



2016 WSPA SINGLES STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

JANUARY 14 – 17, 2016



HOSTED BY

Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center – Wausau, WI

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH YOUR LEAGUE OPERATOR

If you did not shoot in a WSPA sanctioned league, you must fill out a Player Membership Entry Form found at WSPApool.com.

By filling out this entry form, I have read and agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this entry form. This includes compliance with the dress code, Code of Conduct, and the use of my photograph, image, likeness or name for information, reporting, or promotional purposes via print or other media.

Please provide your WSPA ID #. You can find it here: <http://www.wspapool.com/players>

Name:	WSPA ID # (Required):	Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Phone #:	Email:		
League Operator Name:	League Name:	League #:	
Rating: <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> AA <input type="checkbox"/> Master (If you do not know your rating, please contact your League Operator or email info@wspapool.com .)			

The following start times below are the earliest possible start times. Please watch for brackets at WSPApool.com for your actual start time.

9-BALL & 10-BALL EVENTS - CHECK ONLY ONE

EVENT	ENTRY	RACE	START
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's B 9-Ball	\$45	4/4	Thurs. 1/14 – 9:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's M/A 9-Ball*	\$55	6/5, 5/4	Fri. 1/15 – 11:00am
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's B 9-Ball	\$50	5/4	Thurs. 1/14 – 6:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's A 9-Ball	\$60	6/5	Thurs. 1/14 – 7:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's AA 9-Ball	\$70	7/6	Thurs. 1/14 – 9:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Master 10-Ball	\$80	8/7	Thurs. 1/14 – 9:00pm

* Handicapped event – Masters spot As one game. Winner's 6/5, one-loss 5/4

8-BALL EVENTS - CHECK ONLY ONE

EVENT	ENTRY	RACE	START
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's B 8-Ball	\$50	3/3	Sat. 1/16 – 11:00am
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's A 8-Ball	\$60	4/4	Sat. 1/16 – 11:00am
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Master 8-Ball	\$70	5/5	Sat. 1/16 – 12:30pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Senior's* <small>Ages 50+ No Men's Master Player MUST meet criteria on page 2.</small>	\$60	6/5/4/3	Sat. 1/16 – 11:00am
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Casual	\$35	3/3	Fri. 1/15 – 7:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's B 8-Ball	\$55	4/3	Fri. 1/15 – 7:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's A 8-Ball	\$65	5/4	Fri. 1/15 – 9:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's AA 8-Ball	\$75	6/5	Sat. 1/16 – 12:30pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Master 8-Ball	\$95	7/6	Sat. 1/16 – 2:00pm

*One mixed handicapped event – Men's AA-6/A-5/B-4; Women's M-5/A-4/B-3

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

Please include a late fee of \$20 per event if submitting December 22nd – January 4th.

ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR LEAGUE OPERATOR BY DECEMBER 21ST TO AVOID LATE FEES

If submitting December 22nd through January 4th, you must include a late fee of \$20 per event or your entry will be pending until late fees are paid.

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JANUARY 4TH

Walk-ins welcome up to two hours prior to event start for Mixed Senior's and Master events only. Late fees still apply.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS – MUST CALL TO GET GROUP RATES

Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center – Detached from Convention & Expo Center (directly across the road)

Two or three night stay \$89.99 + tax/night. One night stay \$94.99 + tax. Call 800-659-2220 for reservations. Group Code: WSPA. Room block expires December 3rd.

Holiday Inn & Suites – Attached to Convention & Expo Center

\$114.99 + tax. Call 715-355-1111 for reservations. Group Code: SPT. Room block expires December 14th.

PLEASE READ ATTACHED PAGES FOR CASUAL DIVISION CRITERIA, DRESS CODE, CODE OF CONDUCT, AND PAYMENT/TAX INFORMATION

CASUAL DIVISION CRITERIA

All Casual Division entries will be reviewed closely. If you have questions on eligibility, please email info@wspapool.com prior to submitting your entry.

- B-rated players with tournament history wishing to enter into the Casual Division must not have cashed or finished in the top 128.
- Players without tournament history wishing to enter into the Casual Division must have a minimum of 12 weeks of league play (stats must be provided). We will use league stats (win/loss %, table run/ERO), and any other source for determining eligibility. Strength of league will be considered while looking at win/loss %.
- Other entries may be considered but must be approved prior to submission. Please contact info@wspapool.com for approval.

CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to provide a positive and safe experience for participants of our events, the WSPA expects that all players conduct themselves in a respectable manner in and around the tournament venue. Each participant in our event represents the WSPA and any negative actions by a player reflect negatively on the organization for the present and the future. As our organization grows, we need to bring a positive experience to any venue that we presently use or choose in the future. That positive experience can only be maintained by the good conduct of the participants of our events. Players and spectators are expected to treat opponents with respect. Good sportsmanship lies at the heart of any endeavor involving competition and players must be aware that significant penalties will be applied for fighting, taunting an opponent, or any other unethical conduct.

