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August, 2023: **Tournament Features**

The “44th Annual” VNEA Tournament Kit is enclosed for your information and review. Please thoroughly review the attached material and information as it contains critical dates and important information required to qualify for the Tournament.

Prize money of \$600 or more, per individual, will be reported to the IRS on form 1099. Recipients must supply a Social Security number upon receipt of winnings.

All Prize Money Winners must be 21 years old to cash their winnings at the Westgate Casino Cage.

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The Tournament Committee has completed the eligibility requirements and general Tournament information for the Annual World Championships.

Enclosed you will find a very informative outline of the many important dates, events, rules, etc. for the upcoming World Championships.

It is our intention that early submittal of this information will help you in planning and promoting the Tournament and we are very much looking forward to your participation in what is now the Largest Intercontinental Amateur Pool Tournament in the World.

***Visit VNEA.com
For All Tournament
Information Updates***

ON-LINE REGISTRATION IS EASY, FAST & SECURE.

(Be sure to contact your Charter Holder for Registration)

Player Registration Information The Official Tournament Kits will be mailed to all Charter Holders early in 2024 which will include all of the online information for completing the **“Official Tournament Entries”** and **“Entry Form”** and all other pertinent Tournament Information.

The online **“Official Tournament Entries”** and online **“Official Tournament Entry Form”** must be completed with all Singles players and Team information and returned to VNEA Headquarters, with accompanying year-end standing sheets, by **May 1, 2024.**

Recent Tournament Changes & Reminders!

A minimum of 12 separate league nights must have been played to participate in the Team and Singles events. See exceptions on page 10 for Seniors and Team members.

Many players have been dropped from Masters to Intermediate or dropped off the Intermediate list, so be sure to review these lists closely prior to your league season, local Tournaments or World's registration.

SCOTCH DOUBLES: Start Time for ALL Scotch Doubles - Thursday, 5/23 @ 10a. *Money will be added to ALL Divisions.*

Senior Singles participants can qualify with a minimum of 8 separate league nights played.

Various "Rack Devices" will NOT be allowed. • **DEVICES ARE NOT ALLOWED FOR JUMP SHOTS.**

REGULAR DIVISION MEN'S CLASSIC & OPEN SENIORS WHO QUALIFY FOR THE SPORTS DIVISION WILL COMPETE IN A SEPARATE 8-BALL MEN'S CLASSIC/OPEN SENIOR SPORTS DIVISION AND A SEPARATE 9-BALL MEN'S CLASSIC/OPEN SENIOR SPORTS DIVISION.

A separate, **Classic 8-Ball Singles Division** is available for Intermediate & Master Tournament Entrants who are of proper age in addition to their normal 8-Ball Singles event. All participants must be out of all other events and the sign-up will be on-site. Cost is \$80 which includes a \$5 Admin. Fee and \$15 Green Fee.

A 3-Person Classic Division will be conducted as a MINI with Registration On-Site. No Masters and only (1) Intermediate per team. Players do not have to be from the same Charter Holder.

One (1) Intermediate FEMALE will be allowed to play on an Open Regular Team.

Open Master Team & Women's Master Team Divisions must consist of at least (2) Teams to qualify for participation and payout.

3-Person Open Team Events will be conducted as Mini's with registration on-site. Any combination of males and females from ANY Charter. No Masters and only (1) Intermediate per team.

Scotch Doubles... *(consists of One Male & One Female)* **Money will be ADDED to Scotch Doubles.**

The "**Official Scotch Doubles**" competition will start on Thursday, May 23rd at 10:00am. Sign-ups for Regular, Intermediate and Master Scotch Doubles will take place on Wednesday, May 22nd from 3pm-10pm and Thursday, May 23rd from 8am-9am. Additional Scotch Doubles will take place, only in the mini format, during the rest of the week. *(including Open Doubles)*

FEES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS...



\$100 / Team • Race: 3 Games (Regular), \$120 / Team • Race: 4 Games (IM), \$150 / Team • Race: 5 Games (Master)

Format: DOUBLE Elimination

Fees Include A \$25 GREEN FEE And A \$10 ADMIN FEE • TEAM MUST PLAY IN THE HIGHER RANKED PLAYERS DIVISION
(Participants must be sanctioned and can be from the same or different Charter Holders.)

Professional Player Rule...

Any player determined to have "Pro Status" is not eligible to play in any VNEA competition at the World Championships.

Women & Men: Tournament Committee discretion will be used to determine Pro status for all prospective participants. Ample notice is required by the Tournament Committee for all players of potential Pro ability in your league system.

The VNEA thru the Tournament Committee reserves the right to disqualify any player or team, before or during the tournament or refuse any entry prior to the tournament.

General Information For You & Your Players

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES: May 23rd - June 1st, 2024

EVENT SITE: Westgate Resort & Casino • Las Vegas, NV

WESTGATE RESERVATIONS: Visit VNEA.com to book a discounted room or Call **800.635.7711** And Mention VNEA

General Tournament Information

All participants in International Competition:

- must be deemed an active player by his/her Charter Holder.
- must be able to show a pictured I.D. for positive identification and prize money disbursements.
- are subject to random I.D. checks for eligibility purposes.

There will be absolutely no tournament entries accepted at Tournament Site.

Exception: Mini-Tournaments, Scotch Doubles and IM/Master Classic Singles.

Players may be listed on more than one teams roster, for precautionary purposes. However, the first team that any player shoots for, in any division, is the only team that player is allowed to play for.

Tournament Dress Code

All participants in the World Championships must comply with the following Dress Code:

**No Halter Tops • No Midriffs • No Cut-Offs • No Swimwear
No Tube Tops • No Tank Tops • No Improper Verbiage**

All shorts must be clean, neat, presentable, hemmed and of proper length to be allowed. Rugged cut-offs will not be allowed.

All players, during their scheduled matches, will present themselves in a neat and clean appearance.

