

Dear players,

Following the recent UK Open; watching various matches and listening to different feedback across the board, we have decided to make some changes coming into the upcoming European Open Pool Championship event.

Whilst this change will be implemented for the European Open only, our aim will be to follow the outcomes of the event, watch matches and carefully monitor the timing of the days as well as the broadcast schedule; after that point we will understand what worked and perhaps didn't and therefore implement further changes across the Matchroom events until we feel we have it right.

We appreciate your contribution and patience as we continue to learn, build, elevate and master the game; evolving Nineball and in turn promoting pool as a major professional sport.

Thanks for your continued support,

The Matchroom Pool Team

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Double Elimination until the Last 64

Winner Breaks throughout

9 on the spot, with a break box

Round 1 – Race to 9

Template rack by referee

Winner Round 1 – Race to 9

No shot clock

Winner Qualification – Race to 9

Loser Round 1 – Race to 8

Loser Round 2 – Race to 8

Loser Round 3 – Race to 8

Loser Qualification – Race to 9

Last 64 – Race to 9

Template rack by referee

Last 32 – Race to 9

No shot clock

Last 16 – Race to 10

Hand rack

Quarter Finals – Race to 10

30 second shot clock

Semi Finals – Race to 11

Hand rack

Final – Race to 13

30 second shot clock

Forceful Break in play at all times

All players will be required to use a forceful break when participating in Matchroom events. The determination of a forceful break will be at the discretion of the Referees officiating the tournament. The penalty shall be as follows:

1. Official Warning
2. Foul: ball in hand for the opponent following the break that has been penalised.

Please note, it is not our intention for players to foul, but it is our intention to better the game.