

## **USPFC BILLIARDS-2025**

## **GUIDING BODIES**

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## EVENTS

## **UNISEX:**

**Entry Deadline: May 25, 2025**

## BRACKETING

## Double Elimination Bracket

## **SCHEDULING**

Experience has shown that 4 days of play are needed.

First Day	Nine Ball competition
Second Day	Eight Ball competition
Third & Fourth Day (if necessary)	Straight Pool competition

**Recommended:** Beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day for player's meeting. There will be 45 minutes of practice time and games will begin promptly at 9:45 a.m. No exceptions. As the events are all double elimination, a late player will be marked "forfeit" and the player's name will be moved to the losers' side of the bracketing.

Day 1	Nine Ball (BCA Rules)	Allow approx. 12 hours to complete this day
Day 2	Eight Ball (BCA Rules)	Allow approx. 14 hours to complete this day
Day 3 & 4	Straight Pool (BCA Rules)	Allow approx. 12 hours to complete this day

## SCORING

**Nine Ball**      Preliminary Matches      First competitor to win 5 matches (race to 5)

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	Quarter Finals	First competitor to win 5 matches (race to 5)
	Semi Finals	First competitor to win 6 matches (race to 6)
	Finals	First competitor to win 6 matches (race to 6)
<b>Eight Ball</b>	Preliminary Matches	First competitor to win 5 matches (race to 5)
	Quarter Finals	First competitor to win 5 matches (race to 5)
	Semi Finals	First competitor to win 5 matches (race to 5)
	Finals	First competitor to win 6 matches (race to 6)
<b>Straight Pool</b>	Preliminary Matches	All matches to 100 points
	Quarter Finals	All matches to 100 points
	Semi Finals	All matches to 125 points
	Finals	All matches to 125 points

## **GENERAL SPORTS RULES for Pocket Billiards**

The current issue of the BCA rule book entitled "RULES FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY AND GENERAL RULES OF POCKET BILLIARDS" will be strictly adhered to. The rule of fouling an object ball accidentally will be waived in the absence of a formal referee or an impartial third person.

It is unfair for the shooting player to bend over the table for his/her shot and to have his/her opponent then declare "your shirt or your jacket or some other part of you" touched an object ball. The shooter has no defense against this type of charge mainly because he/she neither can see it (his/her head and eyes are well ahead of his/her body) nor can he/she feel this declared rule violation. All professional games abide by the "Foul on the Cue Ball Only" rule except where a referee or impartially third person is in charge.

**Accidentally moved object ball/balls (without a referee):** Upon mutual agreement between the shooter and his/her opponent said moved object ball/balls will be returned to original position. However, if this cannot be mutually agreed on: THE NON-SHOOTER WILL PREVAIL. Reason: if a referee had been in charge the shooter would have had no say whatever. The shooter would have lost his/her turn at the table, be penalized one point for the foul and the referee would have returned the ball/balls as near as possible as to his/her (the referee's) best recollection.

A deliberate, intentional disturbance of any object ball/balls is subject to immediate disqualification and loss of that match and possible total disqualification from further tournament participation.

BCA rules specifically provide for unsportsmanlike conduct penalties to be imposed by the tournament director.

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Tournament Director to see that no player is compelled to play two consecutive matches on the same table without the consent of both players.

Special notes for rule of play: **SIMULTANEOUS HITS**

**Nine Ball-** A legal shot requires that the cue ball's **first contact** be with the **lowest numbered** ball on the table. Therefore, when the possibility of a simultaneous hit presents itself (and no referee is officiating), it will be the responsibility of the shooter to request that an independent/neutral observer approach the table (as close as possible) without interfering with the shooter and stand in such a manner that they are able to view both balls in question. Their eyes to be as near as possible directly over the object ball to be struck first and thus render a decision as to the legality of the hit. **THE OBSERVER'S DECISION IS FINAL.**

**Eight Ball-** Once a player has qualified to be either on "solids" or "stripes", their initial contact by the cue ball must be with said declaration of "solid" or "stripe". No simultaneous hits. Therefore, as in Nine Ball, the shooter is to call for an independent observer whose decision will again be final.

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## **AWARDS**

You will need three (3) sets of medals. (1st through 3rd place).

### **ATTENTION COORDINATORS**

**THE GENERAL RULES APPLY TO ALL SPORTS.  
YOU MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH ITS CONTENTS.**

**PRECISE RESULTS MUST BE FORWARDED  
TO THE USPFC COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE  
CONCLUSION OF THIS SPORT**

The USPFC Director assigned to your sport is knowledgeable and experienced in providing assistance during the preparation and running of the sport. Questions, a detailed accounting of your preparations, and any area requiring approval of the USPFC shall be submitted in a timely manner to this USPFC Director.

The USPFC Directors want to work with you to make your sport a success.

***PLEASE USE THE USPFC DIRECTORS AS A RESOURCE.***