

*Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022*

Dear players,

Following the recent European Open, we have decided to keep the current format changes in place, except for the racking conditions whilst we continue to treat 2022 as a trial period for our Nineball events.

Therefore, looking ahead to the US Open Pool Championship, the below format will be in place.

Furthermore, with World Ranking points now an integral part of our Nineball meritocracy, we have taken this on board and amended the prize fund breakdown that will be implemented, ensuring that when you achieve major stages of the tournament – you are rewarded.

Again, 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**

**Template rack by referee throughout**

**No Shot Clock from Round 1 to completion of Last 32**

**30 second Shot Clock implemented from Last 16 through to Final**

Round 1 – Race to 9

Loser Round 1 – Race to 8

Winner Round 1 – Race to 9

Loser Round 2 – Race to 8

Winner Qualification – Race to 9

Loser Round 3 – Race to 8

Loser Qualification – Race to 9

Last 64 – Race to 9

Last 32 – Race to 9

Last 16 – Race to 10

Quarter Finals – Race to 10

Semi Finals – Race to 11

Final – Race to 13

**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.

Prize Money Breakdown

**US OPEN PRIZE MONEY**

STAGE		PER PLAYER	
193rd	64		
129th	64		
97th	32		
65th	32	\$1,000	\$32,000
Last 64	32	\$1,750	\$56,000
Last 32	16	\$3,000	\$48,000
Last 16	8	\$4,500	\$36,000
Quarters	4	\$6,750	\$27,000
Semis	2	\$13,000	\$26,000
Runner Up	1	\$25,000	\$25,000
Winner	1	\$50,000	\$50,000
	256		\$300,000