



Pan-American Snooker Championships 2023

Rio de Janeiro Yacht Club

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

October 20 to 29, 2023

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RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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 2023 Pan American Snooker Championships.

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.

PLEASE NOTE - Closing date for entries is by the end of Friday, 15th September 2023.

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1. Championship Details

1.1 The Championships will be staged at the Rio De Janeiro Yacht Club, Brazil from 20th to 29th October 2023:

Rio de Janeiro Yacht Club

Av. Pasteur, 333 - Urca

Rio de Janeiro - CEP: 22290-240

Brazil

<https://www.icrj.com.br/iate/>

1.2 Estimated playing schedule (all subject to change):

October 20 th	Commencement of Seniors group stages (the day's scheduled matches will be on a roll-on roll-off table basis).
October 21 st	Seniors group stages (the day's scheduled matches will be on a roll-on roll-off table basis).
October 22 nd	Seniors knockout stages begin (played up to and including the quarterfinals, with scheduled start times and allocated tables).
October 23 rd	Seniors semifinal and final. Followed by trophy presentation.
October 24 th	Day off. Open players meeting.
October 25 th	Commencement of Open group stages (the day's scheduled matches will be on a roll-on roll-off table basis).
October 26 th	Open group stages (the day's scheduled matches will be on a roll-on roll-off table basis).
October 27 th	Open group stages (the day's scheduled matches will be on a roll-on roll-off table basis).
October 28 th	Open group stages (the day's scheduled matches will be on a roll-on roll-off table basis).
October 28 th	Open knockout stages begin (played up to and including the quarterfinals, with scheduled start times and allocated tables).
October 29 th	Semifinals followed by final on allocated tables (at least a 30-minute player rest break from previous semifinal match and a 10-minute interval to be taken after 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 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 Main Event Entry fee for PABSA members will be US\$225 each. Non-members must pay an additional US\$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 Seniors Event Entry fee for PABSA members will be US\$175 each, with all fees to be paid in full in order to be entered into the Championship draw. Non-members must pay an additional US\$25 annual membership fee to join, with all fees to be paid in full in order to be entered into the Championship draw.
- 2.4 Once a membership and/or entry fee has been received, not under any circumstances does it become refundable. Players will be charged for membership and entry fees on or around 1st October 2023.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 **PLEASE NOTE:** All players wishing to enter the Pan American Snooker Championships (both Seniors and Main Event) must be fully Covid-19 vaccinated. This also applies to officials, spectators, family members and sponsors attending the event. Everyone must also follow and abide by local, regional and national pandemic guidelines of the host club, city and country. Players will be removed from the tournaments with no refund of entry fee if these guidelines are not followed.

3. Method of Entry

- 3.1 All players wishing to participate in the 2023 Pan American Snooker Championship must register at Cloud Snooker using the link below and then enter into desired event(s) here – PABSA will not be accepting any other form of entry. Entry details can be found at the following online address:

Cloud Snooker - <https://cloudsnooker.com>

To sign up for PABSA membership, please use the following link:

PABSA Membership – <https://pabsa.org/membership>

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3.2 Entry fee payments:

3.2.1 Once you have registered with the PABSA Cloud Snooker System, by also submitting your credit/debit card details, you will then be securely billed your entry fee payments and PABSA membership fee on or around 1st October 2023. PABSA will not accept any cash payments.

4. Championship Format

4.1 The 2023 Pan American Snooker Championship will be played using an initial Round Robin phase of eight groups (required number of groups based on number of entries), 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 (head-to-head)
5. Highest break

4.2 All Group matches shall be contested over a determined number of frames based on entries. Maximum time allowances for this phase must be followed. Knockout rounds up to and including the finals shall be contested over the determined number of frames based on time restraints due to the number of entries received.

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 (determined by number of entries) 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 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.

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.

5.2 As registered PABSA members players shall never hold The Pan American Billiards and Snooker Association or the tournament venue responsible for me, or my belongings for any reason.

