



## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Qatar is the host country of the 2015 World 9-Ball Championship (W9BC) of the World Pool-Billiard Association. Qatar will hold this championship consecutively until 2017.

Sponsored by: Qatar Olympic Committee (QOC)

Co-sponsors by: Simonis (Cloth), Aramith (Balls), Wiraka (Tables), Adam –Japan (Cues)

Organized by: Qatar Billiards & Snooker Federation (QBSF)

Sanctioned by: World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA)

Asian Pocket Billiard Union (APBU)

### GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- Players must observe the rules and regulations as stipulated by QBSF.
- This tournament will be conducted and played according to WPA rules and regulations and conform with IOC anti-doping regulations.
- No smoking is allowed for all players, officials and spectators at all times inside the competition venues.
- Tournament Director shall have the absolute right to disqualify a player from the tournament at any time for any breach of the event rules or for any other behavior which in the Tournament Director's opinion is prejudicial to the good name of the tournament or its sponsors or promoters.
- Organizer reserves the rights to reject any entry as it sees fit.

### QUOTAS:

WPA ranking	24	(includes defending champion)
APBU	20	(not including West Asia & Arab countries)
BCA	7	
EPBF	24	
AAPA	4	
CPB	3	
OPBA	2	
Qualifying	12	
West Asia & Arab	12	
Host Country	8	
WPA wildcards	8	
<b>Organizer wildcards</b>	<b>4</b>	
TOTAL	128	

## TOURNAMENT DATES AND VENUE:

DATES:	Qualifying Tournament (Stage 1)	Sept. 07 (Mo) ~ 10 (Th)
	Players Meeting and Draw	Sept. 11 (Fr) P.M. 5:00 at <b>Hotel</b>
	Main Event (Stage 2) Group Round	Sept. 12 (Sa) ~ 15 (Tu)
	Final Round by 64 players	Sept. 16 (We) ~ 18 (Fr)

VENUE: Stage 1 & Stage 2 Al Arabi Sports Club  
Al Hilal St.

**DISCIPLINE:** 9 Ball, WPA Rules and Regulations with the 3 point break shot rule.

## PARTICIPANTS:

**Stage 1 players:** All players in good standing with their national federations are eligible to enter, upon accomplishing the entry form and paying the entry fee. There are three qualifying tournaments for 1<sup>st</sup> chance, 2<sup>nd</sup> chance and 3<sup>rd</sup> chance. Maximum number of the entry application will be 128 applicants on a first-come, first-served basis those who can participate in 1<sup>st</sup> chance, 2<sup>nd</sup> chance and 3<sup>rd</sup> chance tournaments.

**Stage 2 players:** 128 spots in the Stage 2 of W9BC. Players gain entry through,

- Defending champion,
- WPA Rankings (the top 24 players in the WPA ranking system are guaranteed for spots),
- Allocations on their continental federations,
- Qualifiers from Stage 1 qualifying tournaments,
- wild-cards of the WPA and the organizers.

All correspondence regarding spots under b) c) and e) (such as changes, cancellations, replacements) MUST be sent to the WPA and QBSF.

**Application form for Stage 1 and Stage 2 are attached to be downloaded.**

## ENTRY FEE:

Stage 1 players must pay their entry fee by the due date.

\*\* Any applicant can participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> chance, 2<sup>nd</sup> chance and 3<sup>rd</sup> chance of three tournaments with USD 300.

\*\* Qualifiers from the Stage 1 are requested to pay the entry fee for the Stage 2.

Stage 2 players ----- USD 250 to WPA

## ENTRY APPLICATION:

Stage 1: Entry by name----- **Not later than July 10, 2015**

(a first-come, first served basis)

Stage 2: Allocation confirmed (Entry by numbers) ----- not later than July 20, 2015.

WPA Ranking players to reply not later than July 20, 2015.

