

Player Classification

Active players will be classified as Open, AAA, or AA prior to the start of the season. All unclassified players will be considered AAA to start, unless known ability dictates them to start in a higher division, or they are endorsed to play in a lower division by a member of the Pool Committee. Players may play in as many different divisions as their classification allows them, and will receive points separately for each division played. AAA and AA players that play in open tournaments will receive 20 bonus points in the AAA standings for each OPEN tournament attended. CSNS membership fee will be \$10 per player for the season.

Divisional Play

There are five divisions of Pool in the system - Open, AAA, AA, Women's, & Junior's. OPEN division will cover 9- ball the season. See below for a general outline and notes pertaining to each division.

Player Movement

Player movement is determined by the Directors of the CSNS Committee. If it is determined that a player should be reclassified to a higher division, that player will not carry any points from the lower division to the one above if the movement occurs during a season. Events will still count towards number of events for Provincial qualification, if applicable.

Ranking Point System

1st - 100 pts

2nd - 90 pts

3rd - 80 pts

4th - 70 pts

5th, 6th - 60 pts

7th, 8th - 50 pts

9th-12th - 40 pts

13th-16th - 30 pts

17th-24th - 20 pts

25th-32nd - 10 pts

33rd-end - 5 pts

10 participation points for all players and 20 bonus points for AAA and AA players that play in an open tournament to reflect on the AAA standings.

Ranking Tournaments

There will be separate ranking tournaments for each division, with a provincial championship for each at year's end. Separate ranking lists will be maintained for each division indicating a player's ranking in that division only. There will be no seeding in ranking events. Current World Standardized Rules apply in all divisions which are available on the CSNS web site, with the exception of the CSNS rule that states, "Players will rack for themselves and the 9 ball made off the break will be spotted after with the breaking player continuing shooting"

All entry fees at ranking events, less CSNS sanction fee, will be paid out in prizes. Total payouts at ranking events will cover approximately 1/3 to 1/4 of the field, depending on the number of entries (see tournament director for approved payout schedule). A \$5 Tournament Fee is collected from each

player and will be added to the provincial tournaments at the end of the year.

There will be no official dress code for pool, however, a collared shirt is recommended at all times during play.

Registration for all Saturday Pool events is from 11:30-11:45am the day of the event, play starts at 12:00 noon sharp. Registration for all Sunday events is from 12:00-12:15pm the day of the event, play starts at 12:30pm. If a player is late for a match, the player has 15 minutes to show up ready to play or that player will then lose one game and one game every five minutes thereafter, until the player either shows up or the match is forfeited. The Tournament Director shall keep the offending player on the clock until one or the other occurs. The Tournament Director shall have sole discretion as to whether or not a player is put on the clock. If the player arrives late, the player will still be responsible to pay for all entry fees and green fees to the Tournament Director, regardless of whether the player forfeits the match. Any grievances at ranking events should be taken up with the Tournament Director, who shall have the final say in all matters of dispute.

Open Division

This division is open to all players, regardless of age or gender. Entry fee is \$40 for Open players (includes \$10 surcharge), \$30 for AAA players, \$10 for AA. The \$10 surcharge to Open players will go towards funding entry fees to Nationals, and is not included as part of the prize fund for each tournament. A further \$5 Tournament Fee per player will be collected and distributed for each applicable provincial tournament. A CSNS Sanction Fee of \$100 may be removed from the total entry fees. 100% of remaining total entry fees will be paid out in prizes. There will be minor prizes of \$20 for the top AAA and a \$10 prize for the top AA player in each tournament (if at least 3 players of the same class participate in the event).

Format is double knockout: All 9-ball matches are race to 9 on the A side and race to 7 on the B side unless otherwise indicated by the tournament director and the final is one race to 11.

Flip or lag for break, then winner breaks. Magic racks may be used by the player to rack for themselves, if one is available. Any player using a Magic Rack must offer use of the rack to their opponent.

Four spots to the OPEN Nationals are allocated thus:

1. Points Leader on the final Open ranking list;
2. Runner-up on the final Open ranking list;
3. Provincial 9 ball Open Champion.
4. Winner of 9-ball Play down Tournament amongst players 3-10 on final Open rankings

NOTE: The CSNS association reserves the right to allocate National spots.

