series organizes a series of events across North America as a way to qualify for the World 10-Ball Championship.

The goal for the World Pro Billiard Series is to increase the popularity of the sport and stimulate worldwide participation in events and leagues. This is supported by the vision of Predator and CSI to use billiards as a social bond to create personal interaction in a day and age consisting of isolating technology.

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



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MAIN DETAILS

Latest Arrival:	February 27th, 2023
Athletes Meeting:	February 27th, 2023
Tournament Start:	February 28th, 2023
Finals & Closing Ceremony:	March 4th, 2023
Departure:	March 5th, 2023
Discipline:	10-ball
Entry Fee:	\$750, -
Entry Fee Deadline:	February 13th, 2023
Bracket:	128 Participants Double Elimination
Stage 1:	128 Participants Double Elimination
Stage 2:	32 Participants Single Elimination
Race length:	Race to 8
Stage 1:	Race to 8
Stage 2:	Race to 10
Rules:	WPA 10-Ball Rules

PRIZE MONEY

Prize money: \$226,000 Guaranteed

Breakdown:

#	Amount		Total
1	\$60000	1	\$60000
2	\$40000	1	\$40000
3	\$20000	2	\$40000
5	\$8000	4	\$32000
9	\$3750	8	\$30000
17	\$1500	16	\$24000
	Total:	32 athletes	\$226000



ATHLETES' MEETING

There will be a mandatory athletes' meeting on **Monday, February 27th at 8 pm in the Pro Arena**. The meeting will be conducted by the Tournament Director. Any athlete not present may be replaced by an athlete on the waiting list at CSI's sole discretion without refund.



PAYMENT DETAILS

The entry fee for the 2023 Predator World 10-Ball Championship is \$750.00 USD plus admin and electronic processing fees. If you have confirmed your invitation to this event, payment must be received before the payment deadline.

Payment must be received by February 13th, 2023.

1. Credit Card via Phone

Call CueSports International at 1-702-719-7665 and make a credit card payment over the phone. A 3% processing fee applies. Total entry fee plus processing fee is \$797.50 USD.

2. Check or Money Order

Send a check or money order in the amount of \$775.00 USD payable to CueSports International via postal mail postmarked before the payment deadline, to the following address:

ATTN: Predator World 10-Ball Championship
 CueSports International
 2041 Pabco Road
 Henderson, Nevada 89011
 United States of America

3. PayPal

Visit <https://paypal.me/csipaypal> to submit payment. MUST include the athlete's name(s) you are paying for in the "Note" section of the PayPal checkout process. Failure to provide the athlete's name will result in the forfeiture of the spot. A 5% processing fee applies. Total entry fee including processing fee is \$812.50 USD.

4. Wire Transfer

We accept wire transfers, and 5% processing fee applies. Total entry fee including processing fee is \$812.50 USD.

MUST INCLUDE NAME OF FEDERATION AND/OR ATHLETE NAME(S)

- * Routing Transit Number: 121000248
- * Bank Name: Wells Fargo Bank
- * Bank Street Address: 420 Montgomery Street
- * Bank City & State: San Francisco, CA
- * Beneficiary Account Number: 1299944262
- * Beneficiary Account Name: CUESPORTS INTERNATIONAL, LLC
- * SWIFT Code (for international wires only): WFBIUS6S

5. Cash Payments

Cash payments can be made prior to the event. These must be done personally to CueSports International. Total entry fee for cash payments prior to the event will be \$775.00 USD, which includes \$25.00 USD administration fee. This payment must take place before the general payment deadline.

Cash payments made on site will need to be done personally as well to CueSports International. The total entry fee for these cash payments will be \$800.00 USD, which includes a \$50.00 USD administration fee. This payment must be fulfilled prior to the athletes meeting.

REFUNDS

When you register for a CSI 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 entry@playcspool.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 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.

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.



TRAVEL DETAILS

AIRPORT

Harry Reid International Airport (LAS)

<https://www.harryreidairport.com>

All athletes/coaches are advised to arrive through the above designated airport for smooth entry into and out of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Airport Transfer:

All athletes/coaches are advised to take a taxi or an Uber from the airport directly to the hotel.

Visa:

For visa information please visit: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourism-visit/visitor.html>

Request “Letter of Invitation” from info@playcsipool.com to present to the United States Embassy in your respective country. For this purpose, a copy of passport is requested. Please send a scanned copy of the passport of your athletes and coaches and the information in which city the visa application will be handled.

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 athletes 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.

COVID 19

Although it is impossible to predict exactly what COVID-19 restrictions may be in place at the time of the event, athletes should be prepared to adhere to all safety rules & regulations put into place by organization, the host venue, accommodations, national 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. We expect all participants and companions to follow these rules, if presented, always.



