

Canadian Cue Sports Associations & Supporters;

On behalf of the Canadian Billiards & Snooker Association (CBSA), I am pleased to announce that the 2011 Canadian Cue Sports Championships will be hosted again by:

Shooters Snooker and Sports Club
1448 Lawrence Ave. East
Toronto Ontario

The Championships will run from Tuesday, June 7th. to Saturday, June 18th., with each division taking place on the dates below:

Pool Divisions:

Men's Amateur 9-Ball: Tues. June 7th. to Thurs. June 9th.

8-Ball (Open & Women's Amateur): Fri. June 10th. to Sun. June 12th.

Junior 9-Ball: Sat. June 11th. to Sun. June 12th.

9-Ball (Open & Women's): Mon. June 13th. to Wed. June 15th.

10-Ball (Open & Women's): Thurs. June 16th. to Sat. June 18th.

Snooker Divisions:

Senior Snooker: Thurs. June 9th. to Sat. June 11th.

Open Snooker: Sun. June 12th. to Sat. June 18th.

Added Money:

The host will be adding a minimum of \$5,000. to the championships, to be split between the various disciplines.

Changes To Women Disciplines:

Due to the low participation level for the Women's Amateur 9-Ball, it will be replaced with a Women's Amateur 8-Ball discipline. With the many Amateur 8-Ball leagues in Southern Ontario, it is expected that the participation level will increase with this change

Also due to the fact that there is no Women's World championship for 8-Ball, this discipline will be replaced with a Women's 10-Ball championship.

Amateur Divisions Guidelines:

Any person that is not listed as an open player, pro, or semi-pro by their Province or CBSA can play in this discipline. Each Province does have a different criteria in ranking their players. An amateur can also play in the Open 9-Ball division, if they qualify out of their Province.

JACCS To Sponsor Junior 9-Ball Division:

After the passing of Scott Soroko in 2009, his family and friends formed the Junior Association of Canadian Cue Sports (JACCS), in his memory. I am sure that most of you know that Scott Soroko was the creator of the website Shooterville, and a true friend to all involved in Canadian cue sports. One of his biggest passions was helping out junior aged pool players anyway that he could.

With JACCS sponsoring the CBSA junior program, no sanction fees will have to be paid by any Canadian junior who wishes to play in the Canadian Junior 9-Ball championships. JACCS will pay the expenses to send our participants to the World championships each year. A great way to always remember a great person.

10-Ball Championships Remain A Direct Entry Event:

Due to the many other disciplines that Provinces hold qualifiers for, the Open 10-Ball Championships will again be a direct entry event, Sanction fees for any person that is not a member in good standing of their respective Provincial Assoc. will not be accepted.

Increase In Open Divisions:

At the 2010 championships, the numbers in the open divisions increased by 25% from the previous year. We are hoping that this trend will continue with improvements in the prize pool, due to added money & the cancellation of banquets. Plus the Canadian championships is the path for many to compete on the World stage in many International events each year.

Changes In Snooker Scheduling:

The Open and Senior snooker disciplines will not be playing at the same time. This will lead to a less of an hectic schedule for all involved. The Open snooker will also run from Sunday to Saturday for the very first time. We feel that these changes will have a very positive impact for all involved.

The information sheets for the Championships will be sent out to the Provinces early in 2011. Additional information will be found on the CBSA web site: www.cbsa.ca in the following months proceeding the event.

I hope you are all having a successful season in your Province. If any of you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact myself, or any of the CBSA Directors. We would be more than happy to address your concerns.

Kindest Regards,
Steve Cooper
President, CBSA