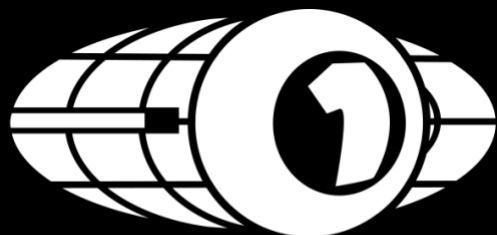




ATHLETE GUIDE

2023 KAMUI WORLD WOMEN'S 9-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP



**WORLD POOL-BILLIARD
ASSOCIATION**





ABOUT

This document is the main source of information to the athletes for the 2023 Kamui World Women's 9-Ball Championship held in the Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City, USA from January 19 to 22, 2023.

WHAT IS THE "WORLD WOMEN'S 9-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP"?

The World Women's 9-Ball Championship is an annual event organized by Predator Group. The event is sanctioned by the World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA) and takes place in Atlantic City in January. The event takes place on 9 nine-foot tables with one table positioned for live streaming available for all to watch for free online.

These events are all part of a worldwide initiative called the Pro Billiard Series, providing a high-grade platform, where the finest in the sport can compete and show their skills. The Pro Billiard Series organizes a series of events across the world providing a way to qualify for several World Championships.

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



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MAIN DETAILS

Latest Arrival:	January 18th, 2023
Athletes Meeting:	January 18th, 2023
Tournament Start:	January 19th, 2023
Finals & Closing Ceremony:	January 22nd, 2023
Departure:	January 23rd, 2023
Discipline:	9-ball
Entry Fee:	\$750, -
Payment Deadline:	January 11th, 2023
Bracket:	
Stage 1:	64 Participants Double Elimination
Stage 2:	16 Participants Single Elimination
Race length:	
Stage 1:	Race to 7
Stage 2:	Race to 9
Rules:	WPA 9-Ball Rules
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Position	Amount	Spots	Total
1st	\$ 30,000	1	\$ 30,000
2nd	\$ 20,000	1	\$ 20,000
3rd	\$ 12,000	2	\$ 24,000
5th	\$ 6,500	4	\$ 26,000
9th	\$ 4,000	8	\$ 32,000
17th	\$ 2,000	8	\$ 16,000
		24	\$ 148,000



PAYMENT DETAILS

The entry fee for the 2023 Predator World Women's 9-Ball Championship is \$750.00 plus processing fees. If you have confirmed your invitation to this event, payment must be received before the payment deadline.

Payment must be received by Jan. 11, 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 \$772.50 USD.

2. Check or Money Order

Send a check or money order in the amount of \$750.00 USD payable to CueSports International via postal mail postmarked before the payment deadline, to the following address:

ATTN: Predator World Women's 9-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 \$787.50 USD.

4. Wire Transfer

We accept wire transfers, and 5% processing fee applies. Total entry fee including processing fee is \$787.50 USD.

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

- * Routing Transit Number: 021000021
- * Bank Name: JP Morgan Chase Bank
- * Bank Street Address: 383 Madison Avenue
- * Bank City & State: New York, NY
- * Beneficiary Account Number: 862978068
- * Beneficiary Account Name: CUESPORTS INTERNATIONAL, LLC
- * SWIFT Code (for international wires only): CHASUS33

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@playcsipool.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

All international athletes and companions are advised to fly over the following three airports:

Atlantic City International Airport (ACY) in New Jersey

<https://www.sjta.com/airport/index.asp>

Alternatively, Philadelphia and Newark can be considered as a destination, which have longer transportation to Atlantic city:

Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) in Pennsylvania

<https://www.phl.org>

Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) in New Jersey

<https://www.newarkairport.com>

All athletes/coaches are advised to arrive through the above designated airports for smooth entry into and out of the United States of America.

TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT

Atlantic City:	All athletes/coaches are advised to take a taxi or an Uber from the airport directly to the hotel.
Philadelphia:	All athletes/coaches are advised to use public transportation in forms of a bus or train to the Host city. Alternatively, car rental or an Uber would be advised.
Newark:	All athletes/coaches are advised to use public transportation in forms of a bus or train to the Host city. Alternatively, car rental or an Uber would be advised.

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: Harrah's Resort Atlantic City
 Address: 777 Harrah's Blvd.
 City, State: Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401
 Country: United States

Book by Friday, Dec 16, 2022, to receive the special group rate.

Group Code: **SH01CS3**

- Online Link: [Click Here](#)
- Phone: (888) 516-2215 (processing charge may apply to phone reservations)

Room rates:

- PREMIUM TWO QUEENS \$ 69.00 USD Week rate per room per night
 \$149.00 USD weekend rate per room per night

Room rates are subject to state and local taxes, currently 13.625% plus a \$7.00 per room per night lodging fee (subject to change without notice) and any applicable resort fees. Total charges presented on the website will include all room taxes, but not any applicable resort fees. \$25.99 per night, per room, plus 13.625% tax. The Resort Fee includes unlimited local phone calls, a \$5.00 voucher towards self-parking in the garage and complimentary in-room internet access (limited to 2 devices per room, per night)

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



RULES & REGULATIONS

RULES

- WPA rules of play
- Lag for the opening break, winner breaks
- Referee racks using the triangle rack provided.
 - Athletes may not approach or inspect the rack.
 - Racking on the TV table will be provided by the referee
- 30-second shot clock on the feature table only. For the other tables, the referee 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 rack
 - The shot clock begins when all balls have come to rest, and the opposing athlete sits in his or her chair
- Each round of play is scheduled.
 - Stage 1 rounds are scheduled for 2 hours.
 - Stage 2 rounds are scheduled for 2 and a half hours.
- No open practice is allowed at all on the arena table. The two athletes scheduled on the arena 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.

FORMAT

STAGE 1

- 16 athletes seeded by WPA rankings. Random draw for the remaining athletes.
- Double elimination to the final 16 athletes (8 on winners' side & 8 on the one-loss side)
- One set, race to 7.

STAGE 2

- Final 16 athletes from Stage 1. A new draw will determine the bracket placement.
 - From the 16 remaining athletes, the 8 highest ranked athletes on the WPA ranking will be seeded into the bracket. Seeding is based on ranking position.
 - The remaining 8 athletes will be drawn randomly to complete the athlete's field.
- Single elimination
- One set, race to 9



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)

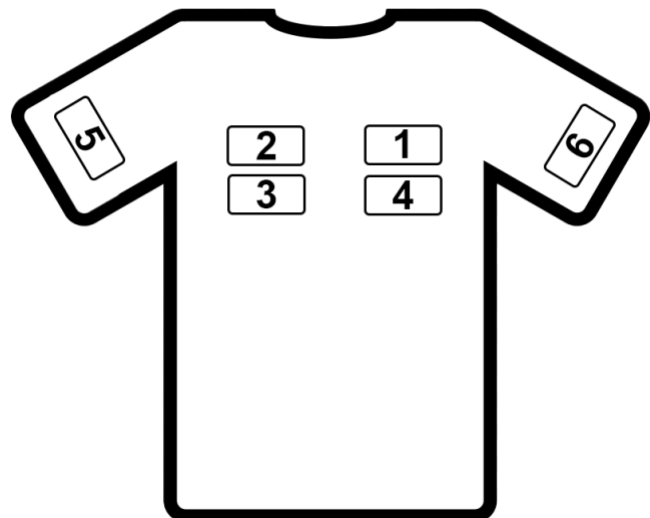
LOGOS & PATCHES

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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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](#)