

Long post, but lots of info, read through before questions please.

## **Amateur Nationals**

CBSA will open registration in a week or so for 2023 Amateur Nationals to be held Oct 17 to Oct 22 at Dooly's Portland.

Here is important information for NS Players regarding spots for Nova Scotia:

All NS entries to Amateur Nationals will be administered through Cue Sports Nova Scotia. CSNS will take the entry fee money for NS entries. The spots will be administered by the following criteria:

- The initial NS spots in mens and womens will be determined through qualifiers. Details regarding dates, locations, cost, and eligibility for qualifiers will follow shortly.
- Some initial spots are already awarded to winners of 2023 CSNS Amateur Provincial Championships, and reserved for the top finishers in the 2022-23 CSNS ranking point standings.
- The runner-ups to 2023 CSNS Amateur Provincial Championships will be given the option to purchase spots.
- Anyone who wins a spot in either 8-ball or 9-ball, will have first option to purchase a spot in the other discipline.
- The host, Dooly's Portland , will receive a limited number of spots to offer for purchase to players of their choosing (typically used for individuals involved organizing and running the National event).
- Once further spots for NS become available, due to NS players declining their awarded spots, or by other provinces not using their allocated allotment, then these spots will be offered for purchase to NS players based on the order of the 2022-23 CSNS ranking point rankings.

## **Qualifier Info for Amateur Nationals**

There will be qualifier events in 8-Ball and 9-Ball in various regions of the province.

There will be a separate event post for each qualifier with the actual dates, times, locations, rules and other details.

There will be a separate women's qualifier where noted below.

The number of spots being qualified for is noted for each event.

If more than 1 spot is being played for, then 1st and 2nd place in the qualifier will earn spots (or 1st, 2nd, 3rd where applicable)

## **Qualifier Events:**

**Metro Qualifier in 8-ball (3 spots for men. 2 spots for women). August 12 Doolys Portland.**

**Metro Qualifier in 9-ball (3 spots for men. 2 spots for women). August 26 Doolys Burnside.**

**Cape Breton Qualifier in 8-ball (2 spots for men. 1 spot for women). Date and Location TBD.**

**Cape Breton Qualifier in 9-ball (2 spots for men. 1 spot for women). Date and Location TBD.**

**New Glasgow Qualifier in 8-ball (1 spot for men. No womens qualifier). Date and Location TBD.**

**New Glasgow Qualifier in 9-ball (1 spot for men. No womens qualifier). Date and Location TBD.**

**Valley/South Shore Qualifier in 8-ball (1 spot for men. No womens qualifier). Date and Location TBD.**

Entry fee to each qualifier event is \$30 + \$5 green fee. There is no staggered entry fee for qualifiers.

If not a member of CSNS for 2022-23 already, then a \$15 membership must be purchased.

Spots to Amateur Nationals are \$210 per event. This includes \$25 event sanction fee, \$25 Green fees, and \$10 to Canadian Junior Legacy Fund.

All entry fee funds for a specific qualifier go towards funding the spots to amateur nationals awarded for that specific qualifier.

Any extra money from entry fees may be distributed as prize money, according to the prize structure set by the organizer of the qualifier.

If there is not enough entries to cover paying for a full spot at a qualifier event, the player earning the spot would be responsible to cover the shortage themselves.

Fargo Rating will be the only determination of amateur status for Nationals, regardless of a player's prior success in Open Classed major events.

Any NS player with Fargo Rating 650 and below for men, or 550 and below for women, is eligible play in Qualifiers, and in Amateur Nationals.

Players can play in any or all qualifiers (given they meet the other conditions). However, some qualifiers may overlap dates.

Players do not need to be from the region where the qualifier is being held. Players can travel to play in any qualifier.

8-Ball qualifier winners earn a spot to the 8-Ball Amateur Nationals (applies to any additional spots awarded from the same qualifier).

9-Ball qualifier winners earn a spot to the 9-Ball Amateur Nationals (applies to any additional spots awarded from the same qualifier).

Players can play in qualifiers to earn paid spots to both disciplines, 8-Ball and 9-Ball.

Players may not participate in a qualifier once they have already earned a paid spot to this year's Amateur Nationals in the discipline being contested for in that qualifier.

Players that earn a spot to Nationals in either discipline (8-Ball or 9-Ball) will have the option to purchase a spot to Nationals in the other discipline, if they do not earn paid spots to both.

If a player earns a spot to Nationals via a qualifier, the player can not sell or give away the spot to any one else. If a player can not use the spot themselves, then the spot will be awarded to the next finisher from the same qualifier the original spot was earned.

The region the qualifiers are being held in, and the number off spots to Nationals being awarded in each qualifier, is a reflection of the participation breakdown of the 2022-23 Ranking Event Tournaments.

# of players that participated in rankings - by region

MALE - 186 total players

91 - Metro

55 - Cape Breton

22 - Northern (NG)

10 - South Shore

5 - Valley

3 - Central

FEMALE - 43 total players

21 - Metro

16 - Cape Breton

2 - Valley

2 - Central

1 - Northern (NG)

1 - South Shore

# of players that attended ranking events hosted in each region there were 3 events held in each region below)

164 - Metro

91 - Cape Breton

70 - New Glasgow

The decision to allow all NS Players with Fargo rating 650 or below for men, 550 and below for women, regardless of prior success in major Maritime and Provincial Open events, is to align with CBSA, which recently made known the Fargo cutoff for amateurs was being increased from what it was last year. Other provinces will allow players up to the Fargo rating thresholds, and not take any other criteria into account. Therefore, as hosts, Nova Scotia will do the same. Going forward, this does not change how open and amateur class players are determined for CSNS provincials. That criteria is reviewed annually, and remains unchanged until next review.

Players that have already earned spots through Provincial Championships or through CSNS Ranking Point Standings will be contacted, as well as the organizers of qualifiers in each region to set location and dates.