5.3 Player Match Attendance

5.3.1 Players are strongly advised to ensure that should they enter the Championship, they make themselves available for the whole duration of the event.

5.3.2 All players are expected to be in attendance and ready to play half an hour before the scheduled 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 will strictly be no rescheduling of any matches during the Knockout phase.

5.3.3 During the Groups phase of the Championship:

5.3.3.1 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.

5.3.3.2 During the Knockout phase of the Championship:

- All matches will be allocated table numbers and commence at a scheduled start time.
- If a player is not in attendance at precisely their scheduled start time, that player will forfeit one frame.
- If a player is still not in attendance after precisely 30 minutes from their scheduled start time, that player will forfeit two frames.
- 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].

5.3.4 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.

6. Withdrawal of Entry and Player

6.1 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.

- 6.1.1 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.

7. Snooker Rules

- 7.1 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:
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 A copy of the official rules can be downloaded from the WPBSA website at: <https://wpbsa.com/wp-content/uploads/Rulebook-Website-Updated-May-2022.pdf> Revised: May 2022 (PDF format).

8. Referee and Player Responsibilities

- 8.1 When a referee is provided all official rules will be enforced. In matches without an assigned referee, the following will apply:
- 8.1.1 The non-striking player must spot the pocketed colored balls for their opponent and keep an audible running total of the break compiled.
- 8.1.2 Foul and a Miss: when snookers are not required by a player and the player is snookered, most one rail escapes must be successful, or the foul will be called a 'miss' and replaced based on the non-striker's option. Players can call the floor referee to observe, if desired. Be sure to note the position of the balls before the shot is played and ensure that the non-striker or referee places a coin or other mark if desired - not the striker.
- 8.1.2.1 During group round play and earlier stages of playoffs, as determined by the Tournament Director, this rule will be applied to a maximum of three attempts. After three "foul and a miss" attempts, the non-offending player will then have the option of either playing from the resulting position or requesting their opponent to play from the resulting position.
- 8.1.3 Conceding Frame: for group stage matches and earlier stages of playoffs, as determined by the Tournament Director, 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 claim the frame at the end of their visit to the table.

8.1.4 If a full ball on is available (defined as a player can make a full ball contact in a straight line) and a ball on is not contacted a miss will always be called. After the second attempt if they fail to hit the ball on the player MUST be warned that they will forfeit the frame if they fail to make contact a third time and failing which the frame will be awarded to the opponent.

8.1.5 In the event of a contentious situation, an independent decision must be called upon. Please consult the PABSA appointed Tournament Director.

9. Score Sheets

9.1 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.

10. Dress Code

LOOK GOOD - PLAY GOOD

EVERY PLAYER IS A BRAND, AND THAT CAN BE ENHANCED BY THE WAY THEY DRESS. WE WANT TO HELP THEM TO MAXIMIZE THEIR POTENTIAL AND THE OVERALL IMAGE OF SNOOKER.

10.1 All dress items must be worn correctly.

10.2 Dress shoes - Leather, able to apply polish, no dock shoes.

10.3 Waist coat (no sweater vests), ties or bowties or dickie ties, dress pants or trousers and long sleeve shirt, cummerbund.

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

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

10.6 Strictly no trainers/sneakers, no t-shirt or jeans.

11. Cell Phones

11.1 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 unless special circumstances agreed to by the Tournament Director. If you answer or use your phone during a match you will be warned, second time loss of frame.

12. Publicity

- 12.1 If required, players must be available for interviews and photographs in the interest of publicizing the Championship.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 All pictures and media taken by PABSA shall be the sole property of the Pan American Billiards and Snooker Association.

13. Travel and Accommodation

- 13.1 Brazil may require a Visa to enter the country, and each player is responsible for checking if they require a Visa.
- 13.2 Hotel information is forthcoming and will be posted on the PABSA website in the coming weeks.

PABSA and Brazilian Confederation of Billiards and Snooker (CBBS) 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.