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## President's Report **by Judy Mehle** BMW Billiards - Loveland, CO

Judy owns **BMW Billiards** in Loveland, Colorado with partner, Ron Kapperman, and has been a Charter since 2003. She also serves as Tournament Director for **VNEA's Annual World Championships**.

**Welcome back to another exciting Fall Season of VNEA Pool!** As leagues kick off across the World, make sure your Operator or League Coordinator has you sanctioned for the 2025-2026 Season so you can enjoy all the player benefits and stay eligible for VNEA Affiliated Tournaments.

The VNEA Hall of Fame is now accepting nominations for 2026. If there is a teammate or member of your pool community who deserves recognition for their contributions or outstanding play, do not miss the chance to submit a nomination by January 15th. Since its

founding in 1993, the Hall of Fame has honored 155 exceptional members, and the next class of distinguished inductees could include someone you know.

The excitement continues as preparations are already underway for the 46th Annual VNEA World Pool Championship, coming May 21-30, 2026, at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino. This year's event will feature new division structures based on player CSR values, ensuring a competitive and fun experience for every skill level. Whether you're playing in one event or all of them, the World Championships promise an unforgettable experience filled with great matches, camaraderie, and memories to last a lifetime.

If you plan to attend, be sure to book your room early at Westgate. Visit [VNEA.com](http://VNEA.com) and click on the Westgate Room Reservation button to secure your stay

and avoid daily resort or offline booking charges. The room block is expected to fill quickly, so reserve your spot soon!

For a Hall of Fame Ballot, details on State Tournaments, or information about the World Championships, visit [VNEA.com](http://VNEA.com) and follow VNEA on Facebook to stay connected with all the latest updates.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our incredible sponsors - Valley, AMI, Aramith, Fury, Jacoby, Pearson Cues, Omega and Onboard - for their continued support and partnership with VNEA. Their commitment helps keep our Association strong and growing every year.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! May your Holiday Season be blessed, safe and joyful!

*Judy K. Mehle*



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## Jerry Briesath

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You can test this yourself by placing the cue ball on the spot and shooting different shots. Have someone watch you and see if your head moves at all while stroking through the cue ball. And you can check when you're finished to see if the stick is perfectly straight, 4 to 6 inches across the spot.

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#### Accurate & Reliable

The **CSR** is powered by **over a decade** of game history, with more than 17 million game results from games in almost 40,000 leagues and tournaments managed by CompuSport. It ensures accuracy, fairness and reliability in rating players.

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# Rocky Mountain Singles

**November 7-9, 2025**

**Red Lion Hotel - Cheyenne, Wyoming**

## OPEN LEGEND SINGLES

|            |                    |                              |
|------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <b>Ruben Silva</b> | <b>Entertainment Experts</b> |
| 2nd        | Lucas Taylor       | Entertainment Experts        |
| 3rd        | Jackie Yang        | Bison Entertainment          |
| 4th        | Tom Thompson       | Access Ent./D & S Vending    |

## OPEN APEX SINGLES

|            |                     |                              |
|------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <b>Jim Calderon</b> | <b>Entertainment Experts</b> |
| 2nd        | Gabe Ayala          | Entertainment Experts        |
| 3rd        | John Tesar Jr.      | Dano's Games                 |
| 4th        | Henry Diehl         | BMW Billiards                |
| 5-6th      | Keary Kerr          | Bison Entertainment          |
|            | Tim Channel         | BMW Billiards                |
| 7-8th      | Floyd Farr          | Entertainment Experts        |
|            | Benjamin Rivera IV  | Entertainment Experts        |

## OPEN PINNACLE SINGLES

|            |                      |                            |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <b>Damien Wagner</b> | <b>Bison Entertainment</b> |
| 2nd        | James Brothers       | Entertainment Experts      |
| 3rd        | Wayde Lebsock        | Bison Entertainment        |
| 4th        | Brent Rich           | Entertainment Experts      |
| 5-6th      | Tony Thomas          | BMW Billiards              |
|            | Steve Lind           | Bison Entertainment        |
| 7-8th      | Keith Hardman        | Entertainment Experts      |
|            | Matthew Huyge        | Entertainment Experts      |
| 9-12th     | Jimmy Gardner        | Entertainment Experts      |
|            | Dave Howell          | Entertainment Experts      |
|            | Juan Aranda          | Bison Entertainment        |
|            | Joel Rodriguez       | Entertainment Experts      |
| 13-16th    | Zach Miller          | Entertainment Experts      |
|            | Mike Scott Storey    | Entertainment Experts      |
|            | Steve Light          | BMW Billiards              |
|            | Brett Gonzalez       | Entertainment Experts      |

## OPEN ELITE SINGLES

|            |                       |                       |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <b>Phil Morishige</b> | <b>Dano's Games</b>   |
| 2nd        | Bob Stevens           | Entertainment Experts |
| 3rd        | Spencer Harris        | Bison Entertainment   |
| 4th        | Ryan Brown            | Entertainment Experts |
| 5-6th      | Andrew Drake          | Entertainment Experts |
|            | Jeff Barnard          | Dano's Games          |
| 7-8th      | Bob Jara Jr.          | BMW Billiards         |
|            | Kent Montel           | Entertainment Experts |
| 9-12th     | Morris Archuleta      | BMW Billiards         |
|            | Kevin Bradley         | Entertainment Experts |
|            | Kim Majerus           | Entertainment Experts |
|            | Matt Razon            | Entertainment Experts |
| 13-16th    | Mark Gerber           | BMW Billiards         |
|            | Earnest-Ralph Walton  | Entertainment Experts |
|            | Tim Ashton            | BMW Billiards         |
|            | Jon Glennon           | Entertainment Experts |

## OPEN RISING SINGLES

|            |                        |                              |
|------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <b>Rodrigo Colunga</b> | <b>Entertainment Experts</b> |
| 2nd        | Marcus Miramontes      | BMW Billiards                |
| 3rd        | Mark Janowiec          | Entertainment Experts        |
| 4th        | Chris Sides            | Entertainment Experts        |
| 5-6th      | Bray Wiley             | Entertainment Experts        |
|            | Xavier Burnett         | Bison Entertainment          |

|         |                  |                       |
|---------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 7-8th   | Fred Kamai       | Bison Entertainment   |
|         | Rafael Chavez    | Bison Entertainment   |
| 9-12th  | Kevin Grisby     | BMW Billiards         |
|         | Aiden Wiley      | Entertainment Experts |
|         | Marco Caballeros | Entertainment Experts |
|         | Heinz Schmidt    | Entertainment Experts |
| 13-16th | Bobby Gevara     | Bison Entertainment   |
|         | Glen Larson      | Front Street Vending  |
|         | Thomas Herrera   | BMW Billiards         |
|         | Anthony Gardner  | Entertainment Experts |

## WOMENS APEX/PINNACLE SINGLES

|            |                      |                              |
|------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <b>Andria Garcia</b> | <b>Entertainment Experts</b> |
| 2nd        | Linda Trujillo       | Bison Entertainment          |
| 3rd        | Carol James          | Dano's Games                 |
| 4th        | Sharon Hubbard       | Bison Entertainment          |
| 5-6th      | Amie Mangaoang       | BMW Billiards                |
|            | Holly Figueroa       | Entertainment Experts        |
| 7-8th      | Rose Ramos           | Entertainment Experts        |
|            | Heather Hoyer        | Entertainment Experts        |

## WOMENS ELITE SINGLES

|            |                       |                              |
|------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <b>Jill Rodriguez</b> | <b>Entertainment Experts</b> |
| 2nd        | Desiree Straign       | Dano's Games                 |
| 3rd        | Cyndie Cramer         | Bison Entertainment          |
| 4th        | Trish Martinez        | Dano's Games                 |
| 5-6th      | Aurie Garcia Munter   | Bison Entertainment          |
|            | Sharon Duell          | Entertainment Experts        |
| 7-8th      | Beth Richter Alem     | BMW Billiards                |
|            | Jolene Tallent        | Entertainment Experts        |

## WOMENS RISING SINGLES

|            |                    |                              |
|------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <b>Amber Davis</b> | <b>Entertainment Experts</b> |
| 2nd        | Mary Bullock       | DR. Vending                  |
| 3rd        | Tara Peterson      | Front Street Vending         |
| 4th        | Leanna Kopp        | Entertainment Experts        |
| 5-6th      | Ella Parolan       | BMW Billiards                |
|            | Leanetta Malone    | Entertainment Experts        |
| 7-8th      | Nancy Davey        | Entertainment Experts        |
|            | Chrissy Grannis    | Entertainment Experts        |

## JUNIOR EVENT...

For the juniors there was an event held on Sunday.

## YOUTH (Ages 11 & under)

|            |                   |                         |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <b>Able Kuhns</b> | <b>Paradise Pinball</b> |
| 2nd        | Lincoln Neues     | Entertainment Experts   |
| 3rd        | Frankie Yost      | BMW Billiards           |

## MINORS FEMALE (Ages 12-15)

|            |                     |                      |
|------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <b>Rose Cochran</b> | <b>BMW Billiards</b> |
| 2nd        | Chanelle Billot     | BMW Billiards        |
| 3rd        | Emma Hackett        | DR. Vending          |

## MINORS MALE (Ages 12-15)

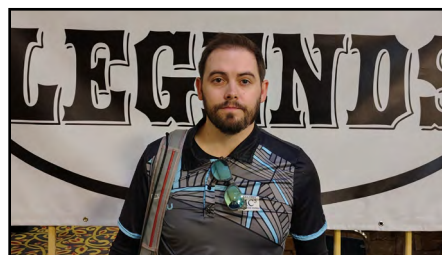
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| <b>1st</b> | <b>D'Von Garcia</b> | <b>Entertainment Experts</b> |
| 2nd        | Cole Atteberry      |                              |
| 3rd        | Max Ohm             | Entertainment Experts        |

## MAJORS (Ages 16-20)

|            |                        |               |
|------------|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <b>Hayden Davidson</b> |               |
| 2nd        | Maria Crispin          | BMW Billiards |
| 3rd        | Eidan Rubio Saez       |               |



*Open Legend: 1st - Ruben Silva*



*Open Legend: 2nd - Lucas Taylor*



*Open Legend: 3rd - Jackie Yang*



*Open Apex: 1st - Jim Calderon*



*Open Apex: 2nd - Gabe Ayala*



*Open Apex: 3rd - John Tesar Jr.*



# Rocky Mountain Singles



**Open Pinnacle: 1st - Damien Wagner**



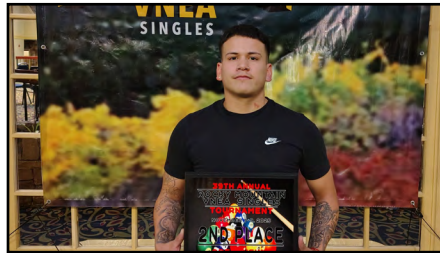
**Open Rising: 1st - Rodrigo Colunga**



**Women's Elite: 1st - Jill Rodriguez**



**Open Pinnacle: 2nd - James Brothers**



**Open Rising: 2nd - Marcus Miramontes**



**Women's Elite: 2nd - Desiree Strain**



**Open Pinnacle: 3rd - Wayde Lebsack**



**Open Rising: 3rd - Mark Janowiec**



**Women's Elite: 3rd - Cyndie Cramer**



**Open Elite: 1st - Phil Morishige**



**Women's Apex/Pinnacle: 1st - Andria Garcia**



**Women's Rising: 1st - Amber Davis**



**Open Elite: 2nd - Bob Stevens**



**Women's Apex/Pinnacle: 2nd - Linda Trujillo**



**Women's Rising: 2nd - Mary Bullock**



**Open Elite: 3rd - Spencer Harris**



**Women's Apex/Pinnacle: 3rd - Carol James**



**Women's Rising: 3rd - Tara Peterson**



# Rocky Mountain Singles



**Youth: 1st** - Able Kuhns



**Youth: 2nd** - Lincoln Neues



**Youth: 3rd** - Frankie Yost



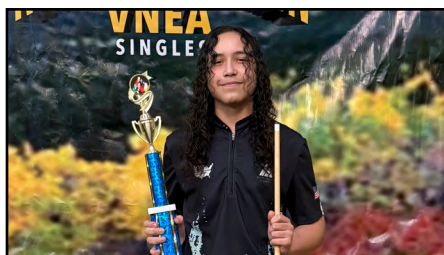
**Minor Female: 1st** - Rose Cochran



**Minor Female: 2nd** - Channele Billot



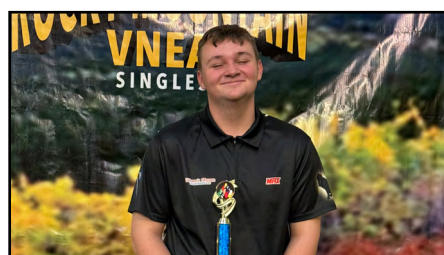
**Minor Female: 3rd** - Emma Hackett



**Minor Male: 1st** - D'Von Garcia



**Minor Male: 2nd** - Cole Atteberry



**Minor Male: 3rd** - Max Ohm



**Major: 1st** - Hayden Davidson



**Major: 2nd** - Maria Crispin



**Major: 3rd** - Eidan Rubio Saez



**2025 VNEA Rocky Mountain Junior Singles Participants**



# Saskatchewan Provincials <sup>1st</sup> Annual

**November 14-16, 2025**  
**Dakota Dunes Casino - Whitecap, SK**

## OPEN SINGLES

|            |                         |                            |
|------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <b>Jason Kishayinew</b> | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |
| <b>2nd</b> | <b>George Sanderson</b> | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |
| <b>3rd</b> | <b>Marty Blackstar</b>  | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |

## ADVANCED TEAMS

|            |                   |                            |
|------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <b>The Bro's</b>  | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |
| <b>2nd</b> | <b>Domination</b> | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |

## INTERMEDIATE TEAMS

|              |                        |                            |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>1st</b>   | <b>GWEEMeAT8</b>       | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |
| <b>2nd</b>   | <b>Diamond Diva's</b>  | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |
| <b>3rd</b>   | <b>Rez Dogs</b>        | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |
| <b>4th</b>   | <b>Average Joe's</b>   | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |
| <b>5-6th</b> | <b>Pocket Blockers</b> | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |
|              | <b>Glady8Tricks</b>    | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |

## REGULAR TEAMS

|            |                     |                            |
|------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <b>KIYAM</b>        | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |
| <b>2nd</b> | <b>Hammer Rails</b> | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |
| <b>3rd</b> | <b>Leftovers</b>    | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |

## REDEMPTION TEAMS

|            |                          |                            |
|------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <b>Just The Tip</b>      | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |
| <b>2nd</b> | <b>Striking Wizards!</b> | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |

## SCOTCH DOUBLES 1

|            |                          |                            |
|------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <b>Dynamic Duo</b>       | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |
| <b>2nd</b> | <b>Late For The Date</b> | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |

## SCOTCH DOUBLES 2

|            |                             |                            |
|------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <b>Jack &amp; Jill Hill</b> | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |
| <b>2nd</b> | <b>Ketch Up To Us</b>       | <b>Firestar Amusements</b> |



*Advanced Team: 2nd - Domination*



*Intermediate Team: 1st - GWEEMeAT8*



*Intermediate Team: 2nd - Diamond Diva's*



*Regular Team: 1st - KIYAM*



*Regular Team: 2nd - Hammer Rails*



*Open Singles: 1st - Jason Kishayinew, 2nd - George Sanderson*



*Advanced Team: 1st - The Bro's*



*Scotch Doubles 1: Dynamic Duo*



*Scotch Doubles 1: 2nd - Late For The Date*



*Scotch Doubles 2: 1st - Jack & Jill Hill*



*Scotch Doubles 2: 2nd - Ketch Up To Us*



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# 8-Ball Rumble Titles Declared

**November 20-23, 2025**

**Partners Billiards & Bowling  
North Bay, Ontario**

## RUMBLE SINGLES TITLES DECLARED

### Recreational Division Singles:

The **22nd Annual 8-Ball Rumble** absolutely rocked Partners Billiards & Bowling in North Bay, Ontario! From November 20-23, players rolled in from everywhere... North Bay's own Partners Pool Leagues, Sudbury's New Crown Music Leagues, the Northshore Vending crew from Sault Ste. Marie, JW Billiard Promotion, Inc. representing Oshawa/Toronto and teams from Ville Marie and Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec proudly representing Billard Temis. It was a true gathering of pool communities from all over!

