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WORLD RANKINGS

Information Pack



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Overview

Matchroom Pool is delighted to launch the Matchroom 9-ball Pool World Rankings. The rankings will become the cornerstone of the game globally to recognise 9-ball as the main commercial form of the game sanctioned by the World Pool Billiard Association.

The Matchroom 9-ball Pool World Rankings will promote clear, fair, and concise rules to grow the sport across the world and will:

- **Create a clear structure throughout the game**
- **Form qualification for all Matchroom promoted events**
- **Feature 9-ball events outside of Matchroom events**
- **Feature events promoted by Diamond Billiards, Pat Fleming and more**

Throughout 2022, players will earn ranking points based on prize money earned in Matchroom 9-ball Pool World Ranking events, enabling them to fairly qualify for events and receive seedings in tournaments based on their success. For 2022, the Top 32 is set out by a Rankings Committee who will continue to monitor the status throughout the year.

This document sets out the full calendar of events for 2022, which may be added to during the year, and gives detailed event format information and qualification processes for the eight events promoted by Matchroom Pool.

2022 Schedule of Events

26-29 January

Derby City
Classic 9-ball

13-20 February

PLP | PREMIER
LEAGUE POOL

26-28 February

Lasko
Open

5-9 April

WORLD POOL
CHAMPIONSHIP

29-2 May

Treviso
Open

5-8 May

 **WORLD POOL**
MASTERS

17-22 May

UK OPEN

13-18 June

world cup of pool

24-27 June

St Johann im
Pongau Open

6-8 August

Petrich
Open

10-15 October

US OPEN | **Harrat's**
POOL CHAMPIONSHIP | RESORT
ATLANTIC CITY

30-5 November

International
9-ball Open

15-20 November

EUROPEAN OPEN

25-27 November

Treviso
Open

30-3 December

MOSCONI CUP
BALLY'S
LAS VEGAS

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Event Format

- All 16 players face each other once across the first five days of play
- After day 5, the bottom 6 in the League Table are eliminated
- The remaining 10 players face each other again across days 6 and 7 before 4 more players are eliminated
- The remaining 6 play each other once more on day 8 before the top four contend the playoffs
- All group matches race to 5, alternate break

Date

13-20 February

Location

Morningside Arena, Leicester, UK

Entry Criteria

Top 12 players on the Nineball World Rankings plus four wildcards

Event Status

Non-Ranking

Prize Money

Total \$100,000

Winner \$20,000

Runner-Up \$12,500

Play-off Semi Finalists (x2) \$8,000

5th \$7,000

6th \$6,250

7th \$5,250

8th \$5,000

9th \$4,750

10th \$4,500

11th \$3,750

12th \$3,500

13th \$3,250

14th \$3,000

15th \$2,750

16th \$2,500

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WORLD POOL

CHAMPIONSHIP

Event Overview

Multiple tables, non-stop action and Matchroom's unrivalled staging makes the World Pool Championship a dramatic, unpredictable, and exciting event which isn't to be missed.

The best 128 players from around the world take part, meaning tough matches from the very start of the Double Elimination Group Stage which halves the field. The group stage features 16 groups of 8 players who play double elimination for a place in last 64, from which point the tournament is a straight knockout.

Date

5-9 April

Location

TBC

Entry Criteria

Top 32 players on the Nineball World Rankings

50 WPA allocations

46 wildcards

\$500 Entry fee

Event Status

Blue Ribbon

Prize Money

Total \$325,000

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WORLD POOL MASTERS

Event Overview

The top 20 players on the Nineball Pool World Rankings, along with 4 wildcard invites, face off in one of the toughest events of the season. Tight pockets, an elite field and a bruising single-elimination format means only a player at the very top of their game can walk away with the World Pool Masters title.

Dates

5-8 May

Location

Gibraltar

Entry Criteria

- Top 20 on the Nineball Pool World Rankings
- 4 wildcards
- Top 8 on the Nineball Pool World Rankings seeded through to last 16

Event Status

Non-Ranking

Prize Money

TOTAL: \$100,000

Winner: \$25,000

Runner-up: \$13,000

Semi-Finalists: \$7,500

Quarter-Finalists: \$3,750

Last 16: \$2,250

Preliminary Round: \$1,750

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Event Overview

The latest Major event from the Matchroom Pool Series, the brand-new UK Open Pool Championship will bring 256 of the world's best players to London as they battle it out for a share of \$200,000.