HOTEL DETAILS

Name: **Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino**
Address: **3700 W. Flamingo Rd**
City, State: **Las Vegas, Nevada**
Country: **United States**

Book by Friday, February 3, 2023, to receive the special group rate. No resort fees. No parking fees.

Group Code: **srcsi3**

- Online Link: <https://book.passkey.com/go/SRCSI3>
- Phone: (888) 746-6955 (processing charge may apply to phone reservations)

Room rates:

- Deluxe Suite 2 Queen Beds \$ 99.00 USD minimum rate per room per night
\$149.00 USD weekend rate per room per night

Room rates do not include any meals. All city and state taxes are inclusive in the nightly rate. Each room will have air conditioning.



RULES & REGULATIONS

FORMAT

STAGE 1

- 32 athletes seeded by WPA rankings. Random draw for the remaining athletes.
- Double elimination to the final 32 athletes (16 on winners' side & 16 on the one-loss side)
- One set, race to 8.

STAGE 2

- Final 32 athletes from Stage 1. A new draw will determine the bracket placement.
 - From the thirty-two (32) remaining athletes, the sixteen (16) highest ranked athletes on the WPA ranking will be seeded into the bracket. Seeding will be based on their position in the ranking.
 - The remaining sixteen (16) athletes will be drawn randomly to complete the athlete's field.
- Single elimination
- One set, race to 10

RULES

BREAKING

- Winner breaks. Lag for the opening break of the first set and third 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 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 he is present.
 - If the player 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 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.

ATHLETE INFORMATION

LIVE SCORING

Live scoring will be available on www.probilliardseries.com.

ONLINE BRACKETS

Online brackets will be done on www.probilliardseries.com.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

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DRESS CODE

APPROVED CLOTHING

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

Athletes need to be dressed professional 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)

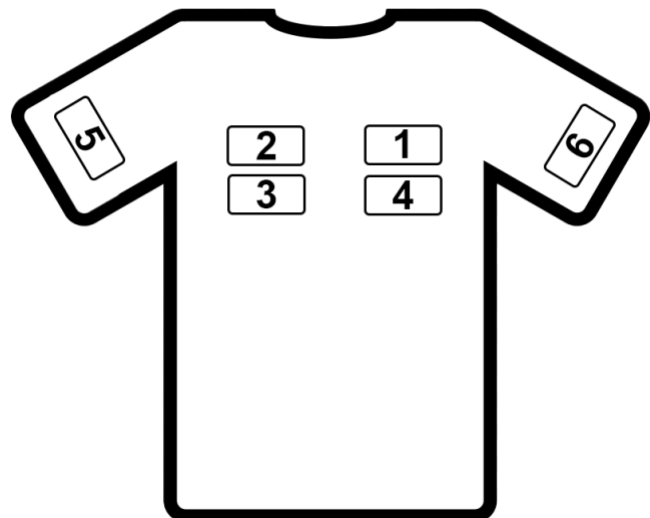
LOGOS & PATCHES

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 Pro Billiard Series 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.





BROADCAST INFORMATION

This event will be broadcast live on the following platforms:



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.

[Click here to open Website](#)



Billiard TV is the first and only 24/7 free television channel dedicated solely to billiards. It will feature full-length matches, trick shots, instruction, commentary, news and more. Billiard TV is currently available in 12 countries and to 30 million viewers.

[Click here to open Website](#)



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[Click here to open Website](#)



World Billiard TV, formerly known as the YouTube channel CueSportsInternational, hosts the largest collection of feature-length CueSports matches on YouTube, with over 1, 000 videos uploaded since 2014!

[Click here to open Website](#)