### This Year Was Record-Breaking:

- **65 Teams**
- **202 Singles Players (our biggest ever!)**

Four days of packed brackets, high-pressure finishes, and non-stop excitement to kick off the tournament season.

Compusport once again kept everything running smoothly - CSR rankings, the scoring app, divisions, scheduling - everything stayed on track and the level of play was unbelievable. We saw so many matches come down to the final game, keeping the room buzzing with energy until the very last shot.

### A Massive Thank You!

#### Bonnie Zufelt:

This year marked Bonnie's final Rumble after 33 amazing years of leadership, hard work, and heart. **Bonnie** - thank you for everything you've done for the game, the players, your staff, and this community. Your dedication built a tournament that thousands look forward to every season.

#### Shannon Allhusen & The Ref Crew:

Our Referee-In-Chief and her outstanding team handled every call with professionalism and fairness. Shannon also jumped in on the podium and helped keep everything moving - your hard work never goes unnoticed!

#### Our Partners Staff:

Room setup, teardown, bartenders, servers, the kitchen team, food cashiers, runners, and even our janitorial staff showing up at 2am to get the place flipped for the next day - you're absolute rockstars. This tournament succeeds because of YOU!

It truly takes a village to run a weekend like this, and we couldn't be more grateful for every single person involved.

#### Onward To The Provincials!

Next Up: **EOVNEA Provincials**, February 19-22  
Best Western, North Bay!

## SINGLES EVENTS

### Recreational Division Singles:

Patsy Gallant from Ville-Marie came into the tournament on fire, winning every one of her matches. She eventually met Albina Lavictoire from North Bay, who was also undefeated - meaning one of these ladies would have to lose twice to determine the true 1st place champion. After an incredible run, Patsy captured her very first Rumble title, marking a huge milestone in her competitive journey.

### Copper # 2 Division Singles:

Owen Lajambe of Sudbury (New Crown) came out firing, opening his day with a strong win over Xavier Barrette from Ville-Marie. From that moment on, Owen never looked back. He stayed focused, played smart, and delivered clutch shots all the way through the bracket. With impressive consistency and calm under pressure, Owen powered his way through the field and earned a huge milestone - his first ever Rumble championship win! A fantastic performance and a well deserved title!

### Copper # 1 Division Singles:

Arjay Brisson of North Bay showed what true determination looks like. After taking an early loss in Singles, he was forced onto the long road of the B-side where every match is a battle and every mistake can end your run. But Arjay didn't back down. He fought his way through opponent after opponent, staying focused, steady, and confident as he climbed his way back into contention. With each win he gained momentum, turning what started as a setback into an incredible comeback story. By the end of the day, Arjay's resilience paid off in the best way possible - his first ever 1st place Rumble title! A well deserved win and an amazing run from start to finish.

### Bronze # 2 Division Singles:

Raphaël Chartier of Rouyn-Noranda had an incredible run, going undefeated straight through the A-side and earning his place in the finals without dropping a single match. His steady focus and strong play made him the player to beat.

Waiting for him in the finals was Kip Starling from JW Billiards, who had the tough task of needing to beat Raphaël twice to take the title. Kip came out strong and managed to win the first set, forcing a sudden-death rematch. But Raphaël wasn't done yet. With composure and determination, he regrouped, took control of the final match, and secured the championship with a well-earned victory! A fantastic finish to a dominant performance!

### Bronze # 1 Division Singles:

There were 31 talented players battling it out in this bracket, each one fighting hard for their chance at the title. But when the day wrapped up, it was Stéphane Aubin from Ville-Marie who stood above the rest.

Stéphane put on an incredible display of skill and composure, going completely undefeated and running straight through the A-side without ever looking back. Match after match, he stayed focused, steady, and in control - a truly outstanding performance from start to finish. A huge congratulations to Stéphane on a well-earned victory!

### Silver Division Singles:

In a very strong division filled with top-notch competitors, Rouyn-Noranda's own Butch Marenger rose to the top and claimed the championship. Butch's weekend actually began on Wednesday evening, where he spent his time running a coaching clinic - sharing knowledge, helping players improve, and setting the tone for the days ahead. Come Thursday morning, bright and early, he shifted gears and began his journey in the Silver Division. With 28 skilled players in this category, the competition was fierce from the very first break. Butch battled through match after match with focus and determination, ultimately emerging as the 1st place champion in Silver. A fantastic performance and a well-deserved win!

### Open Division Singles:

This is the premier division of the Singles portion of the tournament, featuring some of the strongest competitors in the entire event. Two of the top contenders, Jason Boucher from North Bay and Michel Desroches from Rouyn-Noranda, put on an incredible show. Jason struck early in the day, handing Michel his first loss and sending him to the B-side. Michel then had to battle his way through a tough bracket, grinding out win after win to earn his spot back in the final. When the two met again for the championship, Michel faced the toughest scenario possible - he needed to defeat Jason twice in order to claim the overall title. And he did exactly that. Both sets were packed with intensity, high-precision shooting, and the level of skill you expect from the top division. Michel stayed composed, capitalized on every opportunity, and completed the double-dip to secure the championship. It was an outstanding finale between two exceptional players, and a performance from Michel that will be remembered for a long time.

### Hard Luck Bronze Singles

1st Place - James Poirier from Sudbury  
2nd Place - Pierre Whissell from Sudbury

### Hard Luck Copper Singles

1st Place - Donnie Hayward from Sault St Marie  
2nd Place - Martin Renaud from Rouyn-Noranda

## TEAM EVENTS

### Copper Division:

In this 29 Team Division, the finals came down to two outstanding teams. From North Bay, Shaft'em - featuring Greg Gilson, Ralph Loggie, Rob Guillemette and Tim Derosier - powered their way through the



# 8-Ball Rumble Titles Declared

bracket and secured their place in the championship match. Facing them was Les Borderline from Ville-Marie, with Réal Rivard, Dany Cousineau, Franic Brisson and Serge Royer, who also battled through their round-robin bracket with three strong wins to earn their spot in the finals. What followed was an incredibly tight and exciting showdown. The match went right down to the wire, with Les Borderline edging out the victory by the slimmest possible margin - 120 to 121 - and becoming the Copper Division Champions.

## Bronze Division:

The Bronze Division featured 24 Teams battling through round-robin brackets, all aiming for a spot in the 16-Team single-elimination finals. After a full day of tight matches and intense competition, it all came down to two North Bay teams: Rack & Roll - Perry Reid, Bruce Phillion, Fern Charette and Rob Cassidy - and Lady & The Tramps - Rob Barr, Joanne Lavallée, Leon Morgan and Virju Rauch. Lady & The Tramps topped their round-robin bracket, while Rack & Roll secured second in theirs, setting the stage for an exciting final showdown. The match lived up to the moment, filled with great shots. In the end, Rack & Roll emerged as the overall champions, claiming the Bronze Division title with an incredible performance.

## Silver Division:

Twelve teams battled across two round-robin brackets for a shot at the Silver Division title. The top eight teams from each bracket advanced to Sunday's single-elimination finals, where the intensity and level of play were outstanding. In the end, the championship came down to Uppercuts from Ville-Marie and Lots of Bottom from Sudbury. Uppercuts - featuring Stéphane Drouin, Joël Gaudet, Michel Gingras and Stéphane Aubin - finished fourth in their round-robin group but found another gear once they reached the playoff rounds. Their momentum grew match after match, earning them a well-deserved place in the finals. On the other side, Lots of Bottom - with Tyler Paradis, Manos Evangelou, Syed Mohsin Geelani and Yuvraj Bhatti - dominated early, finishing first in their bracket and carrying that strong performance straight into the playoffs.

What an incredible day of pool, with great sportsmanship, high pressure shot-making, and two exceptional teams rising to the top of a competitive Silver Division!



**Recreational Singles Champion:** Patsy Gallant (l) with Bonnie Zufelt



**Copper #2 Singles Champion:** Owen Lajambe (l) with Bonnie Zufelt



**Copper #1 Singles Champion:** Arjay Brisson(l) with Bonnie Zufelt



**Bronze#2 Singles Champion:** Raphael Chartier (l) with Bonnie Zufelt



**Bronze #1 Singles Champion:** Stéphane Aubin (l) with Bonnie Zufelt



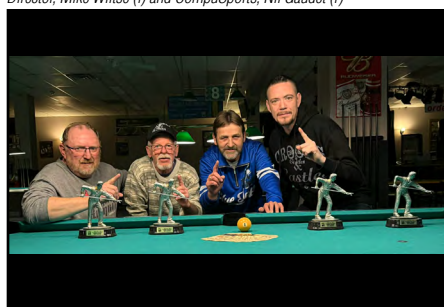
**Silver Singles Champion:** Butch Marenger



**Open Singles Champion:** Michel Desroches (c) with VNEA Executive Director, Mike Wiltse (l) and CompuSports, Nil Gaudet (r)



**Copper Team Champion:** Les Borderline



**Bronze Team Champion:** Rack & Roll



**Silver Team Champion:** Lots Of Bottom





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# The Doctor's In...

## Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman

The Doctor has been entertaining VNEA players for over 30 years and is one of the most knowledgeable instructors in the business. Tom is also known for his amazing trick shot artistry and hilarious shows around the country.



Back in 1974 I started promoting Artistic Pool ("trick shots and so much more") entertainment shows worldwide, while demonstrating the "twists & turns"/"dips & dives" of pocket billiards in a humorous and contagious "Dr. Cue" Table Trotter style!

The foundational concept of this special "art" is based on the Harlem Globetrotters and how they have performed thousands of times playing an entertaining form of basketball, seemingly missing over half of their shots, while doing humorous accents in action and word as professional "cover lines", so to speak. A few of these are: shooting a "free throw" with a basketball that just happens to be attached to a string – only to have the ball come right back from mid-flight to the shooter's hand, plus running toward the fans in the stands with a perceived "bucket of water" – only to have the thrown contents discovered as "confetti" – for a hilarious part of the show. Numerous dribbling and passing routines at the beginning of their performance, all to the fan-friendly music of Sweet Georgia Brown, creates a smooth-flowing attraction to magnetize the attention of the audience.



Table Trotter antics take on a similar role for the "doctor" as pool balls are perceived going directly into a pocket, but only to end up somewhere else with a "cover line" of "how difficult it is to stop the ball where it lands on the table" or when it pockets in the "side pocket" of "Dr. Cue's" pants. An assortment of "Dr. Cueisms" (cover lines that are mostly humorous) are used as needed on hundreds of shots to entertain, teach, and/or keep the show rolling right along. The overall genre / gift of "Table Trotter Art" has etched its mark in the billiard industry and beyond now for over 50 years. As a side note, the Harlem Globetrotters are still going strong after 100 years of their unique form of basketball entertainment and presentation of special sport skills.

Recently "Dr. Cue" was invited to a special event called the Table Trotter Nation Annual Gathering / Blind Draw Doubles Pool Tournament in Lee's Summit, Missouri. This special gathering of "Table Trotters" is primarily centered on normal pool shooting in a competitive situation. There are 8 Table Trotter teams in this part of the United States with close to 70 players within their ranks. Charlie Maize has organized this event and spearheaded the overall Table Trotter Team concept for many years now. He has invited "Dr. Cue" to demonstrate his original and on-going Table Trotter entertainment gifts and talents during the event, plus has encouraged him to play in the Doubles Pool Tournament, which is one more opportunity to "Play Skillfully With A Shout Of Joy" (Psalm 33:3).

If you have not already done so, I hope each of you may see the Harlem Globetrotters one day, plus you may experience some special table time with a Table Trotter (in competition) and / or enjoy the Table Trotter antics of "Dr. Cue" until next time (and beyond) when...

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### WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 • 2026

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Practice

### THURSDAY, JULY 23 • 2026

9:00 am Room Opens for Practice  
9:00 am - 11:00 am Singles Check-In  
Noon - 11:00 pm Regular Singles Begins

### FRIDAY, JULY 24 • 2026

9:00 am Sports Begins & Regular Singles continues  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm Redemption Begins  
1:30 pm Mini-Singles Competition  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Team Events Check-In  
7:00 pm Top Cat Challenge  
TBD Players Reception

### SATURDAY, JULY 25 • 2026

8:30 am Opening Ceremonies  
- *Singles Trophy Presentation*  
9:00 am Regular Team Competition Begins  
9:30 am Charter Holder Meeting  
1:00 pm - 5:45 pm Sports & Redemption  
Team Competition  
2:00 pm Referee Class  
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Scotch Doubles Sign-Up  
6:30 pm E<sup>2</sup>P Challenge  
7:00 pm Jr. Scotch Doubles Begins

### SUNDAY, JULY 26 • 2026

9:00 am Team Competition Finals  
Continual Awards Presentation

## Team Format

Teams will consist of three playing members who have competed in at least 6 junior league matches with the same Charter Holder. The 9 game round robin format will be used in the 8-ball team events. Each player will play each player from the opposing team once. The team with the most points at the end of the match will be declared the winner.

All divisions will be of the double elimination format with the finals bracket participants starting with zero losses subject to change based on entries.

***The Sports & Redemption Divisions will be Single Elimination.***

## Tie Breaker

If there is a tie in the Total Points at the end of the match, proceed as follows until a winner is decided...

- Play last round again, with the same match-ups, on the scoresheet/computer.
- Each Team will begin with zero points.
- Flip for first break and alternate thereafter.

## Singles Format

**Race** - 4 games/winners and losers

***The Sports & Redemption Divisions will be Single Elimination subject to change based on entries.***

All players must have competed in a minimum of 6 junior league matches. The double elimination format will be used.

## Substitution Rule

A team may substitute players during a match if the following criteria are met:

- The opposing team captain must be notified before the start of the round in which the substitution is being made.
- A substitute player will not be allowed to play any opposing player more than once.
- Once a player has played, he/she must keep that same position unless removed for a round and reinstated in a later round.

## Determining the Break

**Team:** Team captains will flip a coin prior to making the line-up. The winner of the coin toss has a chance of being home or visiting team. The home team will complete their line-up first each round. The teams will then break in accordance with the scoresheet.

