



The 24th Annual WCVNEA Championships

February 15 - 19, 2024

River Cree Casino Edmonton AB



Overview

The Tournament Committee has completed the eligibility and general information for the 24th Annual WCVNEA Tournament.

Within this booklet you will find a very informative outline of the many important dates, events and divisional Criteria for the tournament Look INSIDE for...

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Players ranked as Intermediate in VNEA are ranked as master's for WCVNEA and must play in the Masters division.

Matches will be played on 80 + Valley Pool Tables. Tables will be set to Free play.

Players are expected to know their levels. Player rankings are available at wcvnea.ca. Players are expected to know their rankings and the ranking list is a guideline only.

Tournament Eligibility

All sanctioned players must have played a minimum of 8 league nights in the 2023-24 season and must be deemed an active player by his/ her Charter Holder to participate in this event.

It is the players responsibility to enter them selves into the appropriate division. Any player playing in the wrong (lower than their ranking) division either singles or teams will be disqualified from play and forfeit all monies won. In team events the team shall be disqualified from play and forfeit any monies won.

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.

Children

The host venue is responsible for the liquor license and security for our event. It is their prerogative to decide the liquor, cannabis, and age policies. For the 2024 WCVNEA tournament children under the age of 18 will not be allowed in the Event Center and Ball Rooms where matches take place. As there is a casino on site there are further restrictions in other parts of the complex.

All participants in the WCVNEA Championships:

- a) Must be deemed an active player by his/her Charter Holder.
- b) Must be able to provide identification for prize money disbursements.
- c) Are subject to random I.D. checks for eligibility.
- d) To participate in Scotch Doubles, Doubles or mini tournaments players must be registered in the main tournament.

Rosters:

Players may be listed on more than one roster. However, the first team that any player shoots for, in any division, is the only team that player is allowed to play for. If a player is not removed from a roster and the team wins that player will be moved up to the next level with the other members of the team.

Tournament Dress Code

No halter tops, midriffs, tank tops, mini -skirts or cut -offs (shorts must be hemmed and mid - thigh). Shirts must have sleeves.

No suggestive attire. Players may not compete while wearing ripped, torn, or stained clothing. Players must always wear footwear.

Players will present themselves in a neat and clean appearance. The dress code will be in affect and enforced while any competition is ongoing, including mini – tournaments.

Players will be given 15 minutes to change into appropriate attire.

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Event Schedule

(Times are subject to Change)

Thursday Feb 15th, 2024

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Referee

Certification Course

5:00 pm—6:00 pm Scotch Doubles

Sign –Up begins.

7:00 pm Scotch Doubles

Tournament and Mini Tournaments.

Questions and concerns for 8-Ball singles.

Friday Feb 16th, 2024

8:00 am - 8:45am This time is for questions, concerns, etc. only for 8

Ball singles. Players listed on

bracket sheets need not inquire.

9:00 am Open Novice,

Intermediate, Advance & Ladies

Intermediate singles begin.

12 pm Ladies Advance, Ladies

Masters & Men's Masters singles

begin.

Saturday Feb 17th, 2024

8:00 am All singles competitions

continue.

9:00 am - 10:00 am Doubles

Tournament sign up.

11:00 am Doubles Tournament

starts.

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Roster changes

and questions for 8- Ball teams.

Teams listed on bracket sheet need

not register.

5:00 pm All Open Novice,

Intermediate and Advance Team

competition begins.

8:00 pm All Ladies Team and Men's

Masters Team competition begins.

Sunday Feb 18th, 2024

8:00 am Team Competition

Continues.

TBA Sportsman Competition

begins.

Monday Feb 19th, 2024

8:00 am Team Competition

Continues. TBA - Team Finals

Sportsman

Teams that are eliminated in the early rounds of the Tournament, may be eligible to play in the Sportsman Divisions. There are 3 tournament brackets: 4 Player Teams

1) Sportsman's 'A' Division

for teams eliminated in 4 rounds or less from the Open Advance, 3 rounds Ladies Masters.

2) Sportsman 's' 'B' Division

for teams eliminated in 4 rounds or less from the Open Intermediate and 3 rounds or less Ladies Advanced.

3) Sportsman's 'C' Division

for teams eliminated in 4 rounds or less in Open Novice and 3 rounds or less in Ladies Intermediate.

These teams can register to be placed in these divisions, pay no additional entry fee, and share in the overall prize purse.