Entry by names spots cannot be returned (without 275 USD Penalty) **after August 10th**

Names changes are permitted but not after 10<sup>th</sup> August.

Any cancelation after the 10<sup>th</sup> August the spot will return directly to WPA for redistribution

**Stage 1 players:** The entry must be submitted the attached entry application form to QBSF thru the federation/association which applicants belong to. The announcement of the player is confirmed after payment confirmation of the entry fee is received. Payments must be made at the accreditation desk of QBSF not later than **July 10, 2015**, Payment is guaranteed to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> chance, 2<sup>nd</sup> chance and 3<sup>rd</sup> chance tournament. **No payment or no report for the payment by the date, the entry application will be cancelled and deleted from the name list.**

**Stage 2 players:** WPA Ranking top 24 should report for participation or non-participation to WPA and QBSF not later than **July 20, 2015** through their continental federation. Each continental association is requested to inform WPA before **July 20, 2015** if they will meet their allocations. These players' names should submit to WPA and QBSF immediately after confirmation, but no later than **August 1, 2015** with the attached entry application form along with **a scanned passport copy and scanned passport size photo** which will be necessary for ID card making in order to enter the tournament venue.

**Direct individual entry application will not be accepted.**

**No show:** If a player who was announced doesn't show at the Mandatory Player Meeting of **Stage 2**, his spot can be replaced with player from Stage 1 according to the ranking after the **Stage 1** tournament.

A no show player will be penalized with 275 USD fine and his entry will not be accepted to any further WPA events till the penalty is paid.

Exclusion to this rule is late arrival which must be announced at least 5 hours prior to the Mandatory Player Meeting to the Tournament Director and/or QBSF.

**Accreditation** All Stage 2 players and officials must be accurately registered and duly accredited through the QBSF (organizer) accreditation process in order to take part in the W9BC.

- **The due date of all procedures is observed strictly. The application after the date is invalid.**
- All players must collect their accreditation from the Tournament Office prior to the Player's Meeting in the hotel at 5.00 pm Sept. 11. Entry fees must be paid before accreditation is issued. Payment can be made in any of the following currencies only: USD 250 stage 2 and 300USD stage 1

**EQUIPMENTS:**

Wiraka New Model Tables

Simonis 860 Cloth, Tournament Blue Color.

Aramith Super Pro TV Ball

● **PRIZE FUND (US Dollars) :**

The prize breakdown is as follows:

Champion	30,000
Runner-up	15,000
3rd ~ 4th	7,500
5th ~ 8th	5,000
9th ~ 16th	3,000
17th ~ 32nd	2,000
33rd ~ 64th	1,500
65th ~ 96th	500 (Loser of 2 <sup>nd</sup> round in the loser's bracket of Stage 2)
Total	200,000

There are no deductions from prize money for sanction or taxation.

- Losers (non-qualifiers to Stage 2) in the last round of the loser's bracket (Loser's 2<sup>nd</sup> round, 65<sup>th</sup>~96<sup>th</sup> finishing) in each group are guaranteed USD 500.
- No prize money for losers in the 1<sup>st</sup> round loser's bracket in each group (97<sup>th</sup> ~ ~128<sup>th</sup>)

**TOURNAMENT FORMATS**

**Stage 1 qualifying tournaments:** Single elimination, race to 7, alternate break.

All applicants are guaranteed to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> chance, 2<sup>nd</sup> chance and 3<sup>rd</sup> chance tournaments for 12 qualifiers into Stage 2.

Qualifying rules for the substitute players: Point system

**Stage 2 Group Round :** Double elimination, race to 9, alternate break.

There are 128 players in the main event (Stage 2) of the W9BC. In the group round, the players are divided into 16 groups of 8 players each. 4 players from each group advance into the Last 64 final round. 2 from winner's bracket will be seeded into Final Round spot according to their results from the Group Rounds. 2 from loser's bracket will be drawn randomly.