Tournament Officials will have the right to ask any player or spectator not properly attired to leave the playing area.

Age Requirement

All players must be of legal drinking age to play in the licensed establishment where the qualifying league is played **AND** are at least 18 years of age.

All prize money winners must be 21 years old to cash their winnings at the Westgate Casino Cage.

Featured Events

Sports Divisions

Open 8-Ball Teams
Women's 8-Ball Teams
Men's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles
Women's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles
8-Ball Men's Classic/Open Senior Singles
9-Ball Men's Classic/Open Senior Singles

Redemption Divisions

Open 8-Ball Teams
Women's 8-Ball Teams
Men's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles
Women's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles

Regular Divisions

Open 8-Ball Teams
Women's 8-Ball Teams
Men's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles
Women's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles
Men's Classic 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles
Women's Classic 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles
Open Senior 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles
Scotch Doubles

Resurrection Divisions

*Open 8-Ball Teams
*Women's 8-Ball Teams
Men's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles
Women's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles

Intermediate Divisions

Open 8-Ball Teams
Women's 8-Ball Teams
Men's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles
Women's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles
Open Classic 8-Ball Singles
Scotch Doubles

Masters Divisions

*Open 8-Ball Teams
*Women's 8-Ball Teams
Men's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles
Women's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles
Open Classic 8-Ball Singles
Scotch Doubles

** Two or more Teams required for participation.*

44th Annual Schedule of Events

NOTE... All times are approximate times only.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024

3:00 pm - 10:00 pm Mini Tournaments

3:00 pm - 10:00 pm Scotch Doubles Sign-Ups

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024

8:00 am - 9:00 am Scotch Doubles Sign-Ups

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

10:00 am Regular Scotch Doubles Begins

10:00 am Interm. & Master Scotch Doubles Begins

1:00 pm - 7:00 pm Certified Instructor Seminar

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Singles questions, concerns, etc. Players listed in computer at control stage simply need to show at their scheduled match.

TBA IM & Master Scotch Doubles Finals

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024

8:00 am - 8:30 am 9-Ball Singles questions, concerns, etc.

9:00 am 9-Ball Singles Competition Begins

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm 8-Ball Singles questions, concerns, etc. Players listed in computer at control stage simply need to show at their scheduled match.

TBA 9-Ball Sports Singles Begins

TBA 9-Ball Resurrection Singles Begin

TBA 9-Ball Redemption Singles Begins

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024

8:00 am - 8:30 am 8-Ball Singles questions, concerns, etc.

9:00 am 8-Ball Singles Competition Begins

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Prize Money Available

TBA 8-Ball Sports Singles Begins

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

TBA 3-Person Classic Event

9:00 am 8-Ball Singles Competition Continues
(includes Sports)

TBA IM/Master Classic Singles Begins

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

TBA 8-Ball Redemption Singles Begins

TBA 8-Ball Resurrection Singles Begin

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Prize Money Available

TBA Masters Singles Finals

TBA Regular Scotch Doubles Finals

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024

TBA 8-Ball & 9-Ball Finals

TBA World Team Competition

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

10:00 am - 2:30 pm Artistic Finals Shootout #1

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Prize Money Available

2:00 pm Certified Referee School

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Prize Money Available

Noon - 2:00 pm Cert. Inst. Recertification Class

Noon - 6:00 pm Team questions, concerns, etc.

Teams listed in computer at control stage simply need to show at their scheduled match. *(Annual patches, pins, luggage tags, programs can be picked up at the VNEA Booth)*

7:45 pm Opening Ceremonies

Suds & Chips Mixer

Parade Of Flags

Hall Of Fame Induction

Singles Awards Presentation

8:30 pm Free Beer, Pop & Chips *(limited quantity)*

Cash Bar til midnight & Entertainment

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024

7:30 am - 8:30 am Team questions, concerns, etc.

9:00 am Team Competition Begins

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

11:30 am Intermediate Team Begins

Noon - 3:00 pm Prize Money Available

4:30 pm Master Team Competition Begins

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Prize Money Available

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Hall of Famers Party

TBA Sports Divisions Competition Begins

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

9:00 am Executive Committee Meeting

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

TBA Redemption Division Competition Begins

TBA Resurrection Division Competition Begins

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Prize Money Available
(includes Team)

7:00 pm President's Reception

Meritorious Service Award

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

TBA Hardluck Competition

10:00 am - 2:30 pm Artistic Finals VNEA World Shootout

Noon Charter Holders Meeting

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Prize Money Available

5:00 pm Cues for Kids Giveaways @ VNEA Booth

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Prize Money Available

TBA Team Finals

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

10:00 am - Final Match Prize Money Available

5:00 pm - 8:30 pm Cocktails, Banquet, Awards, Constant Giveaways & Entertainment

8:31 pm Curtain Call & Goodbye's



Westgate Hotel & Casino

Room Reservations:

Visit VNEA.com to book your discounted room or call 800 635-7711

(Be sure to mention “VNEA” when making your Room Reservations)

Westgate Resort & Casino in fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada is the host of the VNEA World Championships. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. **Upon booking your reservation, your credit card will be charged, a deposit equal to one night’s room and tax. To avoid forfeiture of deposit, please ensure all changes and cancellations are made at least 72 hours prior to scheduled arrival date.**

We recommend contacting Westgate early to book your room as we anticipate our room block to fill up quickly.

All reservations subject to room tax & suites subject to confirmation. Check-In: 3 pm • Check-Out: 11 am

Special Player Daily Rate Including Resort Fee Benefits & Up To Quad Occupancy... As Low As \$75!

Charter Holders Read Carefully

The VNEA offers numerous DIVISIONS at the World Championships in Las Vegas so all of your league players have the option of participating and competing at the annual extravaganza.

The VNEA takes very seriously the entrants in each Division by implementing computer audits to detect individuals that are incorrectly entered.