*The above is a guideline only. The exact cut-off points will be decided at the tournament, dependent on the number of entries in each event.

Doubles

Entry Fee - \$50/Team
Race To 3

2 Divisions Novice/Intermediate
Advanced/Masters.

Teams may consist of Guy/Guy,
Girl/Girl or Guy/Girl.

Maximum 64 Teams in Each
Division.

Sign up Saturday between 9 -10
am

Scotch Doubles

There will be three Scotch Doubles events this year. Novice\Intermediate, Advanced, Masters. Maximum 64 Teams in Each Division.

Players must play at the level of the highest player. The three tournaments will be held on Thursday night starting at 7 pm. Players registered in either the singles or team event to be eligible to play. The Scotch Doubles teams will consist of one male and one female. Members do **NOT** need to be from the same Charter Holder. Sign-up will be on site at the Control Desk between 5 - 6 pm Thursday Feb 15th, 2024.

Entry Fee

\$50 per team (\$10 Green Fee
Included)

Payback 25% of the field

Scotch Doubles Races

Nov /Int - Race To 3

Advance - Race To 3

Masters - Race To 4

For SD and Doubles

Alternate Team Breaks

Either Player can break

No Coaching

No Time Outs

No Referees

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Rules & Guidelines

The governing rules of play are detailed in the 2023-2024 VNEA rule booklet and will be strictly adhered to along with the following:

Scotch Doubles and Mini - Tournament entries will be accepted on site.

Player Classification: Players that have placed high enough in a previous WCVNEA event to be moved up to a higher level, must compete in the higher level whether they achieved it in a Team or Singles event.

8-Ball Team Format: The 25-game round robin format will be used in the Open Advanced and Masters 8-Ball team.

The 20-game format will be used in the Open Intermediate event. The 16-game round robin format will be used in the Open Novice, Ladies Intermediate, Ladies Advanced & Ladies Masters 8- Ball team events.

The team with the most points at the end of the match will be declared the winner. If there is a tie in the total points, the teams will play another round, using the same roster as the last round. The team with the most points in the tie breaking round wins the match. Flip for the first break and alternate thereafter.

Substitution Rule: A team may substitute during a match if the following criteria are met 1) The opposing team captain must be notified before the start of the round in which the substitution is being made. 2) A player may not play an opposing team player more than once. 3) Once that player has played, he/she must keep that same position unless removed for a complete round and reinstated in a later round. Once a round has begun, no line -up changes may be made.

Determining the Break: 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 and then the visitors. Teams must fill out the score- sheet completely. The teams will then break in accordance with the score sheet. 8

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. 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 as unsportsmanlike conduct. Calling the 8-Ball:

Calling of the 8-Ball must be by the disc method in the following manner: Disc (patch) Placement: The patch must be completely within the second diamond on either side of the intended pocket (A referee will make a ruling if the patch position is protested). It is not necessary to move or touch the patch if it is already at the intended pocket. If a player shoots at the 8-Ball and commits a legal shot and the 8-Ball is not pocketed, the game continues.

If players decide not to use the patch, then the score sheet should indicate so.

Electronic Devices:

Ear buds, headsets are not allowed to be used while playing your game. The use of a cell is not allowed while in a game (e.g.: answering a call or viewing a text). 1st offence is a warning to the player, a second infraction will be an Unsportsmanlike conduct given to the player.

Start of Match: All matches will start at the posted time if the assigned tables are available. If player/players are 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 player/players will lose that game 10-0. This rule is the same for all rounds.

Forfeits

Team. If less than 2 team members are available 15 minutes after their posted match time, the team will be forfeited. Tournament Committee will decide forfeits. However, if enough team members (2), but less than the full team, are available when the match is called, then those present must begin shooting.

Singles: Players are responsible to be at their table at the posted match time.

Slow Play Rule: Exaggerated slow play will be penalized. After a warning, any longer than ONE MINUTE between shots will be a foul. The third infraction will result in loss of game. Both players will be timed.

PRACTICE: Teams may not practice during a match. A warning shall be issued, then an Unsportsmanlike Conduct, then loss of next game.

Protest Procedure: The protesting team or person will be required to deposit \$50 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 the protest is declined, they will forfeit their deposit. Deposits will go into the general fund of the WCVNEA.