Final Round by the Last 64 to the Final, the competition becomes single elimination with race to 11 and 13 in the final. All matches are by the alternate break.

**TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS:**

All players and officials are responsible for their own flight and accommodation expenses and food. The official hotel of the W9BC is Holiday Villa Hotel, Doha. This hotel offers special rates with a breakfast to players, guests and officials of the W9BC. Airport pick-up service for arrival and departure will be provided by the hotel.

**Hotel Information:**

Holiday Villa Hotel      Address: P.O.Box 47601, Al Muntazah Street, Doha  
www. Holidayvilladoha.com      email: info@holidayvilladoha.com  
Tel: (974) 4408-4888      Fax: (974) 4408-4008

USD 100 for a single bed room with breakfast.

USD 110 for a twin bed room with breakfast.

Room rates inclusive with all the services charges & taxes.

\*\* Reservation form attached is requested to send QBSF at the earliest convenience.

\*\* Contact to: Public Relations Officer, Abdulaziz Al-Bloushii      Mobile: (974) 5580-7787

**Transportation between the hotel and the venue:**

QBSF Provide the shuttle bus 5~6 times per day. It will be about 10 minutes.

**INSURANCE:**

As the organizer cannot accept responsibility for any accidents or injury that might occur, participants are advised to provide their own personal insurance.

**VISA:**

When needed the invitation letter for visa application (attached), to be submitted the scanned passport copy to QBSF at the earliest convenience.

Below is a list of the countries that can obtain a visa on arrival at Doha airport. The charge for the visa is US \$ 28. Pay by a credit card only. However if you send a visa application in advance to QBSF, you will be able to receive a visa from us, so you don't need to pay any cost at your arrival.

Citizens other than the countries listed will be arranged a visa prior to travel by QBSF.

Andorra	Australia	Austria
Belgium	Brunei	Canada
Denmark	Finland	France
Germany	Great Britain	Greece
Holland	Hong Kong	Iceland
Ireland	Italy	Japan
Liechtenstein	Luxemburg	Malaysia
Monaco	New Zealand	Norway
Portugal	San Marino	Singapore
South Korea	Spain	Sweden
Switzerland	U S A	Vatican

**CONFIRMATION OF TRAVEL:** You had better to check your visa with Qatar Embassy or the airline company as soon as you receive the visa from our organizer QBSF, if it requires the stamp on the visa paper. The stamp might be checked from the airline at the check-in counter.

## **MORE INFORMATION**

### **MATCH TIME:**

- It is the players' responsibility to check for the time of their next match.
- Time schedules for the match will be indicated at the venue, the lobby of the hotel or see the website.
- Players must be fully aware and punctual to the match schedules.
- Players are also required to pay attention to any changes of schedules arranged by the tournament office.
- Players should also take care that there might be changed of the match table number indicated in the pairing chart for the game schedule.
- Stand-by for the match. All players are requested to be Stand-by in the venue 15 minutes before the match scheduled time, and report player's name to the referee.
- No appearance at the table 15 minutes after a last call to start the match, then a player shall be forfeited the match.

All time-keeping shall be based on the wall-clock installed at the tournament venue.

### **PRACTICE and WARMING UP:**

- No practice tables in the tournament venue. Practice will be available at the QBSF club with table charge.
- Warm-up: Each player is allowed 2~5 minutes warm-up at the match table before the match starts. The referee should manage by the timer.

### **TIME-OUT:**

- During the Stage 2 matches (Group Rounds and Final Round), one time-out of 5 minutes will be applied automatically for both players in the same time immediately after the 9th rack (such as 8-1, 7-2, 6-3,5-4) during the match.
- Player who returns late after the 5 minutes, shall forfeit 1 rack. Another 5 minutes, one more rack and so on, by adding score to the opponent.  
Referee shall judge by a stop-watch.
- Players playing on the TV table shall be followed by a TV director.
- No time-out rule is applied in the Stage 1 qualifying tournament, except the emergency case.
- Players must not leave the playing area without the consent of the referee.