However, due to name changes, incorrect spellings, human error and other factors the system is not always 100% fool proof.

Therefore, the Tournament Committee is hereby notifying all Charter Holders that the VNEA will still strongly monitor all entrants but it is the ultimate responsibility of the Charter Holder to review the Intermediate and Master lists, prior to submitting entries, to be sure all of their players are entered into the proper Divisions.

Charter Holders found to have entered players in improper Divisions will be punished in accordance with the World Championships Policies & Procedures.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter so that we will continue to provide the fairest, most equitable, competitive annual event for our sanctioned league players.

We are conducting the **“11th Annual VNEA World Team Championship”** this year during our VNEA Championships.

This exciting event will match “top players” from every country represented at our tournament. Teams will compete against each other in a 1-Day “Battle Royale”! The winning country will claim the coveted **World Cup** and **NEW Championship Belt** and be proclaimed **VNEA WORLD CHAMPIONS** for the entire year!

Each team will consist of (4) players from their home country and it will be a single-elimination format.

Make your plans to be in **“THE OZONE”** Finals Arena (Monday, May 27th) to support your country in this “fan-friendly” and “fun-filled” event.

Previous World Team Champions:

2012 (Portugal); 2013 (Germany); 2014 (Australia); 2015 (Portugal); 2016 (Germany); 2017 (Germany); 2018 (Canada); 2019 (New Zealand); 2022 (USA); 2023 (Canada)



Vegas Rules, Format, etc.

The governing rules of play are detailed in the 2023-2024 VNEA Rules Booklet and will be strictly adhered to along with the following:

Team Format

The 25 game round robin format will be used in the Open Regular 8-Ball team events. The 16 game round robin format will be used in the Women's Regular 8-Ball team events. Each player will play each player from the opposing team once. The team with the most points at the end of the match will be declared the winner.

- All Regular team events will be played using a Double Elimination format in the qualifying brackets. Finals brackets will be re-drawn with participants starting with no losses and will also be Double Elimination.

- **The Sports Division will be Double Elimination and will consist of 5-Person Open Teams (25 Game Format) and 4-Person Women's Teams (16 Game Format).**

- **The Redemption Division will be Single Elimination and will consist of 4-Person Open Teams (16 Game Format) and 3-Person Women's Teams (9 Game Format).**

- **The Resurrection Division will be Single Elimination and will consist of 4-Person Open Teams (16 Game Format) and 3-Person Women's Teams (9 Game Format).**

- For Sports, Redemption and Resurrection Teams, all players MUST be listed on the **Original "Official Team Roster"**.

- Master and Intermediate team events will be using the **Triple Elimination** format. The Finals will be **Double Elimination**.

Tie Breaker

If there is a tie in the Total Points at the end of the match, proceed as follows until a winner is decided...

- Play last round again, with the same match-ups, on the scoresheet.
- Each Team will begin with zero points.
- Flip for first break and alternate thereafter.

Singles Format

(exception: Redemption & Resurrection Divisions)

All Singles events will be played using a Double Elimination format in the qualifying brackets. Finals brackets will be re-drawn with participants starting with no losses and will also be Double Elimination. **See pg. 10 for all Division Races.**

Substitution Rule

A team may substitute players during a match if the following criteria are met:

The opposing team captain must be notified before the start of the round in which the substitution is being made.

A substitute player will not be allowed to play any opposing player more than once.

Once a player has played, he/she must keep that same position unless removed for a round and reinstated in a later round.

Determining the Break

Teams...

Team captains will flip a coin prior to making the line-up. The winner of the coin toss has a choice of being home or visiting team. The home team will complete their line-up first each round. The teams will then break in accordance with the scoresheet.

Singles...

Flip a coin to determine the first break and alternate thereafter.

Table Use

Teams will play on two tables at all times, until the 25th game (25 game format) or 16th game (16 game format). It will be the Tournament Director's discretion to play matches on more than 2 tables if time is a factor.

Official Scoresheet

The Home Scoresheet is the official scoresheet and will be used to settle any disputes. Both captains are responsible for the accuracy of the Home scoresheet after each game.

Devices Are Not Allowed For Jump Shots

8-On the Break

If the 8-Ball is pocketed on the break, the breaker may ask for a re-rack or have the 8-Ball spotted and continue shooting. If the breaker scratches while pocketing the 8-Ball on the break, the opposing player has the option of a re-rack or having the 8-Ball spotted before beginning to shoot.

Rack Your Own Breaks

(Various Rack Devices will NOT be allowed)

Call Pocket

In Call Pocket, obvious balls and pockets do not have to be indicated. It is the opponent's right to ask which ball and pocket if he is unsure of the shot. Banks and combinations are not considered obvious and both the object ball and pocket must be called. When calling the shot, it is NEVER necessary to indicate details such as the number of cushions, banks, kisses, caroms, etc. Any balls pocketed on a foul remain pocketed, regardless of whether they belong to the shooter or the opponent. If a shooter continually refuses to inform his opponent, even when asked, the captains or tournament officials should be informed. Continuous failure to verbally call the pocket can be ruled unsportsmanlike conduct.

Calling the 8-Ball

Calling of the 8-Ball must be by the disc method in the following manner:

Disc Placement

The disc must be completely within the first two diamonds on either side of the intended pocket. (A Referee will make a ruling if the disc position is protested)

It is not necessary to move or touch the disc if it is already at the intended pocket. If a player shoots at the 8-Ball and commits a legal shot and the 8-Ball is not pocketed, the game continues.

Team Roster

The "Official Team Roster" are the players listed on the scoresheet/computer.

Illegal Team Player

Any Team determined to have listed a Team Member on the Tournament Scoresheet, for any match that has begun, that is not listed on the "Official Team Roster" will be penalized as follows...

- The Team will Forfeit any match in progress or any match completed before their next round begins and eliminated from any further Team competition.
- The Team will Forfeit any Prize Money.

