## world nineball tour.

The World Professional Nineball Pool Corporation has issued an update to its ruling in regard to country representation.

A player who wishes to participate in a WPNPC or WPNPC-affiliated event where nationality and country representation is a determining factor for eligibility, must prove the following in order to satisfy the WPNPC's criteria for nationality:

1. The player was born in that nation; OR

2. The player holds a valid passport for that nation; OR

3. The player holds a valid permanent residency for that nation (in accordance with that nations rules and requirements).

• In cases where a player is holding *dual residency and or citizenship*, the player will be required to determine their primary nationality at the time of entering the relevant event. Once a player determines which nation to represent, he/she cannot change representation for a period of five years;

• In cases where a qualifying event is being staged by a local WPNPC-affiliated organisation, the WPNPC's eligibility rules shall take precedence over those of the local organisation in respect of whether a player is permitted to enter the event or not. In contentious cases, the player's eligibility must be approved in writing by the WPNPC before the player is permitted to participate in the event. A player who enters an event and is subsequently denied permission to participate for reasons of eligibility of their nationality shall be entitled to a refund of their entry fee, but no further liability shall be accepted by the WPNPC or its affiliate organisation.

Therefore, the WPNPC reserves the right to alter or adapt this ruling at its sole discretion in the interests of fairness and sporting integrity.

This ruling is effective from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.