**Singles:** Flip a coin to determine the first break and alternate thereafter.

## Official Scoresheet

The Home Scoresheet is the official scoresheet and will be used to settle any disputes. Both captains are responsible for the accuracy of the Home scoresheet after each game.

## 8-On-The-Break

If the 8-ball is pocketed on the break, the breaker may ask for a rerack or have the 8-ball spotted and continue shooting. If the breaker scratches while pocketing the 8-ball on the break, the opposing player has the option of a rerack or having the 8-ball spotted before beginning to shoot.

## Rack Your Own Breaks

- Various Rack Devices will **NOT** be allowed.

## Devices Are Not Allowed For Jump Shots

## Call Pocket

In Call Pocket, obvious balls and pockets do not have to be indicated. It is the opponent's right to ask which ball and pocket if he/she is unsure of the shot. Banks and combinations are not considered obvious and both the object ball and the pocket must be called. When calling the shot, it is NEVER necessary to indicate details such as the number of cushions, banks, kisses, caroms, etc. Any balls pocketed on a foul remain pocketed, regardless of whether they belong to the shooter or the opponent. If a shooter continually refuses to inform his opponent, even when asked, the captains or tournament officials should be informed. Continuous failure to verbally call the pocket can be ruled unsportsmanlike conduct.

## Team Roster

The "Official Team Roster" are the players listed on the Scoresheet/Computer.

## Illegal Team Player

Any Team determined to have listed a Team Member on the Tournament Scoresheet, for any match that has begun, that is not listed on the "Official Team Roster" will be penalized as follows...

- The Team will Forfeit any match in progress or any match completed before their next round begins and eliminated from any further Team competition.
- The Team will Forfeit any Prizes.

## Safeties

A Safety can be played within the definition of a legal shot.

## Start of Match

All matches will start at their posted time if the assigned table is available. If a player/players is absent, the match must still begin and the absent player/players will have until the end of that round to show up. If they are not there by the end of the round, the absent person/persons will lose that game 10-0. This rule is the same for all the rounds.

## Played Wrong Player

In the event that wrong people have played or are playing each other, the following procedure will be followed:

- If the game is completed, that score will be forwarded to the proper place that they are scheduled to play. That score will not count until it falls into the proper place.
- If the game is not completed, the captains will get the proper people to the table and restart the game.
- If a game is played between the same opponents for a second time during the match, the score of the second time does not count as long as the scoresheet is filled out properly prior to the round beginning.
- It is both team captain's responsibility to ensure that the proper players are playing each game before the round starts. Therefore, if one captain listed a player to play the same player a second time, the captains team who listed the wrong player will lose 10-0.

## End of Match

A match is considered over when a team can no longer mathematically win.

## Forfeits

### Team & Singles...

Be sure to read and be aware of the Forfeit Procedures that are posted in the Tournament Room.

## Scoring

If a game ends without a group of balls being legally determined, the winner receives ten points and the opponent receives zero points.

***Junior League players who have played in the VNEA World Championships in Las Vegas will not be eligible to compete in the 36th Annual International Junior Pool Championships.***

**Tournament Referees will be used and decisions will be final.**





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## All participants in the Int'l Junior Championships must comply with the following Dress Code:

1. *No Halter Tops • No Cut-Offs • No Swimwear • No Midriffs • No Tank Tops • No Tube Tops  
No Improper Verbiage • No Droopy Pants*
2. *All shorts must be clean, neat, presentable, hemmed and of proper length to be allowed.  
Rugged cut-offs will not be allowed.*
3. *All players, during their scheduled matches, will present themselves in a neat and clean appearance.*
4. *Tournament officials will have the right to ask any player or spectator not properly attired to leave the playing area.*
5. *Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or smoking in the Tournament Room.*
6. *Ear buds are not allowed during a match.*

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## PLEASE NOTE:

There will be absolutely no tournament entries accepted at the Tournament Site.

All participants will be required to submit a Tournament Release Form.

All participants must meet the various age requirements by **January 1, 2026** to compete in that division at the "36th Annual" International Championships.

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### MALE SINGLES

*(Approximately 80% Of Field)*

|             |                                         |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1st Place   | <b>\$300</b> , Onboard Jacket & Charlie |
| 2nd Place   | <b>\$200</b> & Charlie                  |
| 3rd Place   | <b>\$150</b> & Charlie                  |
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### FEMALE SINGLES

*(Approximately 20% Of Field)*

|             |                                         |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1st Place   | <b>\$150</b> , Onboard Jacket & Charlie |
| 2nd Place   | <b>\$100</b> & Charlie                  |
| 3rd Place   | <b>\$75</b> & Charlie                   |
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## REDEMPTION DIVISION

### TEAM

| <u>Finish</u> | <u>Award</u>        |
|---------------|---------------------|
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| 2nd Place     | Individual Charlies |

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### MALE SINGLES

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| 1st Place | Charlie |
| 2nd Place | Charlie |



### FEMALE SINGLES

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| 1st Place | Charlie |
| 2nd Place | Charlie |



## SPORTS DIVISION

### TEAM

| <u>Finish</u> | <u>Award</u>        |
|---------------|---------------------|
| 1st Place     | Individual Charlies |
| 2nd Place     | Individual Charlies |



### MALE SINGLES

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| 1st Place | Charlie |
| 2nd Place | Charlie |



### FEMALE SINGLES

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| 1st Place | Charlie |
| 2nd Place | Charlie |

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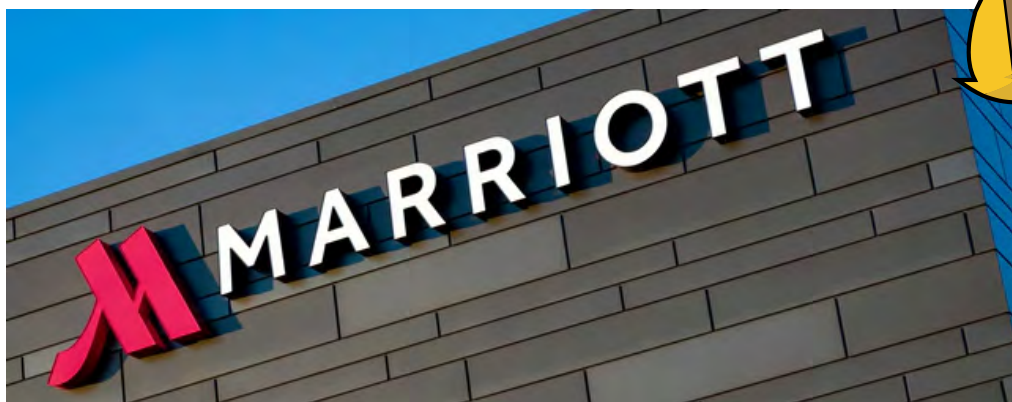
## 2026 HOTEL INFORMATION

**Marriott Booking Link:** <https://tinyurl.com/2s4zd75w>

(Use this link to book your rooms and be sure to mention you are with the VNEA Junior Pool Event)

**Warrior Booking Link:** <https://tinyurl.com/y4u9m2d4>

• *This Hotel Information Is Also Available At [VNEA.com](https://vnea.com)*





# ON-LINE PLAYER REGISTRATION DETAILS

All Junior Official Entries Summary Report, Official Entry Form Report and Fees must be returned to VNEA Headquarters by **July 1st, 2026** with accompanying statistics. Entries received without proper statistics will be returned.

## Registering Your Players

## ON-LINE REGISTRATION IS EASY, FAST & SECURE!

All Tournament Participants will be registered on-line, by Charter Holders, for the upcoming International Junior Championships

- Every Charter will login, create their own password and enter their own secure registration section.
- Once logged in, you will have access to your player base and can enter as many Entries as needed.
- All Stats and Payment will still be required to be mailed to VNEA Headquarters before entries are accepted.
- You will be able to and must print copies of all Entries for yourself and each Team Captain to take to the Tournament.
- Formal, easy, step-by-step instructions will be forwarded to all Charter Holders shortly.

All sanctioned players are eligible for Tournament competition providing they have played in a Junior League for a minimum of 6 league matches and are deemed an active player by their respective Charter Holders.

**Singles:** All Singles Divisions will be separated into female divisions and male divisions.

All participants must meet the various divisions age requirements by January 1, 2026 to compete in that division at the 36th Annual International Championships.

**NOTE:** Please be diligent in checking your players Team Names for appropriateness.

There will be no Entry Forms accepted after **July 1st, 2026** or at the Tournament site.

Entry Fees are **NOT** required for Tournament participation... ONLY Green/Admin. Fees.



## LIVE STREAMING

For the past several years, the VNEA has had the event STREAMING LIVE on the internet and will continue to LIVE STREAM this Tournament so all parent's, family and friends back home get a chance to see the Tournament in "real-time". *Stay tuned for updated details.*

## DICK HAWKINS "ALL-STAR" TEAM

VNEA will recognize its "*Best Players Of The Weekend*". The Top Girls and Top Boys will be awarded the distinction of "**2026 VNEA All-Stars**". For all of his contributions to the program, this award has been named to honor original member and founder of D & R Star - **Dick Hawkins**.



## JERRY BRIESATH "SPORTSMANSHIP" AWARD



If you've been to any of our Junior events throughout the years, you will have seen Jerry Briesath at his table helping the kids improve their game. Jerry is one of the leading pool instructors in the world.

This award is given to the Player or Team that shows class and integrity throughout the event through wins and losses, good shots and bad. This award honors our always good sport - **Jerry Briesath**.

## TEAM UNIFORM AWARD COMPETITION

One of the most fun events at the Junior Championships is the **Team Uniform** competition. All of our 3-Person Teams are required to wear matching team shirts. But many of our teams go above and beyond just matching. Some of our team shirts are homemade by the kids. Most include the kids names as well as their team name. But others also sport Charlie Cougar, the VNEA Logo, their Charter Holder along with other creative graphics. All of these teams are vying for the coveted **VNEA Team Uniform Awards**!





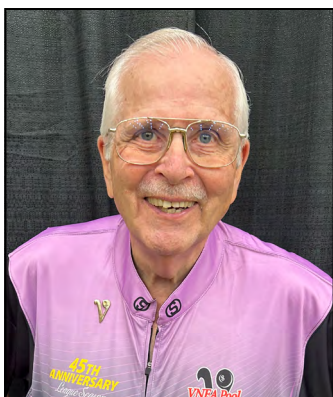
# VNEA PROFESSIONALS

## INSTRUCTION, TRICK SHOTS, ENTERTAINING SHOWS



**JERRY BRIESATH** has long been considered the very best Billiards Instructor in the business. His decades of experience make Jerry one of the most sought after teachers in our sport today. Jerry has spent countless hours at our events teaching our players everything from the proper stance and stroke to the “diamond system”. He loves to teach and it shows by the smiling faces that surround his table.

And his “one-on-one” teaching approach has proven to be his trademark as players get that special attention and hands-on training that pool requires. Jerry has always said, *“Come see me and let me help you improve your game”*.



**TOM “DR. CUE” ROSSMAN** is a World Renown “Artistic Pool” Champion. Tom introduced “Artistic Pool” to the VNEA nearly 30 years ago and has been entertaining and challenging our players ever since. Tom is also a staple at both our Vegas and Junior Championships and brings an incredible amount of excitement and FUN to the game of pool by adding his own “comedic flair” to everything he does! Tom’s sense of humor is legendary and he includes it in whatever he does from teaching to trick shots to challenge matches. Although Tom is known for his amazing trick shot artistry and hilarious shows, he is also one of the most knowledgeable instructors in the business with a pure grasp on the “diamond system” which he beautifully translates to our lucky players. You will never meet a nicer and more genuine man than Tom Rossman.



**DAVE “GINGER WIZARD” PEARSON** A Master of Speed Pool, Dave holds several Guinness World Records for his rapid-paced racks! Dave played professionally in England prior to coming to the states and is truly one of the most remarkably skilled pool players in the world. He also is a huge sponsor of both our Vegas and Junior Championships and actually donates his own brand of cues (Pearson Cues) to both events making Dave one of the most generous professionals in our sport. When you see Dave in S. Sioux City, be sure to go up and say hello. There are 3 things that you can be sure of... you will be greeted with a smile, you will learn something and you will walk away with a smile on your face!



**SHANE VAN BOENING** also known as “The South Dakota Kid”, re-joined the VNEA Family in 2019 as our Professional Player Representative proudly wearing the VNEA Logo on his Tournament shirts and spreading the word of the VNEA to the world! In Shane’s early pool career, he could be seen playing in the VNEA Junior Program and then eventually the VNEA Adult Program including the Vegas Championships. Shane has always supported the VNEA and is extremely eager to become an integral part of growing our ever-popular Junior Program. He truly understands that the kids are the future of our great sport. Shane has been attending and performing at both the Vegas and Junior Championships and always looks forward to meeting all of our players and sharing his knowledge and experiences with the VNEA World!



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## ATTENTION POOL PLAYERS

### OFFICIAL HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM



NAME OF VNEA HALL OF FAME "NOMINEE"

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SUBMITTER'S TELEPHONE #

Thousands of pool players have displayed their talents in VNEA Leagues throughout the U.S. and abroad since the inception of the VNEA in 1980. Our players are all very important.

However, not all of these players will ever join the ranks of **Shane VanBoening**, Fedor Gorst or Kelly Fisher. But, a handful of them possess an incomparable desire to accomplish goals that far exceed an average pool players expectations. For these extraordinary players, and also players with other special skills, the VNEA Hall of Fame was created in 1993. With 155 fine members already in place, the Hall promises to be a fraternity of honor and excellence.

If you believe that a player in your league system is deserving of being titled a Hall of Famer, we encourage you to complete this Official Ballot and return it to VNEA Headquarters by January 15th, 2026. Taking into consideration the comments on your ballots, the Awards Committee will choose the most deserving players for the Hall. Those who are chosen will be highlighted in a future issue of "8-Ball News & Views". Be sure to return "your nomination" TODAY!

#### Take This Opportunity To Nominate!

With nearly 100,000 league players in the VNEA, only 5 new members will forever be etched in our prestigious history books.

Please attach a Separate Sheet to list Nominee's qualifications!