Safeties

A Safety can be played within the definition of a legal shot.

Start of Match

All matches will start at their posted time if the assigned table is available. If a player/players is absent, the match must still begin and the absent player/players will have until the end of that round to show up. If they are not there by the end of the round, the absent person/persons will lose that game 10-0. This rule is the same for all the rounds.

Played Wrong Player

In the event that wrong people have played or are playing each other, the following procedure will be followed:

- If the game is completed, that score will be forwarded to the proper place that they are scheduled to play. That score will not count until it falls into the proper place.
- If the game is not completed, the captains will get the proper people to the table and restart the game.
- If a game is played between the same opponents for a second time during the match, the score of the second time does not count as long as the scoresheet is filled out properly prior to the round beginning.

It is both team captain's responsibility to ensure that the proper players are playing each game before the round starts. Therefore, if one captain listed a player to play the same player a second time, the captains team who listed the wrong player will lose 10-0.

End of Match

A match is considered over when a team can no longer mathematically win.

Forfeits

Singles: Be sure to read the updated Forfeit Procedure posted on-site regarding CompuSport App notification.

Team: If no team members are available within 15 minutes after their posted match time, the team will be forfeited. Tournament Committee will decide forfeits.

However, in the event that enough team members, but less than the full team, are available when the match is called, then those present must begin shooting.

Protest Procedure

In the event a person or team wishes to protest a player's or a team's eligibility, the protesting team or person will be required to deposit \$100 with tournament officials. If protesters are correct in their protest, they will be refunded their deposit and the tournament officials will take proper measures in dealing with the situation. If protesters are incorrect in their protest, they will forfeit their deposit. Deposits will go into the general funds of the VNEA.

Classics & Seniors

Entrants in the 8-Ball Classics or Seniors Singles cannot play in any other 8-Ball singles and entrants in the 9-Ball Classics or Seniors Singles cannot play in any other 9-Ball Singles.

Seniors can play in either Classics or Seniors - **not both**.

Listed Master & Intermediate Classic or Senior players are ineligible for Regular, Classic or Senior events. *However, a Classic Division is available for them, sign-up on site, in addition to their Singles events.*

Classics: (age as of event day)

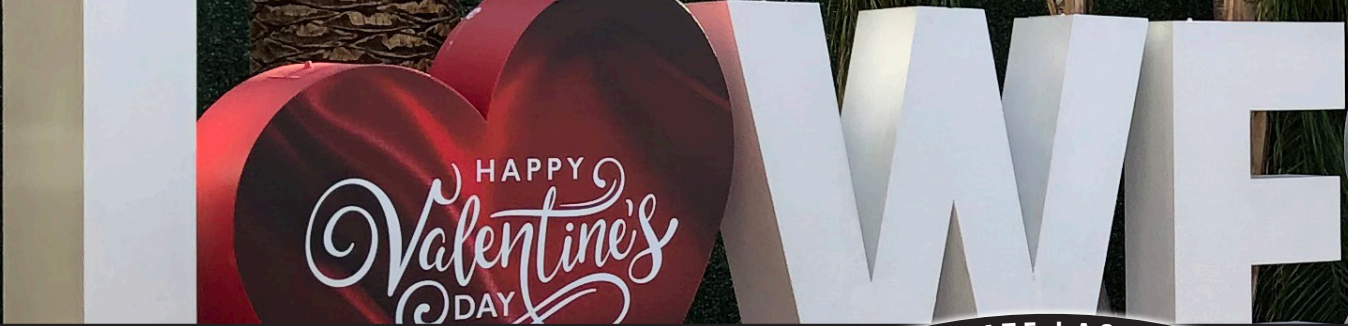
Age: Men - 50 yrs. old minimum
Women - 45 yrs. old minimum

Seniors: (age as of event day)

Age: Men & Women - 60 yrs. old minimum

Scoring

If a game ends without a group of balls being legally determined, the winner receives ten points and the opponent receives zero points.



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- **VNEA Pro Player Representative - Shane VanBoening** (Tr. Schedule Permitting)
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The Westgate Experience...

So Many Benefits For Our Players

The Westgate offers 100,000 square feet of event space! This allows us to set up 300+ Tables including an entire separate room for **Practice** throughout the week **AND...**

A MINI-TOURNAMENT OASIS!

Unlimited Mini-Tournaments will now be conducted **EVERYDAY... ALL DAY** during the event!

Check This Out: A Fully Stocked Players Lounge INSIDE The Tournament Room! Yep, our own private Lounge & Bartender featuring great drink prices, giveaways and Entertainment!

Also, there are several Shops available for everyday items to Souvenirs to one-of-a-kind items to a Tattoo of Charlie or your preferred body art!

And Have You Seen The Sportsbook?!



The Westgate is also a primary stop on the popular Monorail which provides affordable transportation up and down the Strip! There is also a Complimentary Shuttle service which goes to the Strip or Downtown which is only a few minutes away. The resort also provides Complimentary Parking, Fitness Center and Wireless Internet to its guests.



The Pool...

*The 3rd Story "Pool Paradise" has everything our players could ever ask for... including a **BAR & GRILLE!***

The Dining...



Westgate features some of the best eateries in the city from their famous Benihana Village to the Edge Steakhouse, Rikki Tiki Sushi, Sid's Cafe and Fresco Italiana! There really is something for everyone's appetite in this beautiful casino.

Vegas Event Specifics

Notes: The Tournament Committee retains final discretion in placing players or teams in the proper Division.

All Team Division Fees Include Green Fee & Administrative Fee

REGULAR DIVISION

(Double Elimination)

8-Ball Open Teams

To Be Played With 5 Player Teams

Team Fee - \$535

(Includes Entry Fee, Green Fee & Admin. Fee)
(\$275) (\$225) (\$35)

An Open Regular Team must be comprised of at least **2** original players from the same league team and **both** original members must play every round. The 3rd, 4th and 5th players may come from any team within the same Charter Holder's League System. Four members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate league nights and the fifth member must have played a minimum of 8 separate league nights.

