

Recent Tournament Changes

- **Masters Team Divisions will compete using the Modified Round Robin Format.**
- **OTBnTV.com will again be on hand to VIDEO and LIVE STREAM the weeks events!**
- **Original Team Members Change:** Regular & Intermediate Teams (both Men & Women) must be comprised of at least **2 Original Players** from their league team.
- **SENIOR CLASSIFICATIONS: CLASSICS - Men 50 & Over, Women 45 & Over
SENIORS - 60 & OVER**



- **A “New”, separate Classic Division will be conducted of Intermediate & Master Players who are 50+ years of age.**

- **All matches will be “RACK YOUR OWN” Breaks.**

- **Professional Player Criteria**

(Any player listed in any of the criteria below is not eligible to play in any VNEA competition at the International Championships.)

Women: Top 32 women players of the WPA & Top 32 women players of the WPBA 

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

Administration Fee...

Entry Fees...

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Masters</u>	
Singles Events -				
<i>Men</i>	\$105	\$130	\$155	(Includes \$5 Admin. Fee)
<i>Women</i>	\$85	\$105	\$125	(Includes \$5 Admin. Fee)
Team Events -				
<i>Open</i>	\$275	\$325	\$525	(Includes \$25 Admin. Fee/Team)
<i>Women</i>	\$220	\$260	\$420	(Includes \$20 Admin. Fee/Team)



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General Information for You and Your Players

Championships Dates

May 27th through June 5th, 2010

Tournament Site

Riviera Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

Room Rates

\$79 per night for...

single, double, triple or quad

For reservations call 800 634-6753

and mention the VNEA

30th Anniversary Championship Team Spots

Each Charter Holder is allowed **one** International Championship Team Spot for every 8 sanctioned teams in that Charter Holders system. (If extra spots are available, they will be issued on a "1st Come, 1st Served" basis)

General Tournament Information

All participants in International Competition:

- a. must be deemed an active player by his/her Charter Holder.
- b. must be able to show an up-to-date sanction card and pictured I.D. for positive identification and prize money disbursements.
- c. are subject to random I.D. checks for eligibility purposes.

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

Exception: Mini-Tournaments

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

Tournament Dress Code

All participants in the 30th Anniversary Int'l Championships must comply with the following dress code:

No Halter Tops • No Midriffs • No Cut-Offs • No Swimwear
No Tube Tops • No Tank Tops • No Improper Verbiage

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 or spectator not properly attired to leave the playing area.

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.

FEATURED EVENTS

Regular Divisions

- Open 8-Ball Teams (*Plus*)
 - Sportsman
- Women's 8-Ball Teams (*Plus*)
 - Sportswoman
- Men's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles (*Plus*)
 - Sportsman
- Women's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles (*Plus*)
 - Sportswoman
- Men's Classic 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles
- Women's Classic 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles
- Open Senior 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles

Mini-Tournament Format

- *Scotch Doubles*

Intermediate Divisions

- Open 8-Ball Teams
- Women's 8-Ball Teams
- Men's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles
- Women's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles

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Masters Divisions

- Open 8-Ball Teams
- Women's 8-Ball Teams
- Men's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles
- Women's 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles

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Event Play and Other Activities Schedule

All times are approximate times only

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2010

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm **Check-In Only** for 8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles for questions, concerns, etc. Players listed on bracket sheets need not check-in.

1:00 pm - 10:00 pm Certified Instructor Seminar

3:00 pm Mini-Tournaments

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2010

8:00 am - 8:30 am Special 9-Ball Singles Check-In

9:00 am 9-Ball Singles Competition Begins
(Includes Classics & Seniors)

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Special 8-Ball Singles Check-In

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2010

8:00 am - 8:30 am Special 8-Ball Singles Check-In

9:00 am 8-Ball Singles Competition Begins
(Includes Classics & Seniors)

Noon - 7:00 pm Prize Money Available
& Scotch Doubles Sign-Up

9:00 pm Scotch Doubles Begins

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2010

9:00 am 8-Ball Singles Competition Continues

2:00 pm Certified Referee School

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Team Check-In

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Prize Money Available

TBA Masters Singles Finals

TBA Scotch Doubles Finals

TBA Mini-Tournaments

MONDAY, MAY 31, 2010

TBA 8-Ball & 9-Ball Finals

9:00 am Certified Referee School

10:00 am - Noon & 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Prize Money Available