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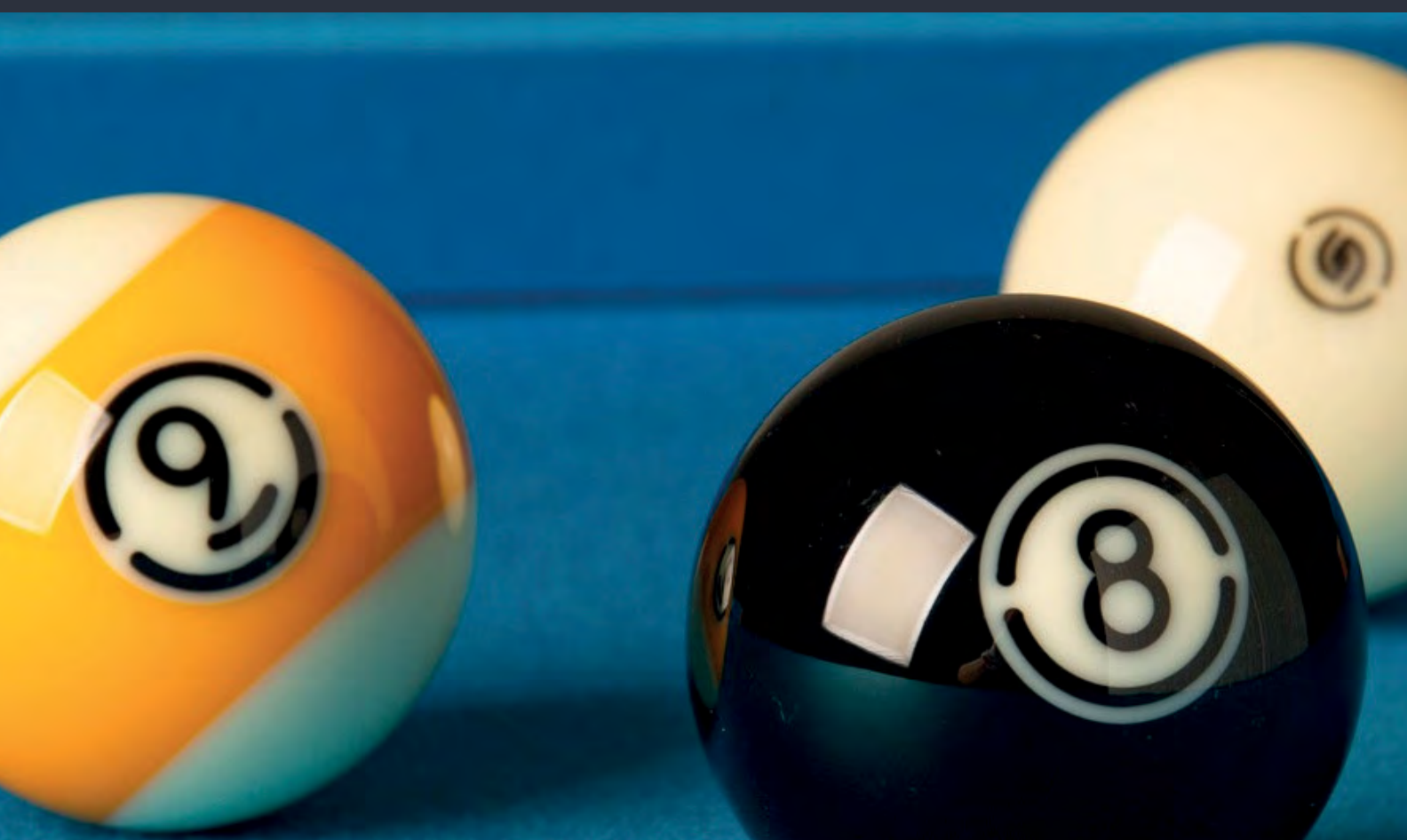
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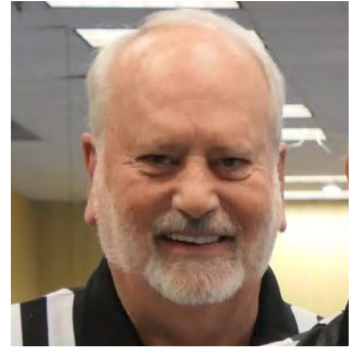




# Focus On The Rules

## What's Your Call?

Veteran VNEA Referee, **Fred Johnson**, creatively explains many common questions that frequently arise during VNEA League play. Fred is also a long-time working referee at our World Championships.



### NEW RULE - THE 8-BALL MARKER IS GONE!

Snooker and Carom are playing 8-Ball. Snooker has run the table and is on the 8-Ball with a straight-in shot into the corner pocket. Snooker simply leans over the table shoots the 8-Ball into the obvious pocket without marking the pocket for the 8-Ball. Carom leaps to her paws and declares a foul and loss of game. Snooker does not acknowledge a foul and does not acknowledge that he has lost the game. Quite the contrary, Snooker claims that he has won, and under the new Rule, he doesn't have to mark the pocket for the 8-Ball. You are called to the table as the Referee to decide the issue. **You Make The Call!**

Effective July 1, 2025, the Rule requiring the marking/patching of the pocket for the 8-Ball has been eliminated. The original Rule which was in the 3rd paragraph of Rule D. GAME has been modified as follows:

***"When a player has pocketed all of the balls in his group, he then shoots at the 8-ball."***

Snooker says that marking/patching the pocket for the 8-Ball has gone away, and that there isn't any requirement to mark the pocket. Carom says that you always have to mark the pocket for the 8-Ball. **Who is correct?**

The VNEA has "Call Pocket" which is found in the 1st paragraph of Rule D. GAME. In "Call Pocket", obvious balls and pockets do not have to be indicated. So **IF** it is an **OBVIOUS SHOT**, then a player does not have to mark the pocket for the 8-Ball. Therefore, here, Snooker has won the game.

However, if the shot **IS NOT OBVIOUS**, then the pocket must be called. If the shot is not obvious, (and note that the Rule specifically says Banks and Combinations are not considered obvious), the pocket must be called, or it will be a loss of game. Here, if Snooker was banking the 8-Ball across to the side pocket, and Snooker did not call the pocket, Snooker would have lost the game. The opponent still has the right to ask which pocket if he is unsure of the shot.

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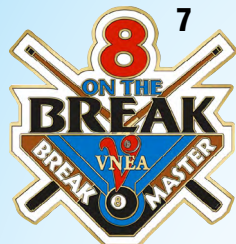
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## **VNEA SPONSORS**







1. **VNEA Sanction Patch/Pin**
2. **League Champion Chevron/Pin**  
This is available for the members of the first place team in each league.
3. **Most Improved Player Patch**  
This award is available for one player in each league who has shown marked improvement over their previous season.
4. **Most 10/0 Games Pin**
5. **Most 10's In A Season Pin**
6. **Most 10's Consecutively Pin**  
Those players who accomplish the Most 10's, Most 10/0 Games and Most 10's Consecutively in a season will be awarded these unique Most 10 Pins. These pins are great additions to anyone's award collection.
7. **Break Master Pin**  
It's when a player gets their first, fifth or tenth 8-On-The-Break or maybe you give it to the player who achieved the most on a team... It's up to you!
8. **Most 8-On The Break Pin**  
For the player in your league who has accomplished the most 8-on the breaks.
9. **ERO Pin**  
VNEA offers to its players this very attractive 8-Ball Run-Out pin for their individual effort.
10. **Most ERO's Pin**  
One per league. For the player who achieves the most 8-ball run-outs during the season.
11. **Table Run Pin**  
A players first time at the table and they run out and win but all 15 balls do not need to be on the table when their first turn begins.
12. **Perfect Match Pin**  
When a player holds their opponent scoreless in a league match.
13. **Perfect Attendance Pin**  
To be eligible for this award a player must have played every scheduled night of the league.
14. **League MVP Pin**  
Awarded to the player who has escalated to the top of their league.
15. **9 & 10 Average Pins**  
Awarded to those players who end the league season with a 9 or 10 Avg.
16. **Sportsmanship Pin**  
Awarded to the player showing the qualities of a true sportsperson throughout the league season.
17. **Captain's Pin**   
Available to the Captain of each league team.
18. **Most Consecutive 9-Ball Wins**
19. **Most 9-Ball Wins Pin**
20. **Most 9-Ball Shut Outs Pin**
21. **Most 9's On The Break Pin**  
These 9-Ball awards are available for one player in each league who achieves each of these feats at the end of the season.
22. **5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 Year Member Patches**  
These longevity awards are to thank your players for their continued support and dedication to the VNEA.
23. **Charlie Cougar Pin**
24. **VNEA Pool Leagues Pin**

# '26 VNEA WORLD POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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# General Information **For You & Your Players**

**CHAMPIONSHIP DATES:** May 21st - 30th, 2026

**EVENT SITE:** Westgate Resort & Casino • Las Vegas, NV

**WESTGATE RESERVATIONS:** Visit **VNEA.com** to book a discounted room.

## General Tournament Information

### All participants in World's Competition:

- a. Must be deemed an active player by his/her Charter Holder.
- b. Must be able to show a pictured I.D. for positive identification and prize money disbursements.
- c. Are subject to random I.D. checks for eligibility purposes.
- d. All players must have a Qualifying CSR (12 separate days of league play) at the time of Tournament registration.  
If a USA or Canadian player does not have a CSR, they will be placed in the **National Level** unless "known ability" places them higher.

**There will be absolutely no tournament entries accepted at Tournament Site.**

**Exception:** Mini-Tournaments & Mixed Scotch Doubles.

*Players may be listed on more than one teams roster, for precautionary purposes. However, the first team that any player shoots for, is the only team that player is allowed to play for.*

### Tournament Dress Code

All participants in the World Championships must comply with the following Dress Code:

***No Midriffs • No Cut-Offs • No Swimwear • No Tube Tops  
No Tank Tops • No Improper Verbiage • No Droopy Pants***

All shorts must be clean, neat, presentable, hemmed and of proper length to be allowed. Rugged cut-offs will not be allowed.

All players, during their scheduled matches, will present themselves in a neat and clean appearance.

Tournament Officials will have the right to ask any player not properly attired to leave the playing area.

**Be sure to dress appropriately to avoid delays, disqualifications or forfeited games during your Singles and/or Team matches.**

### Age Requirement

All players must be of legal drinking age to play in the licensed establishment where the qualifying league is played **AND** are at least 18 years of age.

***All prize money winners must be 21 years old to cash their winnings at the Westgate Casino Cage.***

# TOURNAMENT REMINDERS, CHANGES & NEW!

## NEW...

### CSR Rating System: **What Is It?**

- The CSR system assigns a numerical rating to players based on their performance in league and tournament matches that use the CompuSport software.
- The rating is between 1000 (Beginner) and 2200. (Professional)
- Each CSR has an accuracy of the rating (Between 1 and 5 stars, the higher the better)

### How Is A New Player Rated?

- When a player starts, their CSR is calculated using the CSR of their opponents combined with their performance in those matches. As they continue to play, their CSR adjusts automatically to reflect their ongoing results, becoming more accurate over time.
- Each week, a formula is used on each game result to determine points to add or remove to each player's CSR. The formula uses the accuracy of each rating, the odds to win, and the results of the game. (Win or lose, flawless game)
- For each game, the current rating (and accuracy) of each player is used to determine the odds of winning. The higher your odds of winning, the less impact the win will have on the rating.
- To prevent manipulation, the CSR rating calculation is done so it cannot move rapidly over a few weeks. This means a player can't lose a bunch of games before a tournament to make the CSR lower.

### Non-International & Canadian Players without a Qualified CSR...

- **Women:** will be assigned a 1651 CSR and will play in the **National Level** Singles
- **Men:** will be assigned an 1801 CSR and will play in the **National Level** Singles
- **Classic/Senior Women:** will be assigned a 1625 CSR and will play in the **Entertainment Level** Singles
- **Classic/Senior Men:** will be assigned a 1775 CSR and will play in the **Entertainment Level** Singles  
*(Known Ability could place players in a Higher Level (Tournament Committee Discretion))*

### International Players...

- All players must have a Qualified CSR.

### Frozen CSR...

- All players CSR will be FROZEN as of April 14th to determine what Level they will participate in.
- 12 weeks of play must be completed by date of Frozen CSR to know what Level to enter at Registration Date.

### Qualified CSR...

- Players must play a minimum of 12 separate league days to establish a Qualified CSR.

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## CHANGES...

Open & Women's Teams must be comprised of players from within their Charter Holder's League System (same C-H #).

**Original league team players are no longer required.** You may now play with anyone within your Charter Holder's League System, however, your Team CSR Total will determine which Level you will participate in.

**Classic / Senior Ages:** Classic Women - 50; Classic Men - 55; Senior Men/Women: 65

*(All ages are determined as of date of event start)*



# TOURNAMENT REMINDERS, CHANGES & NEW!

## PLAYER/TEAM ADDITIONS & CHANGES:

### **"PRIOR" TO MAY 1ST, 2026...**

Player Changes and/or Team Member Changes must be e-mailed to **info@vnea.com** and must include accurate player stats showing at least (12) separate league days of play. These new updates will be reviewed and the player/team will be placed in the proper skill level.

### **"AFTER" MAY 1ST, 2026...**

**Any Additions or Changes after May 1st will include a \$25 Late Fee for each event.**

Player Changes and/or Team Member Changes must be e-mailed to **info@vnea.com** and must include accurate player stats showing at least (12) separate league days of play.

Team Player changes must be rated equal to or less than the players they are replacing. If teams list more than (5) Open and (4) Women, the highest 5 or 4 players CSR's will be used to determine Level placement and will not change with player changes. Changes will not lower or raise the Level the Team entered in.

VNEA Headquarters will determine when they will no longer accept additions or changes. However, last minute Singles and Team changes may be made by the Charter Holder in Las Vegas at the posted dates and times, if applicable.

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In addition to meeting VNEA's standard eligibility requirements, players must also comply with the following:

1. **All players must be entered with their highest known CSR at the time of Registration**  
**Frozen Date:** This is the responsibility of the Charter Holder and any duplicate Profiles must be merged in order for the entry to be accepted. Accuracy of player abilities are dependent upon the proper submission and documentation from the Charter Holder.
2. **Player ability assessment may be determined by the Tournament Committee by any of the following criteria:**
  - a. Player Skill Rating (CSR)
  - b. Review of previous VNEA Tournament performances both locally and at World's.
  - c. Examination of overall Local League Ratings.
  - d. Known Ability

***All decisions made by the Tournament Committee are final.***

**True 2nd Chance Events: (Sports & Redemption)** With all players entering a Level with their Qualified CSR, the abilities should be comparable. Therefore, as the 2nd Chance events are created, they will be a true test of equitable Teams competing for cash, titles and prizes.

# 46th Annual Schedule of Events

**NOTE...** All times are approximate times only.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026

3:00 pm - 10:00 pm Mini Tournaments

3:00 pm - 10:00 pm Mixed Scotch Doubles Sign-Ups

## THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026

7:00 am - 8:00 am Mixed Scotch Doubles Sign-Ups

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

**9:00 am Mixed Scotch Doubles Begins**

**1:00 pm - 7:00 pm** Certified Instructor Seminar

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Singles questions, concerns, etc. Players listed in computer at control stage simply need to show at their scheduled match.

TBA Mixed Scotch Doubles Finals

## FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

7:00 am - 7:30 am 9-Ball Singles questions, concerns, etc.

**8:00 am 9-Ball Singles Competition Begins**

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm 8-Ball Singles questions, concerns, etc. Players listed in computer at control stage simply need to show at their scheduled match.

TBA 9-Ball Sports Singles Begins

TBA 9-Ball Redemption Singles Begins

## SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

7:00 am - 7:30 am 8-Ball Singles questions, concerns, etc.

**8:00 am 8-Ball Singles Competition Begins**

10:30 am - 11:30 am C-H Gathering For New Charters

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**

TBA 8-Ball Sports Singles Begins

## SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

8:00 am 8-Ball Singles Competition Continues  
(includes Sports)

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Noon - 4:00 pm Dr. Cue Finals #1

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

TBA 8-Ball Redemption Singles Begins

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**

TBA Singles Finals

TBA Mixed Scotch Doubles Finals

## MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026

TBA 8-Ball & 9-Ball Finals

TBA World Team Competition

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**

Noon - 2:00 pm Cert. Inst. Recertification Class

Noon - 6:00 pm Team questions, concerns, etc. Teams listed in computer at control stage simply need to show at their scheduled match.