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OPEN TEAM EVENTS

8-Ball Open Novice Teams To be played with 4 player teams Max 6 Players on Roster

Entry Fee - \$300 Includes \$120 Green Fees, \$20 Admin Fees

Designed with the Fun or Recreational player in mind. **No team with more than 4 total feats on their team should enter this division.**

The team must be comprised of 2 original players from the league team and all 2 members must play every round. The 3rd & 4th player may come from any team within the same Charter Holders League system, meeting the same player criteria.

8-Ball Open Intermediate Teams To be played with 5 players:

Entry Fee - \$ 375 Includes \$150 Green Fees, \$25 Admin Fees.

For the average player.

The team must be comprised of 2 original players from the league team and those 2 members must play every round. The 3rd, 4th and 5th player may come from any team within the same Charter Holder's League system, meeting the same player criteria.

8-Ball Open Advanced Teams

Entry Fee - \$425 Includes \$150 Green Fees, \$25 Admin Fees.

For the above average player. No Master players are allowed in this division. The team must be comprised of 2 original players from the league team and all 2 members must play every round. The 3rd, 4th and 5th player may come from any team within the same Charter Holder's League system, meeting the same player criteria.

Men's Master Team

Entry Fee - \$575 Includes \$150 Green Fees, \$25 Admin Fees

An Open Master Team may be comprised of any 5 players from within the Charter Holder's League system.

LADIES TEAM EVENTS

8-Ball Ladies Intermediate Teams

Entry Fee - \$300 Includes \$120 Green Fees, \$20 Admin Fees

The team must be comprised of 2 original players from the league team and all 2 members must play every round. The 3rd and 4th player may come from any team within the same Charter Holder's League system,

8-Ball Ladies Advanced Teams

Entry Fee - \$340 Includes \$120 Green Fees, \$20 Admin Fees

The team must be comprised of 2 original players from the league team and all 2 members must play every round. The 3rd and 4th player may come from any team within the same Charter Holder's League system,

8-Ball Ladies Masters Teams

Entry Fee - \$440 Includes \$120 Green Fees, \$20 Admin Fees

A Ladies master's Team may be comprised of any 4 female players from within the Charter Holders League system.

8-BALL SINGLES EVENTS

Open Novice Singles

Entry Fee \$75 Included Race to 3 On A & B Side

Men's Intermediate Singles

Entry Fee - \$85

Race to 4 On A - Race 3 On B

Men's Advanced Singles

Entry Fee - \$95

Race to 5 On A - Race 4 On B

Men's Masters Singles

Entry Fee - \$135

Race to 6 On A - Race 5 On B

Ladies Intermediate Singles

Entry Fee - \$75

Race to 3 On A & B Side

Ladies Advanced Singles

Entry Fee - \$85

Race to 4 On A - Race 3 On B

Ladies Masters Singles

Entry Fee - \$105

Race to 5 On A - Race 4 On B

\$30 Green Fee and a \$5 admin fee is included in each singles entry

Singles Events are Double Elimination.

5 – 10 -15 RULE

The referee should be called 5 minutes after the match is due to have started or after the match is called which ever is greater.

Singles

5 If a player does not show within 5 minutes for his match 1 win will be awarded.

10 If after 10 minutes and still no player another win will be awarded.

15 After 15 minutes and still no player match will be forfeited.

Team

5 If a team does not show up within 5 minutes for the match 2 wins will be awarded.

10 If after 10-minute mark and still no team another 2 wins will be awarded.

15 After 15 minutes and still no team match will be forfeited.

Note: team matches will start with 2 players present

**Call a Referee if your opponent is not present.
Do not come to control desk unless there is no
Referee present!**

TEAMS AND SINGLE PLAYERS MOVING UP TO NEXT LEVEL

Individuals or teams that finish in the top 10% or 1st and 2nd place (whichever is higher) during the 24th Annual Championship Tournament will be advanced to the next level of play at the 25th Annual WCVNEA Championships 2025.

Also, players listed on the VNEA Intermediate, and Masters and BCA Masters list will also be recognized Masters players at this event. Players who qualify for the Masters Division and choose to play 8-Ball Singles and/or Scotch Doubles must play in the Masters Division.

NO ONSITE REGISTRATION except Scotch Doubles and mini's

Entry Deadline - Friday, January 19th, 2024 or as specified by your charter

Registration Requirements: 8 weeks of play in 2023-24 Season NO EXCEPTIONS