12:00 Noon - 4:00 pm Cert. Inst. Recertification Class

12:00 Noon - 6:00 pm Team Check-In

12:00 Noon Mini-Tournaments Begin

7:30 pm Opening Ceremonies and Suds & Chips Mixer

Parade Of Flags

Hall Of Fame Induction

Singles Awards Presentation

8:30 pm Free Beer & Snacks (limited quantity)

Cash Bar til midnight

Entertainment

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010

7:30 am - 8:30 am Team Check-In

9:00 am Team Competition Begins

9:00 am - 6:00 pm Team Uniform Photos @ VNEA Booth

Noon - 4:00 pm Prize Money Available

TBA Mini-Tournaments

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2010

8:00 am Certified Referee School

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

9:00 am - 6:00 pm Team Uniform Photos @ VNEA Booth

12:00 Noon Master Team Competition Begins

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Prize Money Available

TBA Sports Divisions Competition

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Hall of Famers Party

TBA Mini-Tournaments

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2010

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

9:00 am Executive Committee Meeting

11:00 am - 7:00 pm Speed Pool Mini's

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Prize Money Available

8:00 pm President's Reception/Meritorious Service Award

TBA Mini-Tournaments

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2010

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

10:00 am - Noon, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Prize Money Available

10:00 am Hardluck Competition

10:00 am - 3:00 pm Artistic Pool Finals

Noon Charter Holders Meeting

2:00 pm Charter Holder Roundtable

7:00 pm Cues for Kids Giveaways @ VNEA Booth

TBA Team Finals

TBA Mini-Tournaments

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2010

9:00 am Team Competition Continues

10:00 am - 4:00 pm Prize Money Available

TBA Team Finals

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Banquet Cocktail Hour

7:00 pm Banquet

8:00 pm Awards Presentation & Entertainment

tournament information

Red Jones Team Uniform Competition

- **free team photo**
- **free show tickets to the winning team**
- **team spotlighted at the vnea banquet and in popular pool magazines**

Cue Specifications:

Width of Tip:

Not to exceed 15mm.

Length of Cue: 40 inches min.

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 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.

CHARTERS READ CAREFULLY. The VNEA offers numerous DIVISIONS at the International 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 Division 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 to review the Intermediate and Master lists, prior to submitting entries, to be sure all of their players are entered into the proper Divisions.

Charter Holders found to have entered players in improper Divisions will be punished in accordance with the International 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.

Mini-Tournaments

Mini-Tournaments will consist of 8-Ball, 9-Ball & Scotch Doubles.

Play times will be announced and posted as tables become available.

Scotch Doubles

Entry Fees: (\$50 per team)

All Scotch Doubles players must be sanctioned VNEA members. If one or more of the Scotch Doubles members is a Master player then they must participate in the Masters Division. If one or more of the Scotch Doubles members is an Intermediate player then they must participate in the Intermediate Division.

If Master or Intermediate players are found playing in the wrong division they will forfeit all prize money and will not be allowed to participate in any future mini-tournaments.

The Scotch Doubles teams consist of one male and one female. **Both members do not need to be from the same Charter Holder**, therefore allowing members to participate with players from other Charters, states and countries.

Coaching will not be allowed in Scotch Doubles.

All Scotch Doubles mini-tournament winners will advance to the finals to be held on Sunday, May 30th, 2010.

Sportsman's/Sportswoman's Singles Divisions

As in the Sports Team Division, players eliminated in 3 rounds or less from the Regular Division Singles will compete in the Sports Singles Division.

Also as in the Sports Team Division, these players will automatically be placed in these divisions, pay no additional entry fee and share in the overall prize money.

Classic & Senior participants, who qualify, will be eligible for the Sports Singles Divisions.

Team Hardluck Divisions

Teams who win 2 or more matches and finish out of the money or teams eliminated from the Team Sports Division before reaching the money rounds, will have the opportunity to play in the Hardluck Division for a nominal fee.

Additional Hardlucks will be announced and conducted based upon table availability.

RIVIERA HOTEL & CASINO.

Room Reservations: 800 634-6753

(Be sure to mention "VNEA" when making your Room Reservations)

The **Riviera Hotel & Casino** in fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada is the host of the 30th Anniversary VNEA International Championships. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. A one-night's room deposit is required to guarantee accommodations. Payment will be accepted by check or major credit card. **The Room Rate is \$79 per night for single to quad occupancy per room.** *We recommend immediately contacting the Riviera Hotel by telephone as we anticipate our room block to fill up quickly.*

All reservations must be received by 5/11/2010 and accompanied by a one-night room and tax deposit.

All reservations subject to 12% room tax & suites subject to confirmation.