**SICKNESS TIME-OUT:** If a player requires a pause in play due to illness or potential illness they must immediately inform the referee or Tournament Director who will authorize a maximum 10 minute sickness timeout.

**SHOT CLOCK:** When the progress of the game is extremely slow, shot clock system (45 seconds) is requested by chief referee or tournament director.

**RACKING BALLS:** A plastic rack sheet will be used for racking of balls to make perfect racking and save the time for racking by a referee.

**BREAK-SHOT RULES:** The following rules are to be an addition to the WPA 9-Ball rules. At least three (3) object balls must either be pocketed or pass the head string as a result of a break in order for it to be legal. Any combination of the above (i.e. 1 object ball pocketed and 2 object balls passing the head string, or 2 object balls pocketed and 1 object ball passing the head string) is also legal.

Regardless of whether any balls are pocketed if a player fails to earn the required rules, it will be considered an illegal break (this is not the same as a foul break as defined in the WPA Rules)

After an illegal break;

1) Opponent has the option either to accept the table as it is, or hand it back to the player that performed the break.

2) **In case the opponent accepts the table as it is, the player will not be allowed to perform a push-out.**

3) If the table is handed back to the player that performed the break, the player is allowed to perform a push-out.

4) If 9-ball is pocketed in a legal break, the player wins the game. If in case of an illegal break, 9-ball is re-spotted before play is continued, then opponent has an option.

**DRESS CODE:** Players must respect the dress code at all times during tournament. For which will be strictly enforced on any players in the Stage 1 and 2 matches.

- Black trousers and leather shoes.
- Long or short sleeve button-up collared shirt (polo's are included).
- While playing, players may roll up their sleeves (if desired).
- All shirts must be tucked in.

The following are not allowed:

T-shirts, Jeans (any denim of any kind).

Sneakers, Sandals, any sporting shoes.

Any hat or cap.

Chewing gum. Earphone.

**LOGO:** Maximum 3 Sponsorship logo are allowed. The size of the logo must not exceed 3 inch by diameter or 2 x 3 inch rectangular size.

## **PLAYERS ACTIVITIES:**

Players must make themselves available for promotion of the appearance at the press conference, TV filming, pre event activities, sponsors' functions, clinics, photo calls, after game interviews, etc.

## **MANDATORY PLAYERS MEETING:**

All players are obligated to attend at the players meeting for the accreditation and drawing.

## **ABSENCE WITHOUT NOTICE (NO SHOW):**

As for the player who does not attend at the mandatory player meeting for the accreditation procedure and drawing without any report and certificate, the championship participation of the next year is refused by the tournament's organizer.

**UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:** Players must conduct themselves in a fair and sporting fashion and obey the spirit of the rules at all times.

**SITUATIONS NOT COVERED BY THE RULES OR REGULATIONS:** If any situation or question arises that is not covered in the rules or regulations, the Tournament Director will be consulted and his decision will be final.

## **TV COVERAGE**

### **Al Kass TV Qatar**

#### **Matches Live streaming to be confirmed before 20 august**

Local time: Qatar is 3 hours ahead of GMT throughout the year.  
Population: 1.8 million approx.  
Languages: Arabic English  
Religions: Islam  
Exchange Rate: USD 1 = 3.65 Qatar Riyals.

Electricity: 240 V  
Power plug: 3 flat pins  
Temperature: 30°C~ 40°C  
Alcohols: Any alcohol is prohibited to bring to Qatar.

**For further information and inquiries ----- website, write or call to:**

QBSF working hours: 9:00 a.m.~12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.~9:00 p.m.

Website: <http://www.qbsf.qa/>

Email : [w9bc@qbsf.qa](mailto:w9bc@qbsf.qa) Contact Tel: 974-4435-6099 Fax: QBSF/ 974-4435-6077

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