- A Regular Division Open Team may not have any Intermediate Men or any Master players.

- One (1) Intermediate FEMALE will be allowed to play on an Open Regular Team.

8-Ball Women's Teams

To Be Played With 4 Player Teams

Team Fee - \$410

(Includes Entry Fee, Green Fee & Admin. Fee)
(\$220) (\$160) (\$30)

A Women's Regular Team must be comprised of at least **2** original female players from the same league team and **both** original members must play every round. The 3rd and 4th female players may come from any team within the same Charter Holder's League System. Three members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate league nights and the fourth member must have played a minimum of 8 separate league nights.

- A Regular Division Women's Team may not have any Intermediate or Master players.

Team Note: Players may be listed on more than one teams roster, for precautionary purposes. However, the first team that any player shoots for, in any division, is the only team that player is allowed to play for.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

8-Ball Open Teams

To Be Played With 5 Player Teams

Team Fee - \$635

(Includes Entry Fee, Green Fee & Admin. Fee)
(\$375) (\$225) (\$35)

An Open Intermediate Team must be comprised of at least **2** original players from the same league team and **both** original members must play every round. The 3rd, 4th and 5th players may come from any team within the same Charter Holder's League System. Four members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate league nights and the fifth member must have played a minimum of 8 separate league nights.

An Open Intermediate Division Team may have one (1) Master player.

8-Ball Women's Teams

To Be Played With 4 Player Teams

Team Fee - \$490

(Includes Entry Fee, Green Fee & Admin. Fee)
(\$300) (\$160) (\$30)

A Women's Intermediate Team must be comprised of at least **2** original female players from the same league team and **both** original members must play every round. The 3rd and 4th female players may come from any team within the same Charter Holder's League System. Three members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate league nights and the fourth member must have played a minimum of 8 separate league nights.

- A Women's Intermediate Division Team may have one (1) Female Master player.

Team Note: Players may be listed on more than one teams roster, for precautionary purposes. However, the first team that any player shoots for, in any division, is the only team that player is allowed to play for.

* MASTERS DIVISION

8-Ball Open Teams

To Be Played With 5 Player Teams

Team Fee - \$760

(Includes Entry Fee, Green Fee & Admin. Fee)
(\$500) (\$225) (\$35)

An Open Masters Team may be comprised of any 5 players from within their Charter Holder's League System so long as they meet the 12 separate league night requirement.

- *Two (2) or more Teams required for participation and payouts.*

8-Ball Women's Teams

To Be Played With 4 Player Teams

Team Fee - \$590

(Includes Entry Fee, Green Fee & Admin. Fee)
(\$400) (\$160) (\$30)

A Women's Masters Team may be comprised of any 4 female players from within their Charter Holder's League System so long as they meet the 12 separate league night requirement.

Team Note: Players may be listed on more than one teams roster, for precautionary purposes. However, the first team that any player shoots for, in any division, is the only team that player is allowed to play for.

- *Two (2) or more Teams required for participation and payouts.*

IM & Master Teams Will Be Via The Triple Elimination Format

SPORTS DIVISIONS (Double Elimination) All Teams or Singles players eliminated in TBD rounds or less from the Regular Team or Singles Divisions, upon confirmation, will automatically be placed in the Sports Singles (Races TBD) or Team Division, pay no additional entry fee and share in the overall prize money. Classic & Senior participants, who qualify, will be eligible for the Sports Singles Divisions. Open Teams will consist of 5 players (25-game format) and Women's Teams will consist of 4 players (16-game format).

REDEMPTION DIVISIONS (Single Elimination) All Teams or Singles players eliminated in more than TBD rounds (and not yet in the money) from the Regular Team or Singles Divisions, upon confirmation, will automatically be placed in the Redemption Singles (Races TBD) or Team Division, pay no additional entry fee and share in the overall prize money. Also, any Teams or Singles players eliminated from the Sports Division by the posting of the "Redemption" Division will qualify if they confirm. Open Teams will consist of 4 players (16-game format) and Women's Teams will consist of 3 players (9-game format).

RESURRECTION DIVISIONS (Single Elimination) All Teams or Singles players eliminated before the money rounds from the Master or Intermediate Team or Singles Divisions, upon confirmation, will automatically be placed in the Resurrection Singles (Races TBD) or Team Division, pay no additional entry fee and share in the overall prize money. Open Teams will consist of 4 players (16-game format) and Women's Teams will consist of 3 players (9-game format). **Minimum Teams:** 2 Teams per Division and match must be played.

 **ALL Sports, Redemption & Resurrection team members MUST be listed on the Original "Official Team Roster".**

Singles Division Fees Include A \$40 Men & \$35 Women Green Fee & A \$15 Admin. Fee

8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles

Race: Men - 5, Women - 4
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

All players must have completed the 12 separate league night requirement (exception: Seniors may have 8 weeks) and are subject to Tournament Committee approval as Regular Division players.

Singles Fees

Men - \$155 Women - \$130
(Includes Entry Fee, Green Fee & Admin. Fee)

8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles

Race: Men - 6, Women - 5
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

All players must have completed the 12 separate league night requirement and are subject to Tournament Committee approval as Intermediate Division players.

Singles Fees

Men - \$180 Women - \$150
(Includes Entry Fee, Green Fee & Admin. Fee)

8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles

Race: Men - 7, Women - 6
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

All players must have completed the 12 separate league night requirement. Participants need not be recognized Master players to participate in this event.

Singles Fees

Men - \$205 Women - \$170
(Includes Entry Fee, Green Fee & Admin. Fee)

44th Annual Vegas Championships

For the World Championships, the following criteria will be used to place individuals in the proper Divisions for the 45th Anniversary Championships...

