



2019 PAN AMERICAN SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

Q BALL SNOOKER & POOL
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ENTRY DOCUMENT

RULES & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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as stipulated by the Board of the Pan American Billiards and Snooker Association

The Pan American Billiards and Snooker Association, referred to as “PABSA” throughout this Championship Entry Document, is pleased to announce the staging of the 2019 Pan American Snooker Championship.

Please read the following Championship Entry Document. Your entry into the Championship will be your acceptance to abide and conform to the Championship Rules & Conditions of Entry.

Closing date for entries is by the end of Sunday, December 16 (PDT).

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1. CHAMPIONSHIP DETAILS

- 1.1** The Championship will be staged at the Q Ball Snooker Club in Houston, Texas, United States from Wednesday, January 30 – Sunday, February 3.

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- 1.2** Estimated playing schedule (all subject to change):

- 1.2.1 Jan 30** – 10am: Commencement of the first day of Group play (the day's scheduled matches will be on a roll-on roll-off table basis).
- 1.2.2 Jan 31** – 10am: Commencement of the second day of Group play (the day's scheduled matches will be on a roll-on roll-off table basis).
- 1.2.3 Feb 1** – 10am: Commencement of the third day of Group play (the day's scheduled matches will be on a roll-on roll-off table basis).
- 1.2.4 Feb 2** – 10am: Commencement of Knockout rounds play (played up to and including the quarterfinals, with scheduled start times and allocated tables).
- 1.2.5 Feb 3** – 10am: Commencement of semifinals (on an allocated table).
- 1.2.6 Feb 3** – 4pm (with at least a 30-minute player rest break from previous semifinal match): Commencement of final (on an allocated table, with a 10-minute interval to be taken after the fourth frame), followed by trophy presentation.

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 2.1** In accordance with the Rules of PABSA, entrants must be:
- 2.1.1** A citizen of any of the [41 nations](#)^(LINK) which make up the Pan American Olympic Movement - with a special dispensation for **legal "Permanent residents"** of those 41 nations who have resided for a continuous period of the past **FIVE YEARS**, and have **NO PREVIOUS** representation for a foreign nation in **ANY** international snooker championship.
- 2.1.2** An individual member of PABSA [see Rule 2.2].
- 2.2** Entry fee for PABSA members will be \$150 each. Non-members must pay an additional \$25 annual membership fee to join, with all fees to be paid in full in order to be entered into the Championship draw.
- 2.3** Once a membership and/or entry fee has been received, not under any circumstances does it become refundable.
- 2.4** If there is any contention in respect to any interpretation of the Rules contained in this document, a player must respect the final decision of the Tournament Director.

3. METHOD OF ENTRY

- 3.1** All players wishing to participate in the 2019 Pan American Snooker Championship must complete the official online entry form on the pabsa.org website – PABSA will not be accepting any other form of entry. The entry form can be found at the following online address:

www.pabsa.org/2019entry

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- 3.2** Entry fee payments:

3.2.1 Once the online form has been submitted, you will then be given the option to pay your fees online and securely using the PABSA's PayPal payment page. You do not need to have a PayPal account to use this service, as you can pay with your credit or debit card as a PayPal guest. Should you have any problems with this method of payment, please send an email to: ajeyap@yahoo.com

4. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- 4.1** The 2019 Pan American Snooker Championship will be played using an initial Round Robin phase of eight* groups, with the qualifying placed players from each Group advancing into the Single Elimination Knockout phase of the event.

4.1.1 The following order will determine the final Group positions:

1. Highest number of match wins
2. Best frame difference
3. Most frames won
4. Winner of Group match (between contending two players)
5. Best group match differential (between contending players involved)
6. Highest break(s) as written and signed for on the score sheet (please note: unstated high break(s) will not be considered)

- 4.2** All Group matches shall be contested over the best-of-five frames* (first player to win three frames). Knockout rounds up to and including the quarterfinals shall be contested over the best-of-seven frames (first player to win four frames), the semifinals shall be contested over the best-of-nine frames (first player to win four frames), with the final match being contested over the best-of-eleven frames (first player to win six frames) which will include a ten-minute interval after the fourth frame.

- 4.3** A complete match schedule will be produced after the Championship draw [see Rule 5.1].

- 4.4** In making the group draws, eight players of significant national and international snooker achievement (e.g. most recent national champions and former professional players) will be selected by PABSA to position one in each of the eight groups. All other players will be drawn into the groups, using a system which will reflect a balance of players between the entered nationalities.

- 4.5** Once the draw has been made, the Tournament Director, if necessary, will only be permitted to make changes if there are any subsequent player withdrawals prior to the start of Group play to even the group numbers.

* Subject to the number of entries.

5. CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

- 5.1** The PABSA appointed on-site Tournament Director will solely be responsible for the running of the Championship, and will do so at their discretion in accordance to these Rules. All players must respect the final decision of the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director will also compile the match schedule after the Championship draw, which all players must observe.