See below for some examples of general guidelines used for handling inappropriate behavior. This is by no means a complete list. Any form of poor sportsmanship or other actions that are deemed as having a negative impact on the reputation and quality of the tournament and/or tournament venue may result in probation or suspensions from the WSPA events. Please keep in mind that "I drank too much" is not an excuse for actions that result in suspension.

- *** If security has to be called: minimum of one year suspension
- *** If local police are called: minimum of mandatory two year suspension
- *** Physical altercation: minimum of mandatory three year suspension

Please remember that these are guidelines and the WSPA Board reserves the right to adjust these penalties based on the severity of the player's conduct. Suspension from our events means that the individual cannot play in our State or Regional events or be in the building where the event is being held.

REFUND AND DIVISION CHANGE POLICY

Requests for refunds or division changes will only be accepted by email at info@wspapool.com. Requests must be received by the WSPA no later than January 4th. Refund checks will be mailed after the tournament is complete. All refunds will be charged a \$10 fee per event. Late fees are non-refundable.

QUALIFICATIONS TO ENTER

Wisconsin or out-of-state residents must have played a minimum of four matches in a WSPA sanctioned league. If you do not shoot in a WSPA league but are a Wisconsin or Michigan Upper Peninsula resident, please find our WSPA Player Membership & Entry Form here: <http://wspapool.com/tournaments/entry-forms.aspx>. The WSPA may require you to show proof of residency. If you have a question regarding your sanction status or eligibility, contact your League Operator (if applicable) or email info@wspapool.com.

TAX INFORMATION

Any player having won more than a cumulative amount of \$600 from all WSPA tournaments will be required to fill out Form W-9. This form will be made available at the tournaments. The WSPA will report your winnings to the IRS and send you Form 1099-MISC. If you do not fill out Form W-9, we will be required to withhold 30% of your prize money.

EVENT RACE & FEE BREAKDOWN – SORTED BY START DATE/TIMES

The following start times below are the earliest possible start times. Please watch for brackets at WSPApool.com for your actual start time.

EVENT	START DATE/TIME	RACE	TOTAL ENTRY	TO PAYOUT	GREEN FEE	ADMIN FEE
Men's B 9-Ball	Thursday, January 14th, 6:00pm	5/4	\$50	\$30	\$15	\$5
Men's A 9-Ball	Thursday, January 14th, 7:00pm	6/5	\$60	\$35	\$20	\$5
Men's AA 9-Ball	Thursday, January 14th, 9:00pm	7/6	\$70	\$45	\$20	\$5
Men's Master 10-Ball	Thursday, January 14th, 9:00pm	8/7	\$80	\$55	\$20	\$5
Women's B 9-Ball	Thursday, January 14th, 9:00pm	4/4	\$45	\$25	\$15	\$5
Women's Master/A 9-Ball	Friday, January 15th, 11:00am	Winner's – Master-6/A-5 One-loss – Master-5/A-4	\$55	\$35	\$15	\$5
Men's Casual 8-Ball	Friday, January 15th, 7:00pm	3/3	\$35	\$20	\$10	\$5
Men's B 8-Ball	Friday, January 15th, 7:00pm	4/3	\$55	\$35	\$15	\$5
Men's A 8-Ball	Friday, January 15th, 9:00pm	5/4	\$65	\$40	\$20	\$5
Mixed Senior's 8-Ball (No Men's Master)	Saturday, January 16th, 11:00am	Men – AA-6/A-5/B-4 Women – M-5/A-4/B-3	\$60	\$35	\$20	\$5
Women's B 8-Ball	Saturday, January 16th, 11:00am	3/3	\$50	\$30	\$15	\$5
Women's A 8-Ball	Saturday, January 16th, 11:00am	4/4	\$60	\$35	\$20	\$5
Women's Master 8-Ball	Saturday, January 16th, 12:30pm	5/5	\$70	\$45	\$20	\$5
Men's AA 8-Ball	Saturday, January 16th, 12:30pm	6/5	\$75	\$50	\$20	\$5
Men's Master 8-Ball	Saturday, January 16th, 2:00pm	7/6	\$95	\$70	\$20	\$5

FULL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS CAN BE FOUND HERE: <http://wspapool.com/user-files/documents/tournament-regulations.pdf>

SAFETY/SOFT BREAKS

1. Each player will be allowed one safety break per match. This applies only for 8-ball events. If you intend to break softly, you must notify your opponent and get a referee. The referee will initial your score sheet to note that your one safety break has been used.
2. If your break is illegal, with or without a foul, your inning ends. Your opponent may:
 - A. re-rack the balls and break;
 - B. require you to re-rack the balls and break again;
3. The game cannot continue until there is a legal break. If a break is illegal and there is also a foul, the illegal break takes precedence and the incoming player must choose either option "A" or "B" listed above. If option "B" I chose, a safety break cannot be attempted again as it has already been used.
4. If it is found that you are intentionally doctoring the rack to gain a competitive edge, that game will be forfeited. Final decisions on this violation are at the discretion of a referee.