AAA 9-Ball Division

This division is open to all players in the province, regardless of age or gender, except those classified as Open players. Entry fee is \$30 for AAA class players, \$10 for AA class players. A further \$5 Tournament Fee per player will be collected and distributed for money added to the provincial tournament. A CSNS Sanction Fee of \$100 may be removed from the total entry fees. 100% of remaining total entry fees will be paid out in prizes. A minor prize of \$10 for the top AA player in each tournament will be deducted from the total purse (if at least 3 AA players participate). All 9-ball matches are race to 9 on the A side and race to 7 on the B side unless otherwise indicated

by the tournament director and the final is one race to 11. Flip or lag for break, then winner breaks. Magic racks may be used by the player to rack for themselves, if one is available. Any player using a Magic Rack must offer use of the rack to their opponent.

Three AAA players will win spots to the National amateur tournament:

1. Points Leader on the final AAA 9-Ball ranking list;
2. Provincial AAA 9-Ball Champion.
3. Winner of Play down Tournament amongst players 2-10 on final AAA 9-Ball ranking list (see details below);

NOTE: The CSNS association reserves the right to allocate National spots.

AA 9-Ball Division

*** until further notice there will be no AA ranking events or point system maintained for the division. There will be a Provincial Championship if the minimum of 8 AA players are available. ***.

Women's 9-Ball Division

*** until further notice there will be no Women's ranking events or point system maintained for the division. There will be a Provincial Championship if the minimum of 8 players are available. ***.

Junior 9-Ball Division

*** until further notice there will be no junior ranking events or point system maintained for the division. There will be a Provincial Championship if the minimum of 8 players are available. ***.

Ranking Play down Events

There will be Play down Tournaments for the Open division and AAA 9-Ball division.

Open Players finishing 3-10 in final rankings list qualify for Play down Tournaments. AAA Players finishing 2-10 in final rankings list qualify for Play down Tournaments

Format for events will be 10th place vs 9th place, winner to play 8th place, winner of that to play 7th place, and so on. The tournament will normally be held the day after the provincial tournament.

There is no entry fee required for players who have qualified for Play down Tournaments.

Players who have already qualified for a National spot will be excluded from Play down Tournaments in divisions which award National spots. If a player who has qualified for a Play down Tournament cannot make his/her first scheduled match, or is excluded from the tournament for any reason, then the match will be forfeited. Replacement players will not be used.

Provincial Championships

In order for a player to participate in provincial tournaments he/ she will hold a valid CSNS membership and will have played a minimum of 2 tournaments during the season. All players who have played less than 5 CSNS ranking events will pay an extra \$20.00 that will go directly in the Provincial payouts. AAA players may use a combination of AAA and OPEN ranking events to achieve this criteria. There are no prior participation qualifications to play in, Women's 9-Ball, junior 9-Ball, or

8-Ball Provincials, but an additional fee on top of entry may be required. There will be no limit on the number of entries to the provincials so long as all players meet the minimum qualifications stated above.

Entry Fees for Provincial events will be \$20 more than a player's regular entry to ranking events for that division except for AA players who will pay the usual \$10.

CSNS will add to each Provincial Tournament the \$5 Tournament Fee, collected per player throughout the year at ranking events.

Seeding in all divisions is as follows: #1 Seed is the returning Provincial champion ; #2-8 seed are the top seven from the final rankings; Highest seed will receive byes, if any, in order of seeding.

All non seeded players will be randomly drawn into remaining positions on tournament chart.

A collared shirt is recommended at all times during play (blouses are OK for women)

National Championship Qualifying

To participate in CBSA National Championships players must qualify via their Provincial associations. CBSA allocates to CSNS a pre-determined number of spots to the Championships in various divisions including Open, Amateur, Women's and Junior, in 8, 9 & 10-Ball. CSNS awards these spots to its members based on the criteria outlined above. Being awarded a spot to Nationals means a player has been endorsed by CSNS as having qualified for one of the pre-determined number of spots for Nova Scotia. Funding of entry fees and travel expenses associated with these spots is at the discretion of the CSNS Executive based on available funds collected by the association, and will be made on an individual spot basis. Players may be responsible for some or all of the costs associated with participating in Nationals, including entry fees. An awarded spot is still owned by the association, meaning, given just cause, the spot can be revoked or reassigned by the association at anytime. Players may not sell or barter the spot. Any player awarded a spot by CSNS that fails to make a deposit of \$100 at a minimum of 3 weeks in advance of the Nationals will forfeit the spot. Directors will allocate this spot to the next one on the ranking list for that division.