(Annual patches, pins, luggage tags, programs can be picked up at the VNEA Booth)

2:00 pm Certified Referee School

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**

7:30 pm Opening Ceremonies

*Suds & Chips Mixer, Parade Of Flags*

*Hall Of Fame Induction*

*Singles Awards Presentation*

*Free Beer, Pop & Chips (limited quantity)*

*Cash Bar / Entertainment*

## TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026

7:30 am - 8:30 am Team questions, concerns, etc.

**9:00 am National, Entertainment & Amateur Levels Team Competition Begins**

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

10:30 am - 11:30 am C-H Gathering For New Charters

Noon - 3:00 pm Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**

**2:00 pm Valley Level Team Competition Begins**

4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Players Party In Charlie's Lounge

7:00 pm Play The Pro Ladies (Charlie's Lounge)

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

9:00 am - Noon Mini-Charter Holder FUNShop

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Hall of Famers Party

TBA Team Sports Competition Begins

7:00 pm Play The Pro Ladies (Charlie's Lounge)

## THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026

8:00 am Executive Committee Meeting

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

10:00 am - Noon & 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Pro Ladies Coaching Academy

10:00 am - 2:00 pm Dr. Cue Finals #2

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

Times Posted On-Site: Daily Raffle

TBA Team Redemption Competition Begins

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**  
(includes Team)

7:00 pm President's Reception  
Meritorious Service Award

## FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026

8:30 am - 11:00 am CompuSport Seminar

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

10:00 am - Noon & 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Pro Ladies Coaching Academy

Times Posted On-Site: Mini Tournaments

TBA Hardluck Competition

Noon Charter Holders Meeting

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**

5:00 pm Cues for Kids Giveaways @ VNEA Booth

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**

TBA Team Finals

## SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

10:00 am - Final Match Prize Money & **Charlie's Available**

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Cocktails, Banquet, Awards,

Constant Giveaways & Entertainment

8:01 pm Curtain Call & Goodbye's

## CHARLIE AWARDS:

If you won a Charlie Trophy, you can pick it up with your Prize Money Check during Payout Hours or ANYTIME the VNEA Booth is OPEN!

ALL Charlie recipients will be honored at the Opening Ceremonies on 5/25 and Awards Banquet on 5/30. BE SURE TO ATTEND FOR SPECIAL RECOGNITION!



# Westgate Hotel & Casino

## Room Reservations:

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## Charter Holders **Read Carefully**

The VNEA offers numerous **LEVELS** at the World Championships in Las Vegas so all of your league players have the option of participating and competing at the annual extravaganza.

The VNEA takes very seriously the entrants in each LEVEL by implementing computer audits to detect individuals that are incorrectly entered.

However, due to name changes, incorrect spellings, human error and other factors the system is not always 100% fool proof.

Therefore, the Tournament Committee is hereby notifying all Charter Holders that the VNEA will still strongly monitor all entrants but it is the ultimate responsibility of the Charter Holder, prior to submitting entries, to be sure all of their players are entered into the proper LEVELS.

Charter Holders found to have entered players in improper LEVELS will be punished in accordance with the World Championships Policies & Procedures.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter so that we will continue to provide the fairest, most equitable, competitive annual event for our sanctioned league players.

**We are conducting the “13th Annual VNEA World Team Championship” this year during our VNEA Championships.**

*This exciting event will match “top players” from every country represented at our tournament. Teams will compete against each other in a 1-Day “Battle Royale”! The winning country will claim the coveted **World Cup** and **NEW Championship Belt** and be proclaimed **VNEA WORLD CHAMPIONS** for the entire year!*

*Each team will consist of (4) players from their home country and it will be a single-elimination format.*

*Make your plans to be in “**THE OMEGA**” Finals Arena (Monday, May 25th) to support your country in this “fan-friendly” and “fun-filled” event.*

### **Previous World Team Champions:**

2012 (Portugal); 2013 (Germany); 2014 (Australia); 2015 (Portugal); 2016 (Germany); 2017 (Germany); 2018 (Canada); 2019 (New Zealand); 2022 (USA); 2023 (Canada); 2024 (Canada); **2025 (USA)**



# Vegas Rules, Format, etc.

The governing rules of play are detailed in the 2025-2026 VNEA Rules Booklet and will be strictly adhered to along with the following:

## Team Format

The 25 game round robin format will be used in the Open 8-Ball team events. The 16 game round robin format will be used in the Women's 8-Ball team events. Each player will play each player from the opposing team once. The team with the most points at the end of the match will be declared the winner.

- All National, Entertainment & Amateur Level Team events will be played using a Double Elimination format in the qualifying brackets. Finals brackets will be re-drawn with participants starting with no losses and will also be Double Elimination.

- **The Sports Division will be Double Elimination and will consist of 5-Person Open Teams (25 Game Format) and 4-Person Women's Teams (16 Game Format).**

- **The Redemption Division will be Single Elimination and will consist of 4-Person Open Teams (16 Game Format) and 3-Person Women's Teams (9 Game Format).**

- For Sports & Redemption Teams, all players MUST be listed on the **Original "Official Team Roster"**.

- Valley Level Team events will be using the **Triple Elimination** format. The Finals will be **Double Elimination**.

## Tie Breaker

If there is a tie in the Total Points at the end of the match, proceed as follows until a winner is decided...

- Play last round again, with the same match-ups, on the scoresheet.
- Each Team will begin with zero points.
- Flip for first break and alternate thereafter.

## Singles Format

(exception: Redemption Divisions)

All Singles events will be played using a Double Elimination format in the qualifying brackets. Finals brackets will be re-drawn with participants starting with no losses and will also be Double Elimination. **See pg. 54 for all Levels Races.**

## Substitution Rule

A team may substitute players during a match if the following criteria are met:

The opposing team captain must be notified before the start of the round in which the substitution is being made.

A substitute player will not be allowed to play any opposing player more than once.

Once a player has played, he/she must keep that same position unless removed for a round and reinstated in a later round.

## Determining the Break

### Teams...

Team captains will flip a coin prior to making the line-up. The winner of the coin toss has a choice of being home or visiting team. The home team will complete their line-up first each round. The teams will then break in accordance with the scoresheet.

### Singles...

Flip a coin to determine the first break and alternate thereafter.

## Table Use

Teams will play on two tables at all times, until the 25th game (25 game format) or 16th game (16 game format). It will be the Tournament Director's discretion to play matches on more than 2 tables if time is a factor.

## Official Scoresheet

The Home Scoresheet is the official scoresheet and will be used to settle any disputes. Both captains are responsible for the accuracy of the Home scoresheet after each game.

## Devices Are Not Allowed For Jump Shots

## 8-On the Break

If the 8-Ball is pocketed on the break, the breaker may ask for a re-rack or have the 8-Ball spotted and continue shooting. If the breaker scratches while pocketing the 8-Ball on the break, the opposing player has the option of a re-rack or having the 8-Ball spotted before beginning to shoot.

## Rack Your Own Breaks

(Various Rack Devices will NOT be allowed)

## Call Pocket

In Call Pocket, obvious balls and pockets do not have to be indicated. It is the opponent's right to ask which ball and pocket if he is unsure of the shot. Banks and combinations are not considered obvious and both the object ball and pocket must be called. When calling the shot, it is NEVER necessary to indicate details such as the number of cushions, banks, kisses, caroms, etc. Any balls pocketed on a foul remain pocketed, regardless of whether they belong to the shooter or the opponent. If a shooter continually refuses to inform his opponent, even when asked, the captains or tournament officials should be informed. Continuous failure to verbally call the pocket can be ruled unsportsmanlike conduct.

## Team Roster

The **"Official Team Roster"** are the players listed on the scoresheet/computer.

## Illegal Team Player

Any Team determined to have listed a Team Member on the Tournament Scoresheet, for any match that has begun, that is not listed on the "Official Team Roster" will be penalized as follows...

- The Team will Forfeit any match in progress or any match completed before their next round begins and eliminated from any further Team competition.
- The Team will Forfeit any Prize Money.

## Safeties

A Safety can be played within the definition of a legal shot.

## Start of Match

All matches will start at their posted time if the assigned table is available.

Once at the table, please scan the QR Code on the table to alert your opponent that you are at the table and ready to start the match.

If a player/players is absent, the match must still begin and the absent player/players will have until the end of that round to show up. If they are not there by the end of the round, the absent person/persons will lose that game 10-0. This rule is the same for all the rounds.

## Played Wrong Player

In the event that wrong people have played or are playing each other, the following procedure will be followed:

- If the game is completed, that score will be forwarded to the proper place that they are scheduled to play. That score will not count until it falls into the proper place.
- If the game is not completed, the captains will get the proper people to the table and restart the game.
- If a game is played between the same opponents for a second time during the match, the score of the second time does not count as long as the scoresheet is filled out properly prior to the round beginning.

It is both team captain's responsibility to ensure that the proper players are playing each game before the round starts. Therefore, if one captain listed a player to play the same player a second time, the captains team who listed the wrong player will lose 10-0.

## End of Match

A match is considered over when a team can no longer mathematically win.

## Forfeits

**Team...** All Teams must be at their assigned tables at their assigned match time. If a Team is not at their assigned tables **5 minutes** after their posted start time, the opposing Team will call a referee to the table and the missing Team will be notified via CompuSport App and will have **10 minutes** to show up at the table. At the end of **10 minutes**, the Team who is present will recall the referee and the match will be forfeited if the missing Team is not present. In the event that enough team members, but less than the full team, are available when the match is called, then those present must begin shooting. **If the table is not available, you must report to the control desk.**

**Singles...** All players must be at their assigned table at their assigned match time. If a player is not at their assigned table **5 minutes** after their posted start time, the opponent will call a referee to the table and the missing player will be notified via CompuSport App and will have **10 minutes** to show up at the table. At the end of **10 minutes**, the player who is present will recall the referee and the match will be forfeited if the missing player is not present. **If the table is not available, you must report to the control desk.**

## Protest Procedure

In the event a person or team wishes to protest a player's or a team's eligibility, the protesting team or person will be required to deposit \$100 with tournament officials. If protesters are correct in their protest, they will be refunded their deposit and the tournament officials will take proper measures in dealing with the situation. If protesters are incorrect in their protest, they will forfeit their deposit. Deposits will go into the general funds of the VNEA.

## Classics & Seniors

Entrants in the 8-Ball Classics or Seniors Singles cannot play in any other 8-Ball singles and entrants in the 9-Ball Classics or Seniors Singles cannot play in any other 9-Ball Singles.

Seniors can play in either Classics or Seniors - **not both**.

**Classics:** (age as of event day)

**Age: Men - 55 years old minimum**  
**Women - 50 years old minimum**



**Seniors:** (age as of event day)

**Age: Men & Women - 65 years old minimum**

## Scoring

If a game ends without a group of balls being legally determined, the winner receives ten points and the opponent receives zero points.







## **Room Reservations**

Go to **VNEA.com** and click on the **Westgate Room Reservation** button to avoid any Daily Resort charges or Offline charges.

**Special Player Daily Rate Including**  
Resort Fee Benefits & Up To Quad Occupancy

**As Low As \$87!**

**Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino** is the host of the Annual VNEA World Championships. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

**Please note:** Upon booking your reservation, your credit card will be charged a deposit equal to one night's room and tax. **To avoid forfeiture of deposit, please ensure all changes and cancellations are made at least 3 days prior to scheduled arrival date.** Payment will be accepted by check or major credit card. We recommend immediately booking your reservation as we anticipate our room block to fill up quickly.

**Check-In: 3 pm • Check-Out: 11 am**

All reservations subject to local room tax.

(The Daily Resort Fee and Amenities are included in the nightly room rate)

Discounted Room Rates will continue to be available until 5.4.26 and must be accompanied by a one-night room and tax deposit.

# "46th Annual" VNEA World Pool Championships

May 21st - 30th, 2026  
Westgate Las Vegas



## A Great Resort For Your Favorite Sport! *Here's A Sneak Peek At What Is Awaiting YOU...*

- **300+ Valley Pool Tables** at our Largest Tournament Venue EVER!
- **Opening Ceremonies Featuring:** Worldwide Parade of Flags, Complimentary Beer, Pop & Chips, Entertainment & Giveaways
- **Awards Banquet Celebration Finale:** Loads of Giveaways including... 2027 Worlds Singles Entries, Tons of CA\$H, a Valley Home Pool Table, Cuesticks, Entertainment and much, much more.
- **VNEA Pro Player Representative - Shane VanBoening** (Tr. Schedule Permitting)
- **Daily Giveaways:** Poolside Cabana's, Show Tickets, Sponsors Giveaways, Aramith Ball Sets, Buckets of Beer AND MORE!
- **Valley Home Pool Table Giveaways**

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**As Low As \$87!**



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[Westgate Room Reservations](#)





# WESTGATE

## The Westgate Experience...

### *So Many Benefits For Our Players*

The Westgate offers 100,000 square feet of event space! This allows us to set up 300+ Tables including an entire separate room for **Practice** throughout the week **AND...**

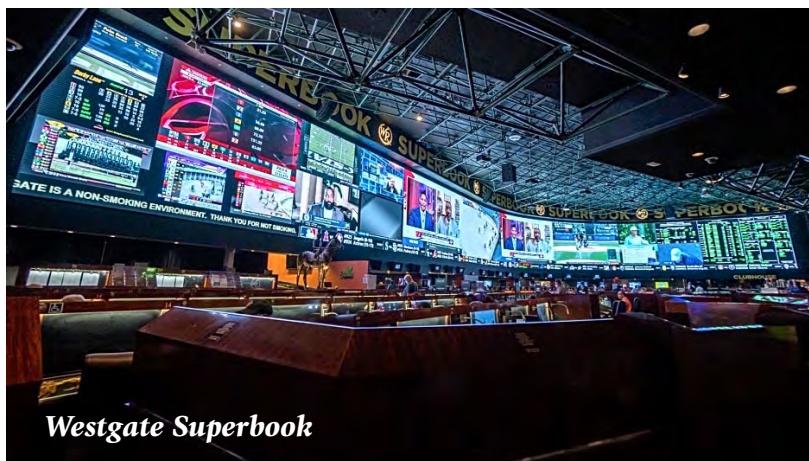
### **A MINI-TOURNAMENT OASIS!**

Unlimited Mini-Tournaments will now be conducted **EVERYDAY... ALL DAY** during the event!

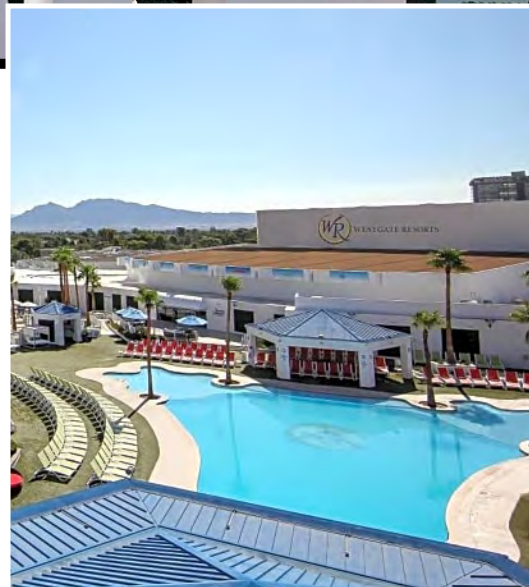
Check This Out: *A Fully Stocked Players Lounge **INSIDE** The Tournament Room!* Yep, our own private Lounge & Bartender featuring great drink prices, giveaways and Entertainment!

