

2026 VNEA JUNIOR POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS *Tournament Kit*



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36th
Annual

JULY 23-26

**MARRIOTT CENTER
S. SIOUX CITY, NE**



Hotel Link

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA CHARTER HOLDER
MALE & FEMALE SINGLES / MINI TOURNAMENTS
JERRY BRIESATH / DAVE PEARSON / TOM ROSSMAN
TEAM OPENING CEREMONIES / 3-PLAYER 8-BALL TEAMS
DR. CUE SKILLS CHALLENGE & SPEED POOL COMPETITION
JUNIOR / JUNIOR SCOTCH DOUBLES / PLAYERS RECEPTION
TOP PROFESSIONAL - SHANE VAN BOENING SCHEDULE PERMITTING
ALL-STAR "TOP CAT" CHALLENGE



**ALL SKILL LEVELS
SPORTS / REDEMPTION / REGULAR**

3 DIVISIONS

YOUTH: AGES 7-11 / MINOR: AGES 12-15 / MAJOR: AGES 16-20



Event Video

**80+ BEAUTIFUL VALLEY
TOURNAMENT TABLES**

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SIOUXLAND
SIOUX • NEBRASKA • SOUTH DAKOTA



3 SKILL LEVELS FOR A FAIR PLAYING SURFACE FOR ALL

1) Sports Division... Established to prove our commitment in creating competition and awards for those not able to effectively compete in the Regular Division.

2) Redemption Division... Created to fill the void where players drop off the loser's side of the bracket after it is too late to enter the Sports Division and before they received any awards in the Regular Division.

3) Regular Division... Targeted for the everyday, fun-loving league player who dreams of the opportunity to attend an International Championship to experience this pool frenzy with fellow pool players around the World and find a very fair and competitive playing surface.

SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY:

World Champion Pool Player and VNEA Pro Player Representative - **Shane Van Boening!**
(Schedule Permitting)

AGE GROUPS:

Youth Division: **Ages 7-11**

Minor Division: **Ages 12-15**

Major Division: **Ages 16-20**

AWARDS: A total of 132 Coveted, One-Of-A-Kind Charlie Cougar Acrylics will be displayed awaiting their final destinations with our Top Finishers! These awards are a real hit with our tournament participants. Our Major Sponsor **OMEGA Billiards** also donates e-Gift Certificates to the top finishers in the Team, Male Singles and Female Singles totalling nearly \$10,000! Also, once again this year, we will be awarding **Onboard Sportswear Jackets** to the winners of all of our Regular Division events. Players will travel home with meaningful awards that they will treasure forever and boast to their friends about the excitement and fun of being in the VNEA Junior Pool League Program!

Team Opening Ceremonies will conclude with a **"Shot Heard Around The World"** as all Teams will commence their opening breaks **"Simultaneously"** for the... Whole World To HEAR!



S. SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA AND THE NEWLY RENOVATED MARRIOTT CENTER PREPARE FOR THE 2026 VNEA JUNIOR POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS!

July 23-26, 2026 • S. Sioux City, NE

Marriott Center

The **World's Largest Junior Pool Tournament** is expected to draw over 400 Sanctioned VNEA Junior League Players from a dozen States, Canadian Provinces and New Zealand. Twenty plus Charter Holders will be represented in S. Sioux City where 80 Beautiful Valley Tables will be set for this Annual Extravaganza! Throughout the weekend, all 80 tables will be filled with excited junior shooters playing in the biggest event of their lives! The enthusiasm and sportsmanship that is displayed at this event are truly incredible and demonstrates that the future of the VNEA is in good hands with these young, mannered and talented players! Charlie's, Cues, Jackets, Cases and Gift e-Certificates will be up for grabs for many of the top finishers! But one thing is for certain... **everyone in attendance will have a blast!**

Tons of Prizes!

Plus... *Shane Van Boening,
Dave Pearson, Tom Rossman
& Jerry Briesath*

**Team Shirts are MANDATORY
at the "36th Annual" VNEA
Junior Championships.**



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 E²P 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.