DRESS CODE

Dress code requirements are established to add to the prestige and respect to the WSPA State Championships. Your cooperation in wearing neat, clean apparel at all times during competition for the betterment of the sport is appreciated. Final decisions on dress code violations are at the discretion of the Tournament Director and/or WSPA Board.

SINGLES COMPETITION

- Shirts: Clean neat T-shirts, collared shirts, sweaters and sweatshirts are permitted. (Sweatshirts with hoods must have the hood down; they cannot be worn up over the head) Shirts may not contain any vulgarity.
- Pants: Men must wear long pants or shorts, either dress pants or neat, clean, jeans or shorts. Women may wear dress pants, Capri-style pants or neat, clean, jeans or shorts. Women may also skirts or sleeved dresses of conservative length. Sweats, warm-up suits or jogging suits are forbidden.
- Headgear permitted: Billed or brimmed hats or caps that are clean, neat and worn with the bill straight forward. Cowboy hats are also acceptable. No bandanas, knit hats or specialty hats are allowed.
- Shoes: Men and women must wear clean, neat, shoes at all times. Open-toed sandals can be worn, but no Flip-Flops of any kind.

PROHIBITED CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES

- Clothing must not be excessively torn
- Athletic wear of any kind, including but not limited to: sweats, swimwear, jogging suits, athletic uniforms or jerseys, any kind of pants with contrasting stripes normally associated with athletic wear.
- Shorts and pants must be conservative with respect to the rise in relation to the length of the garment, and may not be excessively baggy, loose fitting, or worn with the waistline below the top of the hips.
- Overalls or coveralls. Sleeveless shirts worn over undergarments are prohibited.
- Sweaters, jackets, coats or other outerwear when worn over a shirt that does not meet the dress code, regardless of whether or not the outerwear has a fold-over collar.
- Bandanas, scarves above the neck, headbands, do-rags.
- Any clothing or headwear judged by tournament officials or referees to be:
 1. In poor taste, offensive, dirty, excessively torn, or worn in a manner other than intended;
 2. Disrespectful or mocking of the sport in any way (e.g., sleep wear, clothing worn as a joke, etc.);
 3. Unnecessarily revealing (e.g., bare midriff, low-cut necklines, etc.)

ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

1. The following dress code violations may be required to be corrected immediately at any time the dress code is in effect:
 - A. Improper headgear may be required to be corrected or removed.
 - B. Button down shirts may be required to be adjusted to meet the dress code.
 - C. Any dress code violation by a player practicing in the tournament area when not involved in a match
 - D. Untied shoes may be required to be corrected.
 - For violations of (C), players will be asked to immediately stop practicing and leave the player's area if the violation cannot be corrected immediately.
2. If they cannot be corrected immediately, all other dress code violations will be enforced upon being discovered by any referee or tournament official at any time during a match. Penalties and procedures are described below.

PENALTIES

1. First violation: the player will lose one game of the match.
 - a. The penalty game is added to the opponent's score immediately. Any game in progress is not affected and will continue, regardless of the status or progress of the game.
 - b. Exception: if the player's opponent is on the hill, the one-game penalty is not applied, but the violation is recorded and counts in the progression of dress code penalties.
 - In addition to the one-game penalty, a mandatory warning will be given that a second violation of any part of the dress code during any later match in any event will result in immediate disqualification of that player from all remaining events. After the first-violation penalty is applied, the player will be allowed to finish the match without the dress code violation corrected.
2. Second violation in any later match in any event: disqualification from the event and all remaining events.

MEDICAL EXCEPTIONS

Should a player require an exception for medical reasons, the player must provide a letter on official letterhead from the player's health care provider before the tournament begins and present that to the tournament director. They must keep this letter on them at all times.

GENERAL

Personal Hygiene: Any player found to be wearing the same clothing over a period of a couple of days or more will be subject to forfeit. Also, any player not using good personal hygiene (showering or bathing, etc.) will be subject to the same match forfeitures.

- The tournament director or designate is the final authority on dress code.
- Relaxed dress code for mini tournaments and practice. Clean and neat apparel is required at all times.



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