

RANKING EVENT GUIDELINES

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CSNS Ranking Events (Main Draw)

CSNS Ranking Events are only open to players born or residing in Nova Scotia for at least 60 days. Some form of documentation may be required to confirm the 60-day status, if necessary.

CSNS Ranking Events will include players of all classifications. There will not be separate Ranking Events for each classification.

CSNS Ranking Events are held across the province in accordance with the posted Schedule and will alternate between being 8-Ball & 9-Ball events.

Registration begins at 9 AM and is cut off at 9:45 AM. Play starts at 10 AM. No late entries will be accommodated after 0945.

Players with a rating based on 200 or more games are considered "robust", which means that the stability of their rating has reached a point that their rating will not severely fluctuate with the influence of a small subset of added games, for instance the addition of 10-15 games that represent a typical match.

Players that do not have a robust rating (at least 200 games recorded in Fargo) can be subject to an arbitrary rating at each event, as deemed appropriate by the tournament director, whom can consider the input of other CSNS directors or classification committee members, and/or influence by what data is known for the player at the time in the Fargo Rating system.

Once a player reaches robustness of 200 or more games, their Fargo Rating at that time will dictate their entry fee for all events.

All players will have a FARGO rating prior to any Ranking event. If a player is not in the FARGO system then CSNS will assign a starting FARGO rate for that player.

Entry Fees for Ranking events will be staggered according to player FARGO rating:

630+	\$60 + \$10 Green Fee + \$5 Junior Fund Fee
575-629 -	\$50 + \$10 Green Fee + \$5 Junior Fund Fee
525-574 -	\$40 + \$10 Green Fee + \$5 Junior Fund Fee
425-524 -	\$30 + \$10 Green Fee + \$5 Junior Fund Fee
424 and below -	\$20 + \$10 Green Fee + \$5 Junior Fund Fee

\$15 membership fee is mandatory for all players upon entering their first tournament of the season. Memberships expire July 31 of that season. Players who pay membership at the end of the season will be carried over to the next season.

\$1000.00 is added to the prize pool at all ranking events when funds are available.

3 monetary prizes will be awarded to the highest finishing players with a Fargo rating between 550 and 451. 3 monetary prizes will also be awarded to the highest finishing players with a Fargo 450 or below. All players must play 4 ranking events to qualify for the FINALE at the end of the season.

Format for CSNS Ranking Events will be Double Knockout, with Final 32 or 16 single knock out.

For fields more than 32 players but less than 64, there will be a re-draw of the final 16 players, and play will be single knockout from that point forward.

For fields more than 64 players, there will be a re-draw of the final 32 players, and play will be single knockout from that point forward. (Tournament Director reserves the right to expand the cutoff for Single Elimination play, if required).

When redrawing, half the redraw entries will come from the remaining A-Side players, and half the re-draw entries will be from the remaining B-Side players. Players from the A-Side will stay in their original pre-redraw positions in the bracket, and the B-Side players will be randomly shuffled into them. From there it is single elimination.

Race lengths for 8-Ball will be 5 on the A-Side, 4 on the B-Side. Redraw races will be to 5.

Race lengths for 9-Ball will be 7 on the A-side, 5 on the B-side. Redraw races will be to 7.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust races accordingly to accommodate tournament completion in one day or a time given by the pool room owner.

Current WPA Rules apply, except for the rule noted below:

WPS Rule 1.12 "Concessions": if a Player concedes a game then they lose that game plus one more. Not Losing the match.

Balls and Racks are provided by Predator and must be used at all Ranking events and the FINALE.

To avoid disagreements, it is strongly suggested that an arbitrator is called if there is a likelihood a player may commit a foul in the execution of a shot, loose clothing touching balls can only be called a foul by an arbitrator. Clothing touches should only be called a foul if a ball is moved because of the touching clothing.

Match Time – The Tournament Director will make note of when a match is called. If a player is called to a table, that player has 5 minutes to report ready to play or they will forfeit the match. Matches may not be held for players showing up late for a tournament. Players stepping out for a break between matches, or going to get food or coffee, etc, do so at their own peril.

Only bathroom breaks are allowed during a match. Players must return immediately to the table.

There will be separate ladies only ranking events. See schedule for dates. A ladies only finale will also be held. To participate in the ladies finale, a player must have participated in at least 2 Ladies Only ranking events

POINT SYSTEM

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Pool Ranking Point System

A Pool Standings list will be maintained representing the total points each member has earned from participation in the main draw of CSNS Ranking Events.

Points based on order of finish in Ranking Events with double knockout, no redraw, will be awarded as follows:

100 pts - 1st
90 pts - 2nd
80 pts - 3rd
70 pts - 4th
60 pts - 5th-6th
50 pts - 7th-8th
40 pts - 9th-12th
30 pts - 13th-16th
20 pts - 17th-24th
10 pts - 25th-32nd
5pts - 33rd to end

Points based on order of finish in Ranking Events with a final-16 redraw, will be awarded as follows:

100 pts - 1st
90 pts - 2nd
75 pts - 3rd - 4th
55 pts - 5th-8th
35 pts - 9th-16th
20 pts - 17th-24th
10 pts - 25th-32nd
5pts - 33rd to end

Points based on order of finish in Ranking Events with a final-32 redraw, will be awarded as follows:

100 pts - 1st
90 pts - 2nd
75 pts - 3rd - 4th
55 pts - 5th-8th
35 pts - 9th-16th
15 pts - 17th-32nd
5pts - 33rd to end

No bonus points will be awarded for participation in Ranking Events.

When events enter Single Knockout phase, points will be distributed evenly among the players finishing at the same position. For example, in single knockout, both players finishing in 3rd place will earn 75 points.

At the conclusion of the last CSNS Ranking Event, the top 2 overall players, regardless of classification, earn paid entry fee and travel expense allowance to CBSA Open Nationals in the discipline of their choice (8-Ball, 9-Ball, or 10-Ball). The top 2 Amateur players earn paid entry fee and travel expense allowance to CBSA Amateur Nationals in the discipline of their choice (8-Ball, 9-Ball or 10-Ball). CBSA Nationals entry fee and travel allowance packages are worth \$1,200, provided enough funds are raised by CSNS. The packages will be prorated by available funds if not enough money is raised. Forecast is based on average Ranking Event participation of 32 entries.

If an Amateur player finishes as one of the top 2 overall players, they may choose from paid entry fee and travel allowance to CBSA Open Nationals, or to CBSA Amateur Nationals, but they may not claim both. The remaining spot will be re-allocated according to the next standing player on the CSNS Ranking Points list. If both Amateur spots are already claimed, this option is no longer available to an Amateur being awarded an Open spot. The player must then either accept the Open spot, or pass, which means the Open spot will be re-allocated to the next standing player)

To earn paid entry fee and travel expense to CBSA Nationals via the Rankings Point list, players must have played in at least 2 CSNS Ranking Events.