Lending its format from the US Open, the UK Open will see players fight through a seeded double elimination stage led by the top 32 on the Nineball World Rankings. Only the last 16 will make it through to the straight knockout stage.

Dates

17-22 May

Location

Copper Box Arena, London

Entry Criteria

**Open, 256 player field
\$250 Entry Fee**

Event Status

Major

Prize Money

97th \$250	17th \$2,000
65th \$500	Last 16 \$3,750
49th \$1,000	Quarter-Finals \$5,500
33rd \$1,250	Semi-Finals \$7,500
25th \$1,500	Runner-up \$15,000
	Winner \$30,000

TOTAL \$200,000



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world cup of pool

Event Overview

The World Cup of Pool brings 32 nations together as two-player teams compete for national pride, the title and their share of a \$250,000 prize fund. The tournament is a straight-knockout format leaving no room for error.

The first 16 nations will be picked by the WPA before the next top 8 nations off the Nineball World Rankings will automatically receive an invite. The remaining 8 will be unseeded wild cards.

Dates

13-18 June

Location

The Brentwood Centre, Essex

Entry Criteria

- 16 WPA Nominated Nations
- Top 8 represented on the Matchroom 9-Ball Pool World Rankings
- 8 Wildcard Invites

Event Status

Non-Ranking

Prize Money (per pair)

**CHAMPIONS - \$60,000
RUNNERS-UP - \$30,000
SEMI-FINALISTS - \$15,000**

**QUARTER-FINALISTS - \$9,000
LAST 16 - \$4,500
LAST 32 - \$3,625**

TOTAL - \$250,000

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Event Overview

The longest-running major in pool, the US Open has a history extending back almost 50 years and has been won by just about every big name in the sport. The tournament assembles 256 players from around the world as they do battle to lift the famous Barry Behrman trophy and claim their share of a \$300,000 prize fund.

The action is played across 33 tables as players battle to first reach the straight-knockout last 16, and then to claim a title viewed as one of the biggest prizes a player can win.

Dates

10-15 October

Location

Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City

Entry Criteria

**Open, 256 player field with a seeded draw
\$750 Entry Fee**

Event Status

Blue Ribbon

Prize Money

97th \$750	17th \$2,750
65th \$1,000	9th \$3,750
49th \$1,250	5th \$6,750
33rd \$1,750	3rd \$12,000
25th \$2,250	Runner-up \$25,000
	Winner \$50,000

TOTAL \$300,000



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EUROPEAN OPEN

Event Overview

Matchroom Pool heads to Germany with a brand-new major event; the European Open.

Players from around the world, led by the top 32 players on the Nine-ball World Rankings, will be competing to capture the title from a field of 256. The double-elimination format will take the players down to 16, after which all matches become single elimination.

The race-to-9, winner breaks format played across multiple tables guarantees action at any time across the room as Matchroom expands with its latest major open nineball event.

Dates 15-20 November

Location Germany, TBC

Entry Criteria

Open, 256 player field with a seeded draw
\$250 Entry Fee

Event Status

Major

Prize Money

97th \$250	17th \$2,000
65th \$500	Last 16 \$3,750
49th \$1,000	Quarter-Finals \$5,500
33rd \$1,250	Semi-Finals \$7,500
25th \$1,500	Runner-up \$15,000
	Winner \$30,000

TOTAL \$200,000

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MOSCONI CUP

BALLY'S
LAS VEGAS

Event Overview

The must-see event in pool, the Mosconi Cup pits five-player teams from Europe and USA head-to-head in front of a raucous atmosphere.

Three players on each team qualify through their position on the Nineball World Rankings, with 2 spots on each team reserved for the team captains to complete the roster with wildcard picks.

Played over four days, teams play a series of doubles and singles matches with the first to reach 11 crowned Mosconi Cup champions. All matches are race to 5, alternate break.

Dates

30-5 December

Location

Bally's, Las Vegas

Entry Criteria

**x2 rankings x1 wildcard after the 2022 US Open,
x1 rankings x1 wildcard after the 2022 European Open**

Event Status

Non-Ranking

Prize Money

**Winning Team: \$30,000 per player
Runners-up: \$15,000 per player
TOTAL: \$225,000**