DRESS CODE



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Major Junior Clothing Sponsor...

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With the addition of Live Stream popularity, the intent to showcase our Association for our awesome Corporate Sponsors and the ever-growing Social Media exposure we will be strictly enforcing the Dress Code below at our 36th Annual Championships in 2026.

Be sure to notify your players that will be attending to avoid any possible situations for their Singles matches and to affect their Team members.

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.*

NO PARENT COACHING
Offenders Will Be Asked To
Leave The Playing Area!

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.

"TOP CAT" EVENT

(Champions receive Personalized Plaques)

This exciting **TEAM** event will consist of all 1st and 2nd Place Finishers in the Regular Singles. All Regular Division Finalists, both Boys and Girls, will compete in the 9-Game, Single-Elimination, Team format to see who is the **"BEST OF THE BEST"!**

2026 JUNIOR TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Nils McConnell / Accel / Tournament Director

Mike Wiltse / VNEA Executive Director

Gregg Elliott / VNEA Senior Advisor

Rex Yoder / Accel Ent. / Host Operator

Jackie Mason / J & S Electronics

Melena Thompson / Miele, Inc.

Brian Elliott / VNEA Director of Marketing

David Lyman / Accel Ent. / Host Operator

Rusty Caudell / Accel Ent. / Host Operator

Char Hanenkratt / Pioneer Vending

PRIZES & AWARDS

REGULAR DIVISION

(All Dollar Amounts Are OMEGA e-Certificates)

**INCREDIBLE
PAYOUTS!**

TEAM

<u>Finish</u>	<u>Award</u>
1st Place	\$1,050 , 3 Two-Piece Cues, Onboard Jackets & Individual Charlies
2nd Place	\$750 , 3 Two-Piece Cues & Individual Charlies
3rd Place	\$450 , 3 Two-Piece Cues & Individual Charlies
4th Place	\$225 , 3 Two-Piece Cues & Individual Charlies

MALE SINGLES

(Approximately 80% Of Field)

1st Place	\$300 , Onboard Jacket & Charlie
2nd Place	\$200 & Charlie
3rd Place	\$150 & Charlie
4th Place	\$100 & Charlie
5-6th Place	\$75
7-8th Place	\$50



FEMALE SINGLES

(Approximately 20% Of Field)

1st Place	\$150 , Onboard Jacket & Charlie
2nd Place	\$100 & Charlie
3rd Place	\$75 & Charlie
4th Place	\$50 & Charlie
5-6th Place	\$25



ONBOARD®

SCOTCH DOUBLES

1st Place	Cuesticks, Onboard Jackets & Individual Charlies
2nd Place	Individual Charlies

PRIZES & AWARDS

REDEMPTION DIVISION

132

Acrylic CHARLIE'S
Will Be Awarded To
ALL Of Our Division
Champions!



VNEA Junior Academic Awards

Starting at the 2026 VNEA Int'l Junior Championships, the VNEA will be acknowledging and rewarding our Tournament Players who have excelled not only on the Pool Table, **but also in the Classroom!** We believe that education is a major contributor to the success of our juniors and want to encourage **ALL** of our kids to strive to be their very best at school and at home as this will help lead to a positive and successful future!

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



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



MARRIOTT EVENT CENTER

*Newly
Renovated!*

The **36th Annual International Junior Championships** will return to the newly renovated Marriott Center on the Mighty Missouri River in S. Sioux City, Nebraska! This location is a player and parent favorite as it offers many fun and unique family experiences.



Marriott Event Center - S. Sioux City, NE

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)



South Sioux City Marriott Riverfront



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.



OFFICIAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT FEES FORM

Charter Holder _____ C-H# _____

Contact Person _____ E-mail _____

Contact Person On-Site Cell Phone No. _____

Entries **Team Divisions**

Fees: Green = \$105
Admin = \$30
(Includes Scotch Doubles)
Total

_____ YOUTH	@ \$135 PER TEAM	\$ _____
_____ MINOR	@ \$135 PER TEAM	\$ _____
_____ MAJOR	@ \$135 PER TEAM	\$ _____

Entries **Male Singles Divisions**

Fees: Green = \$40
Admin = \$10

_____ YOUTH	@ \$50 PER PLAYER	\$ _____
_____ MINOR	@ \$50 PER PLAYER	\$ _____
_____ MAJOR	@ \$50 PER PLAYER	\$ _____

Entries **Female Singles Divisions**

Fees: Green = \$30
Admin = \$10

_____ YOUTH	@ \$40 PER PLAYER	\$ _____
_____ MINOR	@ \$40 PER PLAYER	\$ _____
_____ MAJOR	@ \$40 PER PLAYER	\$ _____

(Make Checks Payable To VNEA) **GRAND TOTAL** \$ _____

The Entry Form Report, Payment, Release Forms, your Official Entries Summary Report and Accompanying Statistics must be received at V.N.E.A. Headquarters by July 1st, 2026.

**Green Fees are for the entire Tournament as all tables will be on Free Play!
This includes Practice and Mini's!**

VNEA Headquarters: 201 S. Henry St. • Bay City, MI 48706 • Ph. 800-544-1346 • Fax 989-893-0103

2026 ENTRY FORM

THIS FORM IS TO BE USED TO HELP COMPLETE THE ENTRIES IN COMPUSPORT. DO NOT SEND THIS FORM TO VNEA.

Team Name: _____

Entries Due

July 1st, 2026

Team Division: ☐ **Youth** Ages 7-11 ☐ **Minor** Ages 12-15 ☐ **Major** Ages 16-20



Players Names

Male Singles

of Weeks Played

Players G.P.A.

Grade Point Avg.

	Male Singles		Female Singles		# of Weeks Played		Players G.P.A.	
	Youth	Minor	Youth	Minor	Major	Major	Major	Major
1.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
4.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
5.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
6.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
7.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
8.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
9.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Attach the last or most recent league standing sheet and highlight the tournament participants names. TEAM SHIRTS ARE MANDATORY DURING ALL TEAM COMPETITION.

As a condition of participation and attendance in the **VNEA 36th Annual Championships** all Players, Teams, Spectators, Charter Holders, Manufacturers and other guests shall be deemed to have consented to the use without compensation of their likeness, photograph, image or name in connection with publications, films and other promotions relating to the Championships. False statements herein void all entitlements to tournament prizes and awards.

Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Violators will be properly dealt with by the Tournament Staff, Referees or Tournament Committee.

All players listed herein agree to abide by all COVID-19 related conditions or the like set forth by local government, Marriott Event Center or VNEA in order to participate and accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 or the like.



JUNIOR TOURNAMENT RELEASE FORM

FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

Release executed on _____, 2026, by _____

of _____

City of _____, County of _____

State/Province/Territory of _____

WHEREAS, the undersigned, being _____

[indicate parents or legal guardians] of _____

a person of less than 18 years of age (hereinafter referred to as the "Minor"), understand the circumstances in which the aforesaid Minor will be placed at the VNEA Junior Tournament being held on July 23-26, 2026, (hereinafter referred to as the "Tournament"), acknowledge that supervision of the Minor will not be provided by Tournament officials, represent that the undersigned will provide supervision of the Minor at the Tournament, and consent to the participation of the Minor in the Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned is/are informed and understand that participation in the Tournament may affect the amateur status of the Minor in amateur sports, and desire and consent to the participation of the Minor in the Tournament.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the Minor being allowed to enter, attend and participate in the Tournament, the undersigned, individually and as parents or legal guardians:

1. Hereby release, waive and discharge Valley National Eight Ball League Association, Inc. (herein referred to as "VNEA"), Valley, all tournament

sponsors, _____

[indicate name of sponsoring Charter Holder] and each of them and their respective officers, directors, Charter Holders, members, employees, agents, partners, successors, assigns and their parent, subsidiary and affiliated corporations (hereinafter referred to as "Releasees"), and each of them, from any and all liability to the undersigned, to the Minor, or to their respective personal representatives, assigns, heirs and next of kin, and each of them, from any and all loss or damage, and any claims therefor, on account of any injury to the person or property or resulting in the death of the Minor, whether caused by the negligence of Releases or otherwise, while the Minor is attending, competing in, observing or traveling in connection with the Tournament, whether within or without the Minor's home state/province/territory, or otherwise participating in Tournament related events;