6. PLAYER MATCH ATTENDANCE

- 6.1** Players are strongly advised to insure that should they wish to enter the Championship, they make themselves available for the whole duration of the event.
- 6.2** All players are expected to be in attendance and ready to play at the start time of their matches. Only during the Group phase of the Championship will the Tournament Director have the discretion, with good reason, to reschedule a match. Due to time constraints, there strictly will be no rescheduling of any matches during the Knockout phase.
- 6.3** During the Groups phase of the Championship:
- 6.3.1** All matches will be played in an order scheduled by the Tournament Director and on the next available table on a roll-on roll-off basis. Upon request, the Tournament Director will endeavor to provide an estimated time for a particular match so a player may plan a meal or comfort break.
- 6.4** During the Knockout phase of the Championship:
- 6.4.1** All matches will be allocated table numbers and commence at a scheduled start time.
- 6.4.2** If a player is not in attendance at precisely their scheduled start time, that player will forfeit one frame.
- 6.4.3** If a player is still not in attendance after precisely 30 minutes from their scheduled start time, that player will forfeit two frames.
- 6.4.4** If a player is still not in attendance after precisely 50 minutes from their scheduled start time, that player will forfeit the match and be withdrawn from the Championship [see Rule 7.2].
- 6.5** Players are not allowed to take any unnatural breaks during matches. Bathroom breaks will be permitted, though players must inform their opponent and return in a timely manner.

7. WITHDRAWAL OF ENTRY AND PLAYER

- 7.1** Please inform PABSA as soon as possible should you wish for any reason to withdraw your entry prior to or during the Championship [see Rule 2.3]. Failure to do so may result in a disciplinary procedure of suspension to participate in future PABSA championships.
- 7.2** Should the withdrawal of a player occur during the Groups phase, all previous match results shall become null and void. Should the withdrawal of a player occur during the Knockout phase, that player's opponent shall receive a walkover into the next round, or be awarded the Championship title should that be the final match.

8. SNOOKER RULES

- 8.1** The official snooker rules as defined by the World Professional Billiards & Snooker Association (WPBSA) will be upheld [also see Rule 9.1.2], with the following Championship condition enforced:
- 8.1.1** During the Round Robin Group play **only**, once all the red balls have been pocketed and just the colored balls remain on the table, if a player on their next visit to the table then requires **four** or more snookers to the value of the "ball on", that player will then be obligated to concede the frame or their opponent will be permitted to verbally claim the frame at the end of their visit to the table.
- 8.2** A copy of the official rules can be downloaded from the WPBSA website at:
www.wpbsa.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/official-rules-of-the-game.pdf

Revised: November 2014 (PDF format)

9. REFEREE ABSENCE

- 9.1** When a referee is provided all official rules will be enforced. In matches without an assigned referee, the following will apply:
- 9.1.1** The non-striking player must spot the pocketed colored balls for their opponent and keep an audible running total of the break compiled.
- 9.1.2** When snookers are not required by a player, failing to escape from a full-ball snookered position will **NOT** be called a compulsory "*foul and a miss*", however, in the spirit of the game, a player must to the best of their ability endeavor to hit the ball-on. However, failing to make contact with a ball-on in a non-snookered position (a player can make any contact with a ball-on) must automatically be called a "foul and a miss", and the non-offending player will have the option of having the balls replaced in their original positions with the agreement of both players.
- 9.2** In the event of a contentious situation, an independent decision must be called upon. Please consult the PABSA appointed Tournament Director.

10. SCORE SHEETS

- 10.1 Players will be required to complete and sign a score sheet for each match played. The winner of the match should insure to return the completed score sheet to the Tournament Director.

11. DRESS CODE

- 11.1 WPBSA/World Snooker Federation dress code standard will be enforced. A long sleeve shirt buttoned at the wrist, vest, bow tie, dress pants and dress shoes must be worn by the players for all Championship matches.

11.1.1 Players will be permitted to wear national symbols and sponsors' logos with the approval of PABSA and the Tournament Director.

11.1.2 Players will not be permitted to wear or display any political symbols.

12. CELL PHONES

- 12.1 The use of cell phones will **NOT** be permitted at any time during a match. To comply with this Rule, and as a courtesy to your opponent, players are asked to have their cell phones switched off during their match.

13. PUBLICITY

- 13.1 If required, players must be available for interviews and photographs in the interest of publicizing the Championship.
- 13.2 Some matches may be streamed on the internet or video recorded for public broadcast. By participating, players acknowledge their consent to have their match streamed live or recorded and available for public broadcast.

14. ACCOMMODATION

- 14.1 PABSA will announce the details and room rates of an approved hotel for the Championship shortly.

PABSA and the proprietor of Q Ball Snooker & Pool, Mr. Mani Syed, look forward to welcoming all players from across the Pan American region into this year's Championship for what we know will be a fantastic festival of snooker to be enjoyed by all.