**Also**, there are several Shops available for everyday items to Souvenirs to one-of-a-kind items to a Tattoo of Charlie or your preferred body art!

### *And Have You Seen The Sportsbook?!*



The Westgate is also a primary stop on the popular Monorail which provides affordable transportation up and down the Strip! There is also a Complimentary Shuttle service which goes to the Strip or Downtown which is only a few minutes away. The resort also provides Complimentary Parking, Fitness Center and Wireless Internet to its guests.



## The Pool...

The 3rd Story "**Pool Paradise**" has everything our players could ever ask for... including a **BAR & GRILLE!**

## The Dining...



Westgate features some of the best eateries in the city from their famous Benihana Village to the Edge Steakhouse, Rikki Tiki Sushi, Sid's Cafe and Fresco Italiana! There really is something for everyone's appetite in this beautiful casino.

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## 2026 VNEA World's Travel Discounts!





# EXPLANATION OF VEGAS CSR LEVELS

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## **V** – VALLEY LEVEL

**WELCOME TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN!**

THIS DIVISION CONSISTS OF THE MOST HIGHLY SKILLED PLAYERS IN THE VNEA LEAGUE SYSTEM.

PLAYERS IN THE VALLEY LEVEL HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO COMPETE AGAINST THE VERY BEST THAT VNEA HAS TO OFFER AND CLAIM THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS WORLD TITLES!

## **N** – NATIONAL LEVEL

**ONE STEP FROM THE TOP!**

PLAYERS IN THE NATIONAL LEVEL HAVE SERIOUS GAME. THEY'VE PROVEN THEMSELVES IN TOUGH LOCAL, STATE/PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND KNOW HOW TO STAY COOL UNDER PRESSURE.

THESE PLAYERS MIGHT NOT BE AT THE ABSOLUTE TOP JUST YET, BUT THEY'RE NOT FAR OFF – AND THEY'VE GOT THE EXPERIENCE AND MINDSET TO PLAY ANYONE!

## **E** – ENTERTAINMENT LEVEL

**WE'RE HERE TO COMPETE, BUT LET'S HAVE FUN!**

THIS DIVISION CONSISTS OF TALENTED POOL PLAYERS WHO LOVE WHAT VNEA LEAGUES OFFER FROM COMPETITION TO CAMARADERIE TO A FUN-FILLED NIGHT OUT WITH THEIR FRIENDS! PLAYERS IN THE ENTERTAINMENT LEVEL ARE COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THEIR SKILL LEVELS THROUGH CONSISTENT AND DEDICATED LEAGUE PLAY.

## **A** – AMATEUR LEVEL

**ENJOYING THE GAME & LEARNING AS THEY GO!**

THESE ARE VNEA LEAGUE PLAYERS WHO MAY BE JUST BEGINNING THEIR POOL JOURNEY OR IT COULD CONSIST OF THOSE THAT JUST PLAY CASUALLY FOR FUN. BUT EITHER WAY, THESE PLAYERS ENJOY A NIGHT OUT PLAYING LEAGUE AND ARE DEDICATED ENOUGH TO TRAVEL TO LAS VEGAS FOR THE VNEA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. THEY LOVE COMPETITION, THE LIGHTS OF LAS VEGAS AND SOME STRIVE TO CLIMB UP THE LADDER!



# NEW FOR 2026 VEGAS CSR LEVELS

The Tournament Committee retains final discretion in placing players or teams in the proper Level.

## TEAM EVENTS

### VALLEY (TRIPLE ELIMINATION)

#### 8-BALL OPEN TEAMS TO BE PLAYED WITH 5 PLAYER TEAMS

**TEAM CSR: 9451 & UP**

**TEAM FEES – \$890**

**ENTRY FEE: \$625**

**GREEN FEE: \$225**

**ADMIN & JUNIOR FEE: \$40**

An Open Team may be comprised of **ANY (5)** players from within their Charter Holder's League System (same C-H #). All members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate days of league play.

#### 8-BALL WOMEN'S TEAMS TO BE PLAYED WITH 4 PLAYER TEAMS

**TEAM CSR: 6851 & UP**

**TEAM FEES – \$695**

**ENTRY FEE: \$500**

**GREEN FEE: \$160**

**ADMIN & JUNIOR FEE: \$35**

A Women's Team may be comprised of **ANY (4)** players from within their Charter Holder's League System (same C-H #). All members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate days of league play.

**Team Note:** Players may be listed on more than one teams roster, for precautionary purposes. However, the first team that any player shoots for, in any event, is the only team that player is allowed to play for.

### NATIONAL (DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

#### 8-BALL OPEN TEAMS TO BE PLAYED WITH 5 PLAYER TEAMS

**TEAM CSR: 8901 – 9450**

**TEAM FEES – \$765**

**ENTRY FEE: \$500**

**GREEN FEE: \$225**

**ADMIN & JUNIOR FEE: \$40**

An Open Team may be comprised of **ANY (5)** players from within their Charter Holder's League System (same C-H #). All members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate days of league play.

#### 8-BALL WOMEN'S TEAMS TO BE PLAYED WITH 4 PLAYER TEAMS

**TEAM CSR: 6551 – 6850**

**TEAM FEES – \$595**

**ENTRY FEE: \$400**

**GREEN FEE: \$160**

**ADMIN & JUNIOR FEE: \$35**

A Women's Team may be comprised of **ANY (4)** players from within their Charter Holder's League System (same C-H #). All members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate days of league play.

**Team Note:** Players may be listed on more than one teams roster, for precautionary purposes. However, the first team that any player shoots for, in any event, is the only team that player is allowed to play for.







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## TEAM EVENTS

### ENTERTAINMENT

(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

#### 8-BALL OPEN TEAMS TO BE PLAYED WITH 5 PLAYER TEAMS

**TEAM CSR: 8301 – 8900**

**TEAM FEE – \$640**

**ENTRY FEE: \$375**

**GREEN FEE: \$225**

**ADMIN & JUNIOR FEE: \$40**

An Open Team may be comprised of **ANY (5)** players from within their Charter Holder's League System (same C-H #). All members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate days of league play.

#### 8-BALL WOMEN'S TEAMS TO BE PLAYED WITH 4 PLAYER TEAMS

**TEAM CSR: 6201 – 6550**

**TEAM FEE – \$495**

**ENTRY FEE: \$300**

**GREEN FEE: \$160**

**ADMIN & JUNIOR FEE: \$35**

A Women's Team may be comprised of **ANY (4)** players from within their Charter Holder's League System (same C-H #). All members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate days of league play.

**Team Note:** Players may be listed on more than one teams roster, for precautionary purposes. However, the first team that any player shoots for, in any event, is the only team that player is allowed to play for.

### AMATEUR

(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

#### 8-BALL OPEN TEAMS TO BE PLAYED WITH 5 PLAYER TEAMS

**TEAM CSR: UP TO 8300**

**TEAM FEE – \$540**

**ENTRY FEE: \$275**

**GREEN FEE: \$225**

**ADMIN & JUNIOR FEE: \$40**

An Open Team may be comprised of **ANY (5)** players from within their Charter Holder's League System (same C-H #). All members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate days of league play.

#### 8-BALL WOMEN'S TEAMS TO BE PLAYED WITH 4 PLAYER TEAMS

**TEAM CSR: UP TO 6200**

**TEAM FEE – \$415**

**ENTRY FEE: \$220**

**GREEN FEE: \$160**

**ADMIN & JUNIOR FEE: \$35**

A Women's Team may be comprised of **ANY (4)** players from within their Charter Holder's League System (same C-H #). All members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate days of league play.

**Team Note:** Players may be listed on more than one teams roster, for precautionary purposes. However, the first team that any player shoots for, in any event, is the only team that player is allowed to play for.





# NEW FOR 2026 VEGAS CSR LEVELS

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## 8-BALL & 9-BALL SINGLES

### VALLEY

RACE: MEN · 7, WOMEN · 6  
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

**MEN'S CSR: 1901 & UP**  
**WOMEN'S CSR: 1751 & UP**

**SINGLES FEES:**  
**MEN: \$225 WOMEN: \$200**

All players must have completed the 12 separate days of league play.

### NATIONAL

RACE: MEN · 6, WOMEN · 5  
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

**MEN'S CSR: 1801 – 1900**  
**WOMEN'S CSR: 1651 – 1750**

**SINGLES FEES:**  
**MEN: \$210 WOMEN: \$175**

All players must have completed the 12 separate days of league play.

### ENTERTAINMENT

RACE: MEN · 5, WOMEN · 4  
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

**MEN'S CSR: 1701 – 1800**  
**WOMEN'S CSR: 1551 – 1650**

**SINGLES FEES:**  
**MEN: \$185 WOMEN: \$155**

All players must have completed the 12 separate days of league play.

### AMATEUR

RACE: MEN · 5, WOMEN · 4  
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

**MEN'S CSR: UP TO 1700**  
**WOMEN'S CSR: UP TO 1550**

**SINGLES FEES:**  
**MEN: \$160 WOMEN: \$135**

All players must have completed the 12 separate days of league play.

### SINGLES FEES INCLUDE:

**\$40 MEN & \$35 WOMEN GREEN FEE & A \$20 ADMINISTRATIVE & JUNIOR FEE**







# NEW FOR 2026 VEGAS CSR LEVELS

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## 2ND CHANCE EVENTS

**EXCEPTION: CLASSIC/SENIOR/MIXED SCOTCH DOUBLES**

### **SPORTS (NATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT & AMATEUR LEVELS)**

#### **DOUBLE ELIMINATION**

All Teams or Singles players eliminated in TBD rounds or less from the NATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT & AMATEUR Levels, upon confirmation, will automatically be placed in the **Sports Event** (Races TBD), pay no additional entry fee and share in the overall prize money. Open Teams will consist of 5 players (25-game format) and Women's Teams will consist of 4 players (16-game format).

### **REDEMPTION (NATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT & AMATEUR LEVELS)**

#### **SINGLE ELIMINATION**

All Teams or Singles players eliminated in more than TBD rounds (and not yet in the money) from the NATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT & AMATEUR Levels, upon confirmation, will automatically be placed in the **Redemption Event** (Races TBD), pay no additional entry fee and share in the overall prize money. Also, any Teams or Singles players eliminated from the Sports event by the posting of the Redemption event will qualify if they confirm. Open Teams will consist of 4 players (16-game format) and Women's Teams will consist of 3 players (9-game format).

### **REDEMPTION (VALLEY LEVEL)**

#### **SINGLE ELIMINATION**

All Teams or Singles players eliminated before the money rounds, upon confirmation, will automatically be placed in the **Redemption Event** (Races TBD), pay no additional entry fee and share in the overall prize money. Open Teams will consist of 4 players (16-game format) and Women's Teams will consist of 3 players (9-game format). **Minimum Teams:** 2 Teams minimum and match must be played.

**ALL SPORTS & REDEMPTION TEAM MEMBERS MUST BE LISTED ON THE ORIGINAL OFFICIAL TEAM ROSTER.**





# NEW FOR 2026 VEGAS CSR LEVELS

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## MEN'S 8-BALL & 9-BALL CLASSIC & SENIOR SINGLES

### NATIONAL

RACE: MEN - 6  
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

**MEN'S CSR: 1801 - 1900**

*Players with CSR greater than 1900 will be placed in the VALLEY Level of Main Event Singles.*

**SINGLES FEES:**  
MEN: \$210

### ENTERTAINMENT

RACE: MEN - 5  
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

**MEN'S CSR: 1701 - 1800**

**SINGLES FEES:**  
MEN: \$185

### AMATEUR

RACE: MEN - 5  
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

**MEN'S CSR: UP TO 1700**

**SINGLES FEES:**  
MEN: \$160

### NOTES:

Minimum 8 entrants per Level or they will be automatically placed in the Main 8 and/or 9-Ball events.

All players must have completed the 12 separate days of league play.

**SINGLES FEES INCLUDE:**  
\$40 GREEN FEE &  
\$20 ADMIN & JUNIOR FEE

**NEW AGES FOR CLASSICS & SENIORS**  
*(Ages are as of event day)*

**Classics:** Men - 55 years old minimum

**Seniors:** Men - 65 years old minimum



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# NEW FOR 2026 VEGAS CSR LEVELS

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## WOMEN'S 9-BALL CLASSIC/SENIOR SINGLES

### ENTERTAINMENT

RACE: WOMEN - 4  
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

**WOMEN'S CSR: 1641-1750**

**SINGLES FEES:**  
**WOMEN: \$155**

### AMATEUR

RACE: WOMEN - 4  
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

**WOMEN'S CSR: UP TO 1640**

**SINGLES FEES:**  
**WOMEN: \$135**

## WOMEN'S 8-BALL CLASSIC/SENIOR SINGLES

### NATIONAL

RACE: WOMEN - 5  
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

**WOMEN'S CSR: 1651-1750**

**SINGLES FEES:**  
**WOMEN: \$175**

### ENTERTAINMENT

RACE: WOMEN - 4  
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

**WOMEN'S CSR: 1551-1650**

**SINGLES FEES:**  
**WOMEN: \$155**

### AMATEUR

RACE: WOMEN - 4  
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

**WOMEN'S CSR: UP TO 1550**

**SINGLES FEES:**  
**WOMEN: \$135**

### NOTES:

Minimum 8 entrants per Level or they will be automatically placed in the appropriate Main 8 and/or 9-Ball events.

All players must have completed the 12 separate days of league play.

Highest Placing Senior, in each Level, will win \$100. Must be at least 3 Seniors in each Level and clear winner to qualify.

Players with CSR greater than 1750 will be placed in the VALLEY Level of Main Event Singles.

**SINGLES FEES INCLUDE:**  
**\$35 GREEN FEE &**  
**\$20 ADMIN & JUNIOR FEE**

### NEW AGES FOR CLASSICS & SENIORS

*(Ages are as of event day)*

**Classics:** Women - 50 years old minimum

**Seniors:** Women - 65 years old minimum





# NEW FOR 2026 VEGAS CSR LEVELS

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## 2ND CHANCE EVENTS CLASSIC/SENIOR

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### **SPORTS (NATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT & AMATEUR LEVELS)** **DOUBLE ELIMINATION**

Men Classic & Senior players eliminated in TBD rounds from the NATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT & AMATEUR Levels, upon confirmation, will automatically be placed in the **Sports Event** (Races TBD), pay no additional entry fee and share in the overall prize money.

Women Classic players eliminated in TBD rounds from the NATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT & AMATEUR Levels, upon confirmation, will automatically be placed in the Sports Event of their appropriate Level in the **Main Sports Event** (Races TBD), pay no additional entry fee and share in the overall prize money.

### **REDEMPTION (NATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT & AMATEUR LEVELS)** **SINGLE ELIMINATION**

Women's Classic 8-Ball & 9-Ball players eliminated in more than TBD rounds (and not yet in the money) from the NATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT & AMATEUR Levels, upon confirmation, will automatically be placed in their appropriate Level in the **Main Redemption Event** (Races TBD), pay no additional entry fee and share in the overall prize money. Also, any players eliminated from their Sports event by the posting of their appropriate Level of the Main Redemption event will qualify if they confirm.