REGULAR DIVISION

At the 44th Annual World Championships, participants finishing in the **Top 4 Open 8-Ball Teams, Top 2 Women's 8-Ball Teams, Top 8 Men's 8-Ball Singles, Top 4 Women's 8-Ball Singles, Top 4 Men's 9-Ball Singles** and **Top 2 Women's 9-Ball Singles** will be Intermediate for the 45th Anniversary Championships

** Players that win a Classic or Senior Division two consecutive years will be moved to the Regular Singles or appropriate Division.*

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

At the 44th Annual World Championships, participants finishing in the **Top 2 Open 8-Ball Teams, Top 1 Women's 8-Ball Teams, Top 4 Men's 8-Ball Singles, Top 2 Women's 8-Ball Singles, Top 4 Men's 9-Ball Singles**, and **Top 2 Women's 9-Ball Singles** will be Masters for the 45th Anniversary Championships

** Regular Division participants on the 1st or 2nd place Open Teams will become Intermediate.*

*** Regular Division participants on the 1st place Women's Team will become Intermediate.*

MASTERS DIVISION

At the 44th Annual World Championships, participants finishing in the **Prize Money in Open 8-Ball Teams** and in the **Prize Money in Women's 8-Ball Teams** and anyone finishing in the prize money in **Men's and Women's 8-Ball Singles** and **Men's and Women's 9-Ball Singles** will remain/become Masters for the 45th Anniv. Champ.

** Regular Division participants in the money will become Intermediate.*

- If you are a listed Intermediate player (see listings at VNEA.com), you are ineligible to play on a Regular Team. You can play on an Intermediate or Master Team. **(EXCEPTION: One (1) Intermediate FEMALE will be allowed to play on an Open Regular Team.)**
- If you are a listed Master player (see listings at VNEA.com), you are ineligible to play on a Regular Team. You can play on a Master Team or you can play on an Intermediate Team if you are the only Master on that Intermediate Team.
- All players have the option of competing in a higher division than they are listed.
- After an individual has been moved up to a higher division, if they do not win any prize money (exception Mini's, Scotch Doubles & Sr./Classic Divisions) for the next 3 years, they may have the opportunity of returning to the next lower division.

It is very difficult to foresee every possible situation that can arise. Therefore, any player who hasn't played in the World Championships in the last 3 years, or entries of known Intermediate or Masters ability may be placed in a higher Division at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.



Visit VNEA.com for the most up-to-date list of Master & Intermediate Players.

2024 VNEA All-Star Information

All individuals participating at this years Vegas Championships are eligible to earn points towards selection to the VNEA All-Star Team.

The Tournament will be broken down into four categories: **8-Ball Singles, 9-Ball Singles, Scotch Doubles & Team.**

The Tournament Committee will be selecting the elite few to be called "All-Stars" from all of the participants based on a performance criteria.

Those individuals accumulating the most points during the course of the Tournament Week will be selected to either the 1st Team, 2nd Team or as Honorable Mention.

The 1st & 2nd Team All-Stars will receive very memorable awards. All players chosen, including those earning an Honorable Mention, will be presented a well deserved Official All-Star Team Certificate.

2024 Las Vegas Master & IM Players...

- If you are a listed **INTERMEDIATE PLAYER**, you are ineligible to play on a Regular Team. You can play on an Intermediate or Master Team. (**EXCEPTION:** One (1) Intermediate **FEMALE** will be allowed to play on an Open Regular Team.)
- If you are a listed **MASTER PLAYER**, you are ineligible to play on a Regular Team. You can play on a Master Team or you can play on an Intermediate Team if you are the only Master on that Intermediate Team.
- All players have the option of competing in a higher division than they are listed.
- Regular Classic Singles and Regular Senior Singles are only available for Regular Division players of proper age. There is a separate Classic 8-Ball Division for Master & Intermediate players of proper age.

It is very difficult to foresee every possible situation that can arise. Therefore, any player who hasn't played in the World Championships in the last 3 years, or entries of known Intermediate or Masters ability may be placed in a higher Division at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

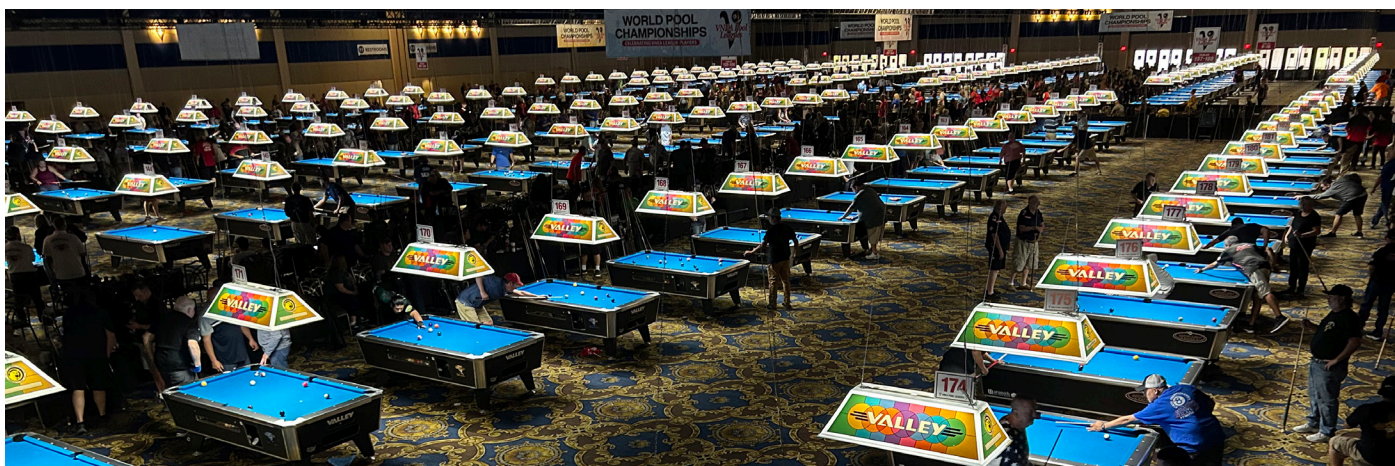
The lists are not all-inclusive as the Tournament Committee retains final discretion, in all cases, in placement of individuals and teams in the various Divisions. Also, those wishing to voluntarily move up to a higher Division are welcome.