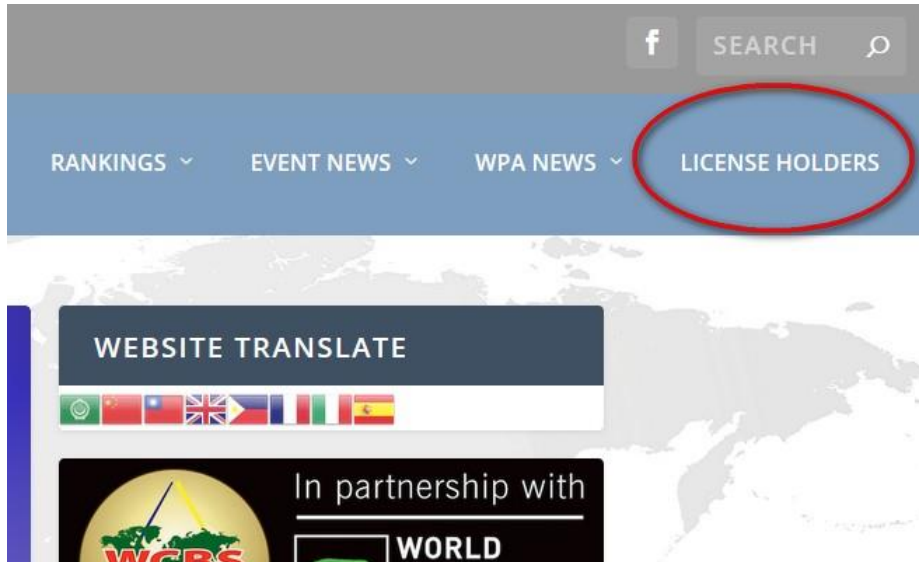
PLAYER LICENSE REGISTRATION

For more information or assistance, please email info@wpapool.com

An annual WPA Player license is \$20. Follow the steps below to register or renew your license.

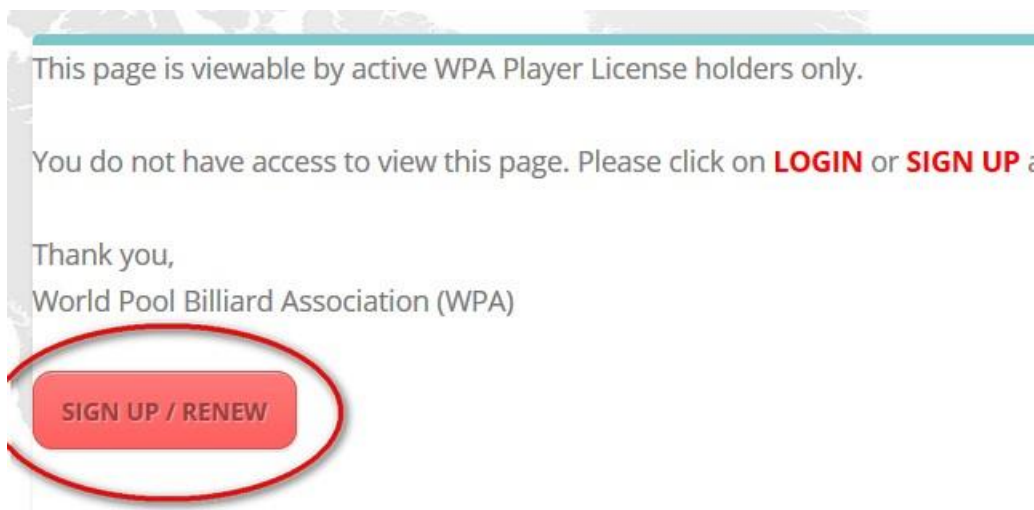
STEP 1:

From the home page of www.wpapool.com, click on the tab “License Holders”




STEP 2:

Click on the Sign Up / Renew button



STEP 3:

1. Complete the registration form
2. Read and accept the terms of signing up as a WPA License holder and click on the check box to accept the terms
3. Click on Sign Up

Payment with Debit Card, Credit Card or Paypal Account 

I have read and agree to the terms of the WPA player license agreement*

SIGN UP

STEP 4:

You can process your payment by logging in to your PayPal account or if you do not have a PayPal account, click on Pay with Debit or with Credit-card.

Log In

Having trouble logging in?

or

Pay with Debit or Credit Card

STEP 5:

Complete your payment information and click on "Pay Now". Once your payment is successfully processed you will be redirected back to www.wpapool.com

Your subscription will be valid until 31 December each year and is renewable between 01 – 30 January.



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 CueSports International (CSI), Predator and 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 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 CueSports International (CSI), Predator and other event partners. CSI, Predator and other event partners reserve the following rights and responsibilities: determine a 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 there is an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 and other illnesses when you participate in any event where people are gathered. Although it is impossible to predict exactly what COVID-19 restrictions may be in place at the time of the event, you agree to adhere to all safety rules & regulations put into place by CueSports International, Predator, the host venue, state government or local ordinances.

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You understand that your participation in this event is completely voluntary. CSI 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 CSI, Predator, and all event partners, if any, shall be limited to reimbursement of the entry fee paid.

Disqualification from any CSI event, for any reason, shall result in forfeiture of any prize money won by that athlete or team, and possible suspension from future CSI-produced events.

CSI, Predator, 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 CSI, Predator, and other event partners for the production of televised matches, recorded or broadcast at the event and for all photographic images taken at the event. By registering, you agree that CSI, Predator, and other event partners may also add your email address to its email list and send you periodic emails at its sole discretion.