Men's Classic/Senior 8-Ball & 9-Ball players eliminated in more than TBD rounds (and not yet in the money) from the NATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT & AMATEUR Levels, upon confirmation, will automatically be placed in their appropriate Level in the **Main Redemption Event** (Races TBD), pay no additional entry fee and share in the overall prize money. Also, any players eliminated from the Sports event by the posting of their appropriate Level of the Main Redemption event will qualify if they confirm.

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# NEW FOR 2026 VEGAS CSR LEVELS

The Tournament Committee retains final discretion in placing players or teams in the proper Level.

## MIXED SCOTCH DOUBLES

### VALLEY

RACE: 5 GAMES  
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

**DOUBLES CSR: 3651 & UP**

**TEAM FEE - \$250**

Participants must be sanctioned and can be from the same or different Charter Holders. Team consists of (1) Male & (1) Female. **Money will be added to Mixed Scotch Doubles.**

### NATIONAL

RACE: 4 GAMES  
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

**DOUBLES CSR: 3451 - 3650**

**TEAM FEE - \$200**

Participants must be sanctioned and can be from the same or different Charter Holders. Team consists of (1) Male & (1) Female. **Money will be added to Mixed Scotch Doubles.**

### ENTERTAINMENT

RACE: 3 GAMES  
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

**DOUBLES CSR: 3251 - 3450**

**TEAM FEE - \$170**

Participants must be sanctioned and can be from the same or different Charter Holders. Team consists of (1) Male & (1) Female. **Money will be added to Mixed Scotch Doubles.**

### AMATEUR

RACE: 3 GAMES  
(DOUBLE ELIMINATION)

**DOUBLES CSR: UP TO 3250**

**TEAM FEE - \$140**

Participants must be sanctioned and can be from the same or different Charter Holders. Team consists of (1) Male & (1) Female. **Money will be added to Mixed Scotch Doubles.**

### MIXED SCOTCH DOUBLES FEES INCLUDE:

**\$25 GREEN FEE, \$10 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE & \$5 JUNIOR FEE**



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# 46th Annual VNEA "TEAM" Tournament Prize List

(Estimated Payout & Added Monies Based On Previous Entrants)

## LEVEL VALLEY

(OPEN CSR: 9451 & UP)  
(WOMEN'S CSR: 6851 & UP)

| OPEN TEAM  |                |               | WOMEN'S TEAM |               |               |
|------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 25 Entries | \$12,875 Added | \$28,500 Puse | 15 Entries   | \$3,800 Added | \$11,300 Puse |
| Finish     | Prize Money    |               | Finish       | Prize Money   |               |
| 1          | \$10,000       |               | 1            | \$4,000       |               |
| 2          | 7,000          |               | 2            | 3,000         |               |
| 3          | 4,500          |               | 3            | 2,000         |               |
| 4          | 2,500          |               | 4            | 1,000         |               |
| 5-6        | 1,000          |               | 5-6          | 3,000         |               |
| 7-8        | 500            |               | 7-8          | 1,800         |               |
|            |                |               | 9-12         | 1,200         |               |
|            |                |               | 13-16        | 800           |               |
|            |                |               | 17-24        | 600           |               |
|            |                |               | 25-32        | 400           |               |
| Redemption |                |               | Redemption   |               |               |
| Finish     | Prize Money    |               | Finish       | Prize Money   |               |
| 1          | \$1,000        |               | 1            | \$800         |               |
| 2          | 500            |               | 2            | 500           |               |
|            |                |               | 3-4          | 700           |               |
|            |                |               | 5-8          | 500           |               |
| Sports     |                |               | Sports       |               |               |
| Finish     | Prize Money    |               | Finish       | Prize Money   |               |
| 1          | \$1,250        |               | 1            | \$800         |               |
| 2          | 1,000          |               | 2            | 500           |               |
| 3          | 700            |               | 3            | 300           |               |
| 4          | 450            |               | 4            | 200           |               |
| 5-6        | 300            |               | 5-6          | 300           |               |
| 7-8        | 200            |               | 7-8          | 200           |               |

## LEVEL NATIONAL

(OPEN CSR: 8901-9450)  
(WOMEN'S CSR: 6551-6850)

| OPEN TEAM   |               |               | WOMEN'S TEAM |               |               |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 120 Entries | \$3,000 Added | \$63,000 Puse | 40 Entries   | \$2,000 Added | \$18,000 Puse |
| Finish      | Prize Money   |               | Finish       | Prize Money   |               |
| 1           | \$10,000      |               | 1            | \$4,000       |               |
| 2           | 7,500         |               | 2            | 3,000         |               |
| 3           | 5,500         |               | 3            | 2,300         |               |
| 4           | 4,350         |               | 4            | 1,600         |               |
| 5-6         | 3,000         |               | 5-6          | 1,100         |               |
| 7-8         | 1,800         |               | 7-8          | 600           |               |
| 9-12        | 1,200         |               |              |               |               |
| 13-16       | 800           |               |              |               |               |
| 17-24       | 600           |               |              |               |               |
| 25-32       | 400           |               |              |               |               |
| Redemption  |               |               | Redemption   |               |               |
| Finish      | Prize Money   |               | Finish       | Prize Money   |               |
| 1           | \$1,250       |               | 1            | \$800         |               |
| 2           | 1,000         |               | 2            | 500           |               |
| 3-4         | 700           |               | 3-4          | 300           |               |
| 5-8         | 500           |               |              |               |               |
| Sports      |               |               | Sports       |               |               |
| Finish      | Prize Money   |               | Finish       | Prize Money   |               |
| 1           | \$1,250       |               | 1            | \$800         |               |
| 2           | 1,000         |               | 2            | 500           |               |
| 3           | 700           |               | 3            | 300           |               |
| 4           | 450           |               | 4            | 200           |               |
| 5-6         | 300           |               |              |               |               |
| 7-8         | 200           |               |              |               |               |

## LEVEL ENTERTAINMENT

(OPEN CSR: 8301-8900)  
(WOMEN'S CSR: 6201-6550)

| OPEN TEAM   |               |               | WOMEN'S TEAM |               |               |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 140 Entries | \$2,750 Added | \$55,250 Puse | 40 Entries   | \$4,200 Added | \$16,200 Puse |
| Finish      | Prize Money   |               | Finish       | Prize Money   |               |
| 1           | \$10,000      |               | 1            | \$4,000       |               |
| 2           | 7,000         |               | 2            | 3,000         |               |
| 3           | 5,000         |               | 3            | 2,000         |               |
| 4           | 3,000         |               | 4            | 1,100         |               |
| 5-6         | 2,000         |               | 5-6          | 800           |               |
| 7-8         | 1,500         |               | 7-8          | 400           |               |
| 9-12        | 1,000         |               |              |               |               |
| 13-16       | 700           |               |              |               |               |
| 17-24       | 500           |               |              |               |               |
| 25-32       | 300           |               |              |               |               |
| Redemption  |               |               | Redemption   |               |               |
| Finish      | Prize Money   |               | Finish       | Prize Money   |               |
| 1           | \$1,250       |               | 1            | \$800         |               |
| 2           | 1,000         |               | 2            | 500           |               |
| 3-4         | 700           |               | 3-4          | 300           |               |
| 5-8         | 500           |               |              |               |               |
| Sports      |               |               | Sports       |               |               |
| Finish      | Prize Money   |               | Finish       | Prize Money   |               |
| 1           | \$1,250       |               | 1            | \$800         |               |
| 2           | 1,000         |               | 2            | 500           |               |
| 3           | 700           |               | 3            | 300           |               |
| 4           | 450           |               | 4            | 200           |               |
| 5-6         | 300           |               |              |               |               |
| 7-8         | 200           |               |              |               |               |

## LEVEL AMATEUR

(OPEN CSR: UP TO 8300)  
(WOMEN'S CSR: UP TO 6200)

| OPEN TEAM  |                |               | WOMEN'S TEAM |               |               |
|------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 90 Entries | \$15,250 Added | \$40,000 Puse | 20 Entries   | \$8,200 Added | \$12,600 Puse |
| Finish     | Prize Money    |               | Finish       | Prize Money   |               |
| 1          | \$10,000       |               | 1            | \$4,000       |               |
| 2          | 7,000          |               | 2            | 3,000         |               |
| 3          | 4,500          |               | 3            | 2,000         |               |
| 4          | 2,500          |               | 4            | 1,000         |               |
| 5-6        | 1,500          |               | 5-6          | 500           |               |
| 7-8        | 1,000          |               |              |               |               |
| 9-12       | 750            |               |              |               |               |
| 13-16      | 500            |               |              |               |               |
| Redemption |                |               | Redemption   |               |               |
| Finish     | Prize Money    |               | Finish       | Prize Money   |               |
| 1          | \$1,000        |               | 1            | \$500         |               |
| 2          | 700            |               | 2            | 300           |               |
| 3-4        | 350            |               |              |               |               |
| Sports     |                |               | Sports       |               |               |
| Finish     | Prize Money    |               | Finish       | Prize Money   |               |
| 1          | \$1,000        |               | 1            | \$500         |               |
| 2          | 700            |               | 2            | 300           |               |
| 3          | 500            |               |              |               |               |
| 4          | 400            |               |              |               |               |
| 5-6        | 300            |               |              |               |               |
| 7-8        | 200            |               |              |               |               |





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## **Cue Specifications:**

**Width of Tip:** Not to exceed 15mm.

**Length of Cue:** 40 inches min.

*During a Singles Match or anytime during a Team Match, players are **NOT** allowed to practice on any open tables.*

# Event Details



## Professional Player Rule

Any player determined to have “Pro Status” is not eligible to play in any VNEA competition at the World Championships.

**Women & Men:** Tournament Committee discretion will be used to determine Pro status for all prospective participants. Ample notice is required by the Tournament Committee for all players of potential Pro ability in your league system.

*The VNEA thru the Tournament Committee reserves the right to disqualify any player or team, before or during the tournament or refuse any entry prior to the tournament.*

## Coaching Academy (Players Schedules Permitting)

**World Champion, “Kwikfire” Kelly Fisher** and **Pro Billiard Champion, Wei Wei “The Wave” Wei Tzu Chien** will both be attending our Championships from Tuesday, May 26th through Friday, May 29th to conduct their extremely popular Coaching Academy and play Challenge Matches with our players.



**Wei Wei “The Wave” Wei Tzu Chien**



**“Kwikfire” Kelly Fisher**



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will be streaming throughout the  
event covering all of the action!**



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## **Certified Instructor Recertification Class**

This class is for those individuals who passed the Certified Instructor Seminar and would like to remain an active Certified Instructor and update their knowledge and skills.

## **Certified Instructor Seminar**

This seminar was created to educate players on developing their own skills in order to use these teaching techniques to further promote the game of pool in their local area by instructing beginners and lesser skilled players as well as upper level shooters.

## **Certified Referee & Re-Certified Referee School**

This school teaches players the proper way to conduct themselves as a referee at the local, regional and state levels. Many tested and true officiating techniques are shared with the members of this class.

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## **Mini Charter Holder FUNShop**

We are going to take advantage of having so many of our wonderful Charter Holders in one spot at one time and conduct a Mini-FUNShop for those in attendance! VNEA's FUNShop's are legendary for their fun-filled entertainment and unmatched knowledge based seminars that WILL help you grow your leagues!

**If you're going to be in Vegas, mark your Calendars for Wednesday, May 27th from 9a - Noon for a jam-packed, 3-hours of advice from some of the best Charter Holders in the world! We will be sending out Sign-Up information in the very near future! Stay tuned!**

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## **Charter Holder Gathering For NEW Charters**

We know how overwhelming starting a VNEA League can be and we know that our new Charter Holders have many questions that they're looking for answers for. That's why we've created these (2) 1-hour gatherings so that we can sit down with you and help you in an informal setting led by VNEA Past President, Scott Morgan, from Aactive Coin in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

**Saturday, May 23rd & Tuesday, May 26th from 10:30a - 11:30a.**

# VNEA Professionals...

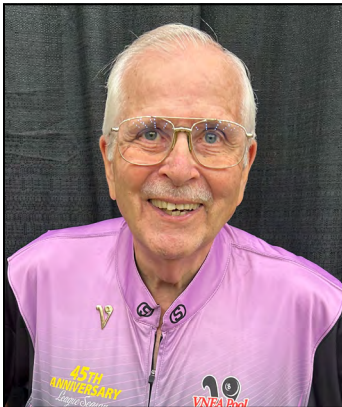
## Instruction, Trick Shots, Entertaining Shows



**JERRY BRIESATH** has long been considered the very best Billiards Instructor in the business. His decades of experience make Jerry one of the most sought after teachers in our sport today. Jerry has spent countless hours at our events teaching our players everything from the proper stance and stroke to the “diamond system”. He loves to teach and it shows by the smiling faces that surround his table.

And his “one-on-one” teaching approach has proven to be his trademark as players get that special attention and hands-on training that pool requires. Jerry has always said,

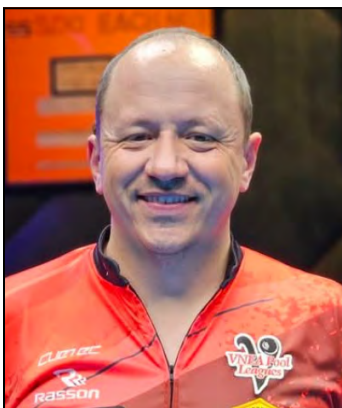
***“Come see me and let me help you improve your game”.***



**TOM “DR. CUE” ROSSMAN** is a World Renown “Artistic Pool” Champion. Tom introduced “Artistic Pool” to the VNEA nearly 30 years ago and has been entertaining and challenging our players ever since. Tom is also a staple at both our Vegas and Junior Championships and brings an incredible amount of excitement and FUN to the game of pool by adding his own “comedic flair” to everything he does! Tom’s sense of humor is legendary and he includes it in whatever he does from teaching to trick shots to challenge matches. Although Tom is known for his amazing trick shot artistry and hilarious shows, he is also one of the most knowledgeable instructors in the business with a pure grasp on the “diamond system” which he beautifully translates to our lucky players. You will never meet a nicer and more genuine man than Tom Rossman.



**DAVE “GINGER WIZARD” PEARSON** A Master of Speed Pool, Dave holds several Guinness World Records for his rapid-paced racks! Dave played professionally in England prior to coming to the states and is truly one of the most remarkably skilled pool players in the world. He also is a huge sponsor of both our Vegas and Junior Championships and actually donates his own brand of cues (Pearson Cues) to both events making Dave one of the most generous professionals in our sport. When you see Dave in S. Sioux City, be sure to go up and say hello. There are 3 things that you can be sure of... you will be greeted with a smile, you will learn something and you will walk away with a smile on your face!



**SHANE VAN BOENING** also known as “The South Dakota Kid”, re-joined the VNEA Family in 2019 as our Professional Player Representative proudly wearing the VNEA Logo on his Tournament shirts and spreading the word of the VNEA to the world! In Shane’s early pool career, he could be seen playing in the VNEA Junior Program and then eventually the VNEA Adult Program including the Vegas Championships. Shane has always supported the VNEA and is extremely eager to become an integral part of growing our ever-popular Junior Program. He truly understands that the kids are the future of our great sport. Shane has been attending and performing at both the Vegas and Junior Championships and always looks forward to meeting all of our players and sharing his knowledge and experiences with the VNEA World!