Many VNEA Sanctioned Players have earned higher rankings for their participation in the Las Vegas World Pool Championships. CONGRATULATIONS!

After an individual has been moved up to a higher division, if they do not win any prize money (exception: Mini's, Scotch Doubles & Senior/Classic Divisions) for the next 3 years, they may have the opportunity of returning to the next lower division.

PLEASE REVIEW THE LINK AS MANY NAMES HAVE BEEN DROPPED FROM M TO IM OR REMOVED FROM IM LIST

<http://www.vnea.com/Data/Sites/12/media/im-master-lists-8.14.23.pdf>



Cue Specifications: Width of Tip: Not to exceed 15mm. • Length of Cue: 40 inches min.

Certified Instructor Recertification Class:

This class is for those individuals who passed the Certified Instructor Seminar and would like to remain an active Certified Instructor and update their knowledge and skills.

Certified Instructor Seminar:

This seminar was created to educate players on developing their own skills in order to use these teaching techniques to further promote the game of pool in their local area by instructing beginners and lesser skilled players as well as upper level shooters.

Certified Referee School:

This school teaches players the proper way to conduct themselves as a referee at the local, regional and state levels. Many tested and true officiating techniques are shared with the members of this class.



Room Reservations: 3000 Paradise Road • Las Vegas, NV 89109

Go to **VNEA.com** and click on the **Westgate Room Reserv.** button to avoid any Daily Resort charges or Offline charges or call **800.635.7711**.

Be sure to mention "VNEA" when making your Room Reservations.

**Special Player Daily Rate Including
Resort Fee Benefits & Up To Quad Occupancy**

As Low As \$75!

Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino is the host of the Annual VNEA World Championships. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

Please note: Upon booking your reservation, your credit card will be charged a deposit equal to one night's room and tax. **To avoid forfeiture of deposit, please ensure all changes and cancellations are made at least 3 days prior to scheduled arrival date.** Payment will be accepted by check or major credit card. We recommend immediately contacting Westgate as we anticipate our room block to fill up quickly.

Check-In: 3 pm • **Check-Out:** 11 am

All reservations subject to 13.38% room tax.

(The Daily Resort Fee and Amenities are included in the nightly room rate)

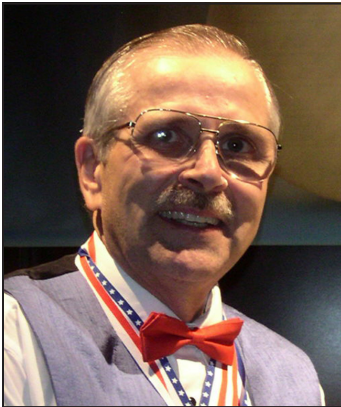
Discounted Room Rates will continue to be available until 5.2.24 or until room block is full and must be accompanied by a one-night room and tax deposit.

VNEA Professionals...

Instruction, Trick Shots, Entertaining Shows



JERRY BRIESATH has long been considered the very best Billiards Instructor in the business. His decades of experience make Jerry one of the most sought after teachers in our sport today. Jerry has also recently released a “3 DVD Set” which contains 4.5 hours of priceless pool lessons which he shares with our players each and every year at the Vegas AND Junior World Pool Championships. Jerry has spent countless hours at our events teaching our players everything from the proper stance and stroke to the “diamond system”. He loves to teach and it shows by the smiling faces that surround his table. And his “one-on-one” teaching approach has proven to be his trademark as players get that special attention and hands-on training that pool requires. Jerry has always said, *“Come see me and let me help you improve your game”*.



TOM “DR. CUE” ROSSMAN is a World Renown “Artistic Pool” Champion. Tom introduced “Artistic Pool” to the VNEA nearly 30 years ago and has been entertaining and challenging our players ever since. Tom is also a staple at both our Vegas and Junior Championships and brings an incredible amount of excitement and FUN to the game of pool by adding his own “comedic flair” to everything he does! Tom’s sense of humor is legendary and he includes it in whatever he does from teaching to trick shots to challenge matches. Although Tom is known for his amazing trick shot artistry and hilarious shows, he is also one of the most knowledgeable instructors in the business with a pure grasp on the “diamond system” which he beautifully translates to our lucky players. You will never meet a nicer and more genuine man than Tom Rossman.



DAVE “GINGER WIZARD” PEARSON burst on to the American scene nearly 20 years ago when he brought his fast-paced game of “Speed Pool” to the VNEA and its players. A Master of Speed Pool, Dave holds several Guinness World Records for his rapid-paced racks! Dave played professionally in England prior to coming to the states and is truly one of the most remarkably skilled pool players in the world. He also is a huge sponsor of both our Vegas and Junior Championships and actually donates his own brand of cues (Pearson Cues) to both events making Dave one of the most generous professionals in our sport. When you see Dave at his booth in Las Vegas, be sure to go up and say hello. There are 3 things that you can be sure of... you will be greeted with a smile, you will learn something and you will walk away with a smile on your face!



SHANE VAN BOENING also known as “The South Dakota Kid”, re-joined the VNEA Family the 40th Anniversary Season as a Professional Tour Player proudly wearing the VNEA Logo on his Tournament shirts and spreading the word of the VNEA to the world! In Shane’s early pool career, he could be seen playing in the VNEA Junior Program and then eventually the VNEA Adult Program including the Vegas Championships. Shane has always supported the VNEA and is extremely eager to become an integral part of growing our ever-popular Junior Program. He truly understands that the kids are the future of our great sport. Shane has been attending and performing at both the Vegas and Junior Championships and always looks forward to meeting all of our players and sharing his knowledge and experiences with the VNEA World!