2. Hereby covenant not to sue and agree to indemnify, save and hold Releasees harmless from any loss, liability, damage or cost, including reasonable attorney's fees, that it or they might incur due to the presence of the Minor at the Tournament whether attending, competing in, observing or traveling in connection with said Tournament, within or without the Minor's home state/province/territory, or due to any other participation in Tournament related events, whether caused by the negligence of Releasees or otherwise;

3. The undersigned expressly agree that the foregoing release, waiver and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law, and that if any portion thereof is held to be invalid, it is agreed, notwithstanding, that the balance shall continue in full legal force and effect;

4. The undersigned, as parents or legal guardians of the Minor, hereby consent to travel by the Minor in connection with the Tournament and any related events, within or without the Minor's home state/province/territory; and

5. The undersigned hereby grant permission to any and all Releasees to use his/her and the Minor's likeness, including photographs, relating to the Tournament without obligation to the undersigned or to the Minor and without liability to Releasees.

The undersigned have read, understand and have voluntarily signed this release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement the date first written above.

Parents or Legal Guardian

Date

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT RELEASE FORM

FOR PARTICIPANTS 18 YEARS OR OLDER

In consideration of being permitted to enter the VNEA Junior Tournament being held on July 23-26, 2026, (hereinafter referred to as the "Tournament"), the undersigned, being an adult of at least 18 years of age, hereby acknowledges and assumes the risks of competition for him/herself, personal representatives, assigns, heirs and next of kin, and does hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue Valley National Eight Ball League Association, Inc. (herein referred to as "VNEA"), Valley, all Tournament sponsors,

_____ [indicate name of sponsoring Charter Holder], and each of them, and their

respective officers, directors, Charter Holders, members, employees, agents, partners, successors, assigns and their parent, and subsidiary and affiliate corporations, and each of them (hereinafter referred to as "Releasees"), with respect to any and all liability to the undersigned, his/her personal representatives, assigns, heirs and next of kin, and each of them, for all loss or damage, and any claims therefor, on account of any injury to the person, property or resulting in death of the undersigned, whether caused by negligence or other conduct of Releasees or otherwise, before, during or after the undersigned has participated in, attended or traveled in connection with the Tournament.

In consideration of the foregoing, the undersigned also hereby agrees to indemnify and hold Releasees harmless for any loss, damage or expense (including attorney's fees) caused by the undersigned in respect to any person or property, arising out of or in any way connected with the undersigned's participation in or attendance at the Tournament.

The undersigned hereby grants permission to any or all Releasees to use his/her likeness, including photographs, relating to participation in the Tournament without obligation to the undersigned and without liability to Releasees.

Date

Printed Name

Signature

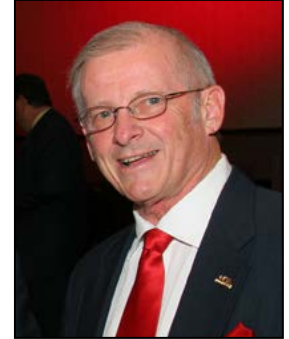
Junior League players who have played in the VNEA World Championships in Las Vegas will not be eligible to compete in the 36th Annual International Junior Pool Championships.

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!**

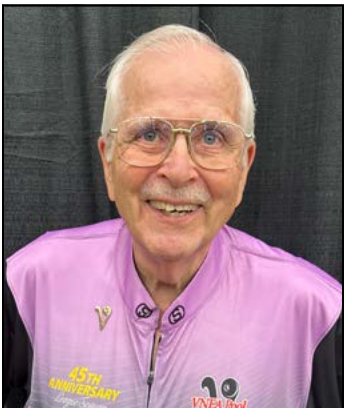


VNEA PROFESSIONALS

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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