# Mini-Tournaments Galore!

With our spacious venue at Westgate Resorts and the additional space they offer, we will have a separate Mini-Tournament Room used exclusively for Mini's & Practice **EVERY DAY... ALL DAY!**

Players will have as many opportunities as they wish to play pool, earn extra cash and prizes and meet tons of players from around the World! However, any player is only allowed to win (6) Mini's maximum.

**All players will be placed in their CSR appropriate Level.**



## MINI-REQUIREMENTS...

- *You must be a current VNEA Member to enter.*
- *Photo Identification is required during play and again at cash payout.*
- *Only the person entering an event may register. No one may register for you. **NO EXCEPTIONS!***
- *You will have only a 15 minute "grace period" after your match is called or you will forfeit.*
- *All Tournaments are Single Elimination.*
- *If players are found playing in the wrong LEVEL, they will forfeit all prize money and will not be allowed to participate in any future mini's.*
- *A 3-Person Classic event will be conducted. Players do not have to be from the same Charter Holder.*
- *3 Person Open (Any 3 Players)*
- *Dress Code will be enforced.*
- *No refunds of entry fees.*
- *All VNEA Rules are in effect at all times. **Play Mini's... It's Fun!***

## Special Events Throughout The Week!

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| • <b>Valley Pool Table Giveaways</b>                                                          | • <b>Exciting Daily Sponsor Giveaways</b>                |
| • <b>Incredible Opening Ceremonies</b>                                                        | • <b>Weekly Entertainment</b>                            |
| • <b>Mini-Tournaments Galore</b>                                                              | • <b>Artistic Pool Competition - Dr. Cue</b>             |
| • <b>Fun-Filled Awards Banquet</b>                                                            | • <b>Instructional Pool School - Jerry Briesath</b>      |
| • <b>46 Year History Pictorial Display</b>                                                    | • <b>Trick Shots / Instruction - Dave Pearson</b>        |
| • <b>13th Annual World Team Event</b>                                                         | • <b>CompuSport Software - Featuring Paperless Event</b> |
| • <b>Team Hardlucks</b>                                                                       | • <b>Charter Holder Treasure Table Giveaways</b>         |
| • <b>VNEA Tournament Booth Specials</b>                                                       | • <b>Custom Valley Pool Table Raffle</b>                 |
| • <b>Gary Benson "Opening Worldwide Break"</b>                                                | • <b>Memorabilia Giveaways &amp; Daily Contests</b>      |
| • <b>Hundreds of Beautiful Valley Pool Tables</b>                                             | • <b>Players Slot Tournament</b>                         |
| • <b>Charlie's Lounge Constant Contests &amp; Events</b>                                      | • <b>Charter Holder Educational FUNShop</b>              |
| • <b>Special Appearance by Worlds #1 Pro Player "Shane Van Boening"</b> (Schedule Permitting) |                                                          |
| • <b>Coaching Academy With Kelly "Kwikfire" Fisher &amp; Wei Wei "The Wave" Tzu Chien</b>     |                                                          |

# Suds & Chips Mixer 5.25.26

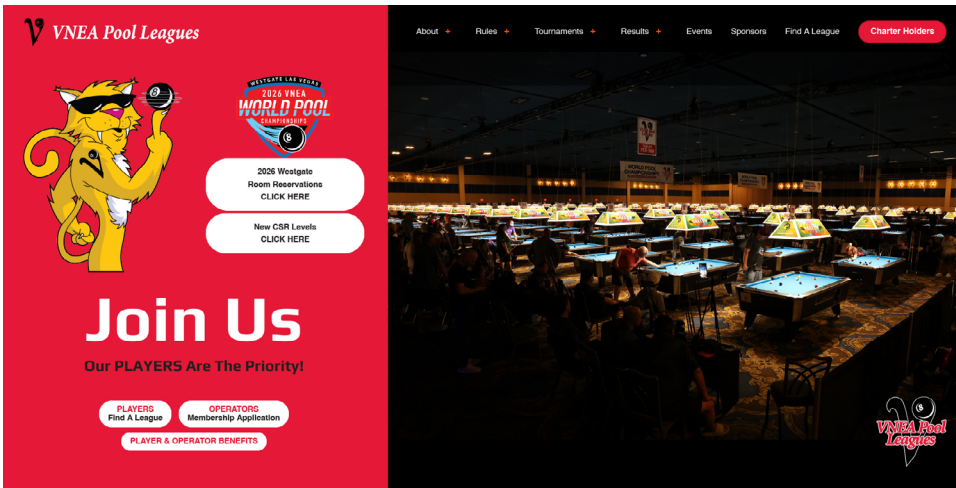
WESTGATE PARKING PAVILION (FREE BEER, POP & CHIPS)

**TEAM OPENING CEREMONIES** is one of the most anticipated parties of the event! On the Monday before Teams begin, the VNEA throws a party to recognize the previous weeks Singles Champions and the upcoming Team competition. 3,000 excited pool players rock the parking lot of Westgate Resort & Casino and celebrate and relax before another big week of play. The evening starts with our traditional **PARADE OF FLAGS** where each country in attendance marches to the stage for the playing of their national anthems. This is followed by the **SINGLES & MIXED SCOTCH DOUBLES AWARDS PRESENTATIONS**. Once all of the Charlie's have been announced for the evening, the annual **HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES** are introduced. Shortly thereafter, the evening's entertainment kicks into high gear when our Professional D.J. spins the songs that are sure to pack the dance floor! Our players will enjoy the time together with their teammates and making many new friends in the process. What a wonderful tradition for the VNEA and its players!





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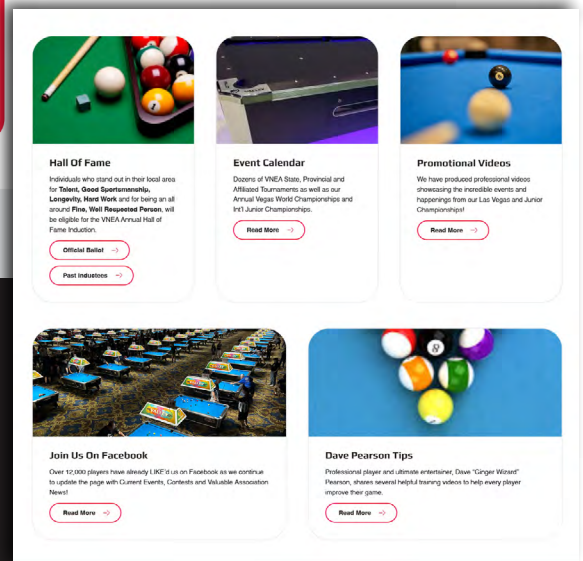
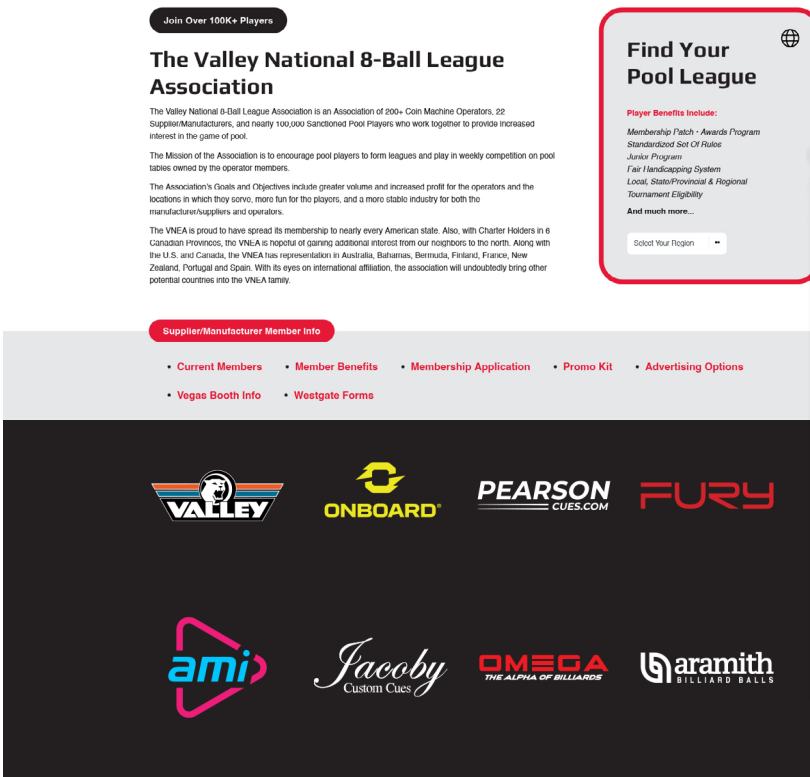
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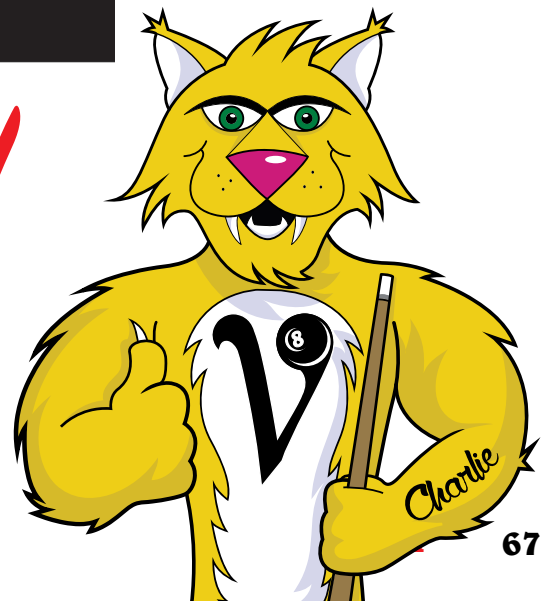
Grab your cell phone and check out the Site at:  
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The site offers a comprehensive look into every area of the VNEA Pool League System for our players and potential players such as: *Find A League, Vegas & Junior Championships, SVB, Sponsors, CSR Rating System, Hall of Fame, Event Calendar, Promo Videos, Facebook, Dave Pearson Tips, 8-Ball News & Views & More!*



# Check It Out!

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## 2026 VNEA All-Star Information

All individuals participating at this years Vegas Championships are eligible to earn points towards selection to the VNEA All-Star Team.

The Tournament will be broken down into four categories:

### 8-Ball Singles, 9-Ball Singles, Mixed Scotch Doubles & Team

*The Tournament Committee will be selecting the elite few to be called "All-Stars" from all of the participants based on a performance criteria.*

*Those individuals accumulating the most points during the course of the Tournament Week will be selected to either the 1st Team, 2nd Team or as Honorable Mention.*

*The 1st & 2nd Team All-Stars will receive **Onboard Sportswear**. All players chosen, including those earning an Honorable Mention, will be presented a well deserved **Official All-Star Team Certificate**.*

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**Smartphones** have become a valuable tool in helping Referee's determine close hits at the local and regional levels the last few years. At this years World's, you might see many players using their devices as an alternative to calling a Referee if they have been using this method throughout the year at various Tournaments. The Official VNEA Tournament Referees will continue testing this option for future VNEA events worldwide.

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**Various "Rack Devices" will NOT be allowed. • DEVICES ARE NOT ALLOWED FOR JUMP SHOTS.**

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**Scooters** are an essential need for those with medical conditions. However, some participants have used scooters that are not needed medically and have caused issues throughout the Tournament area. If your player(s) require a scooter for medical purposes, please have them stop by the VNEA Booth at the Tournament Ballrooms entrance to acquire a Medical Card so they will have proper access throughout the event.





# *Tons of Fun & Mega-Rewarding* **Awards Banquet!**

This years Banquet is once again going to feature a great **Buffet-Style Dinner**, an incredible **Awards Presentation**, some great entertainment and a **Drawing for an amazing Valley Home Pool Table**.

What makes this Banquet different than most...

## **CASH DRAWINGS!**

**Every 15 Minutes** throughout the evening, VNEA is going to be handing out hundreds of dollars to lucky players in the crowd. These Drawings will accumulate to **THOUSANDS** throughout the night! If you didn't win anything throughout the week, this is one last opportunity to go home a WINNER! All Tournament Participants in attendance, at the Banquet, will be eligible for CASH DRAWINGS!

**PLUS: Drawings for 2027 FREE Singles Entries!**

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**Saturday, May 30th**

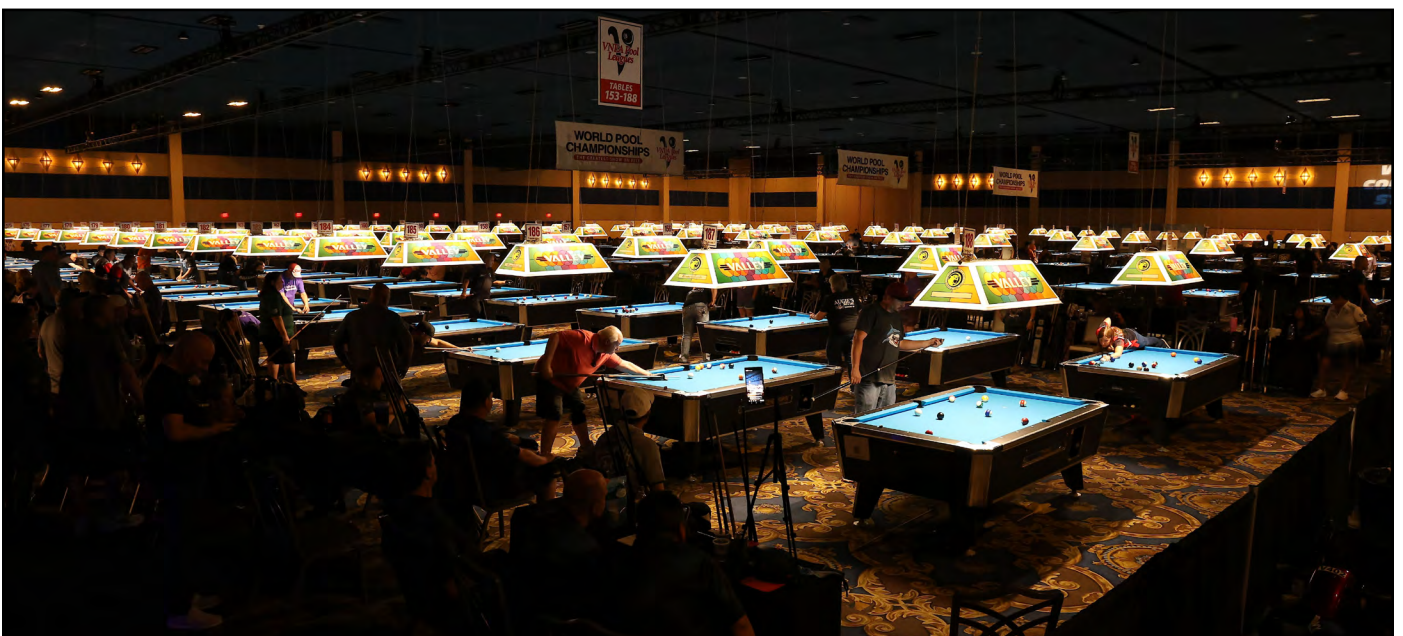




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