Mini-Tournaments Galore!

With our spacious venue at Westgate Resorts and the additional space they offer, we will have a separate Mini-Tournament Room used exclusively for Mini's & Practice EVERY DAY... ALL DAY!

Players will have as many opportunities as they wish to play pool, earn extra cash and prizes and meet tons of players from around the World! However, any player is only allowed to win (6) Mini's maximum.

MINI-REQUIREMENTS...

- *You must be a current VNEA Member to enter.*
- *Photo Identification is required during play and again at cash payout.*
- *Only the person entering an event may register. No one may register for you. **NO EXCEPTIONS!***
- *You will have only a 15 minute "grace period" after your match is called or you will forfeit.*
- *All Tournaments are Single Elimination.*
- *If Master or IM players are found playing in the wrong divisions, they will forfeit all prize money and will not be allowed to participate in any future mini's.*
- *A 3-Person Classic Division will be conducted. No Masters and only (1) Intermediate per team. Players do not have to be from the same Charter Holder.*
- *All VNEA Rules are in effect at all times.* • *3 Person Open*
- *Dress Code will be enforced.* • *No refunds of entry fees. **Play Mini's... It's Fun!***

Special Events Throughout The Week!

- **Valley Pool Table Giveaways**
- **Incredible Opening Ceremonies**
- **Mini-Tournaments Galore**
- **Fun-Filled Awards Banquet**
- **40 Year History Pictorial Display**
- **11th Annual World Team Event**
- **Team Hardlucks**
- **VNEA Tournament Booth Specials**
- **Gary Benson "Opening Worldwide Break"**
- **Hundreds of Beautiful New Valley Pool Tables**
- **Special Appearance by Worlds #1 Pro Player "Shane Van Boening"** (Tr. Schedule Permitting)
- **Charlie's Lounge Constant Contests & Events**
- **Exciting Daily Sponsor Giveaways**
- **Weekly Entertainment**
- **Artistic Pool Competition - Dr. Cue**
- **Instructional Pool School - Jerry Briesath**
- **Trick Shots / Instruction - Dave Pearson**
- **CompuSport Software - Featuring Paperless Event**
- **Charter Holder Treasure Table Giveaways**
- **Custom Valley Pool Table Raffle**
- **Memorabilia Giveaways & Daily Contests**
- **Players Slot Tournament**

Suds & Chips Mixer Band

Westgate Parking Pavilion

TEAM OPENING CEREMONIES is one of the most anticipated parties of the event! On the Monday before Teams begin, the VNEA throws a party to recognize the previous weeks Singles Champions and the upcoming Team competition. 3,000 excited pool players rock the parking lot of Westgate Resort & Casino and celebrate and relax before another big week of play. The evening starts with our traditional **PARADE OF FLAGS** where each country in attendance marches to the stage for the playing of their national anthems. This is followed by the **SINGLES & SCOTCH DOUBLES AWARDS PRESENTATIONS**. Once all of the Charlie's have been handed out for the evening, the annual **HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES** are introduced. Shortly thereafter, the evening's entertainment kicks into gear and the **ICE COLD BEER** and good times begin! The players dance the evening away enjoying the time together with their teammates and making many new friends in the process. What a great night and wonderful tradition for the VNEA and its players!

VIVA LAS VEGAS!



6 Skill Levels For A Fair Playing Surface For ALL

1) Sports Division... Established to prove our commitment in creating competition and prize money for those not able to effectively compete in the Regular Division.

2) Redemption Division... Created to fill the void where players drop off the loser's side of the bracket after it is too late to enter the Sports Division and before they make any money in the Regular Division.

3) Regular Division... Targeted for the everyday, fun-loving league player who dreams of the opportunity to attend an International Championship to experience this pool frenzy with fellow pool players around the World and find a very fair and competitive playing surface. **(Intermediate & Master players will not be allowed to participate in the Regular Division)** *(Exception: One (1) Intermediate FEMALE will be allowed to play on an Open Regular Team)*

4) Resurrection Division... A second chance for Master & Intermediate players to take home some cash in this highly competitive division.

5) Intermediate Division... Targeted for the average to above average league player who may have some Tournament level experience. Players looking for an awesome week of pool camaraderie with avid players around the World and an excellent opportunity, second to none, to compete against similar talented teams in an effort to earn great prize money, titles and incredible memories.

This awesome field and super payouts filled with spectacular matches right out of the gate eliminates those Regular Division early round scares and losses to less talented teams. **(With only one Master player allowed on a team, all teams will be equally favored.)**

6) Masters Division... Targeted at the accomplished pool players who want to test their skills against the best in the World and to gain valuable experience that is nearly impossible to obtain elsewhere.



Tons of Fun & Mega-Rewarding

Awards Banquet!

In The Westgate Pavilion

This years Banquet is once again going to feature a great **Buffet-Style Dinner**, an incredible **Awards Presentation**, some great entertainment and a **Drawing for an amazing Valley Home Pool Table**.

What makes this Banquet different than most...

CASH DRAWINGS!

Every 15 Minutes throughout the evening, VNEA is going to be handing out hundreds of dollars to lucky players in the crowd. These Drawings will accumulate to **THOUSANDS** throughout the night! If you didn't win anything throughout the week, this is one last opportunity to go home a WINNER! All Tournament Participants in attendance, at the Banquet, will be eligible for CASH DRAWINGS!

PLUS: Drawings for 2025 FREE Singles Entries!

Starts @ 5pm; Ends @ 8:31pm

Saturday, June 1st



VNEA Thanks Their Incredible Sponsors!