Check-In: 4 pm • Check-Out: 11 am

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Room Availability at the Riviera is at a premium - make your reservations TODAY!*

rules, format, etc.

the governing rules of play are detailed in the 2009-2010 VNEA Rules Booklet and will be strictly adhered to along with the following:

8-Ball 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. If there is a tie in the total points, the teams will play the last round over as it stands on the scoresheet until a winner is decided. Flip for the first break and alternate thereafter.

- All team events will be played using a Double Elimination bracket. Finals brackets will be re-drawn with participants starting with no losses.
- Master team events will be using the Modified Round Robin format.

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.

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

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.

Calling the 8-Ball

Calling of the 8-Ball must be by the disc method in the following manner:

Disc Placement

The disc must be completely within the first two diamonds on either side of the intended pocket. (A Referee will make a ruling if the disc position is protested)

It is not necessary to move or touch the disc 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.

Team Certificates

Team captains are responsible to have in their possession during all Team Tournament matches, their "Official Team Certificate".

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.
- It is both team captain's responsibility to ensure that the proper players are playing each game.

End of Match

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

Forfeits

Team...

If no team members are available within 15 minutes after their posted match time, the team will be forfeited. Tournament Committee will decide forfeits.

However, 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.

Singles..

Players are responsible to be at their table at their posted match time. Absent players will receive one recall before being forfeited. 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*.

Listed Master & Intermediate Classic or Senior players are ineligible for any Classic or Senior events.

Classics: (age as of event day)

Age: Men - 50 yrs. old minimum

Women - 45 yrs. old minimum

Seniors: (age as of event day)

Age: Men & Women - 60 yrs. 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.

Event Specifications **Note:** The Tournament Committee retains final discretion in placing players or teams in the proper Division.

REGULAR DIVISION Including Sports Divisions

All Entry Fees include a \$5 Admin. Fee / Person

8-Ball Open Teams

To Be Played With 5 Player Teams

Entry Fee - \$275; Green Fee - \$200

An Open Regular Team must be comprised of at least **2** original players from the league team and **both** original members must play every round. The 3rd, 4th and 5th players may come from any team within the same Charter Holder's League System. Four members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate league nights and the fifth member must have played a minimum of 8 separate league nights.

(A Regular Division Open Team may not have any Intermediate or Master players.)

8-Ball Women's Teams

To Be Played With 4 Player Teams

Entry Fee - \$220; Green Fee - \$140

A Women's Regular Team must be comprised of at least **2** original female players from their league team and **both** original members must play every round. The 3rd and 4th female players may come from any team within the same Charter Holder's League System. Three members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate league nights and the fourth member must have played a minimum of 8 separate league nights.

(A Regular Division Women's Team may not have any Intermediate or Master players.)

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 division, is the only team that player is allowed to play for.*

8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles

(Includes 8-Ball & 9-Ball Classics & Seniors)

Race: Men - 5, Women - 4
(Double Elimination)

All players must have completed the 12 separate league night requirement and are subject to Tournament Committee approval as Regular Division players.

Singles Entry Fees

Men - \$105 Women - \$85
(Sports Division Singles
Will Be Single Elimination)

INTERMEDIATE DIV.

8-Ball Open Teams

To Be Played With 5 Player Teams

Entry Fee - \$325; Green Fee - \$175

An Open Intermediate Team must be comprised of at least **2** original players from the league team and **both** original members must play every round. The 3rd, 4th and 5th players may come from any team within the same Charter Holder's League System. Four members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate league nights and the fifth member must have played a minimum of 8 separate league nights. *(An Open Intermediate Division Team may have one (1) Master player.)*

8-Ball Women's Teams

To Be Played With 4 Player Teams

Entry Fee - \$260; Green Fee - \$120

A Women's Intermediate Team must be comprised of at least **2** original female players from their league team and **both** original members must play every round. The 3rd and 4th female players may come from any team within the same Charter Holder's League System. Three members of the team must have played a minimum of 12 separate league nights and the fourth member must have played a minimum of 8 separate league nights. *(A Women's Intermediate Division Team may have one (1) Master player.)*

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 division, is the only team that player is allowed to play for.*

8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles

Race: Men - 6, Women - 5
(Double Elimination)

All players must have completed the 12 separate league night requirement and are subject to Tournament Committee approval as Regular Division players.

Singles Entry Fees

Men - \$130 Women - \$105
(All Singles Green Fees - \$35)

MASTERS DIVISION

8-Ball Open Teams

To Be Played With 5 Player Teams

Entry Fee - \$525; Green Fee - \$200

An Open Masters Team may be comprised of any 5 players from within their Charter Holder's League System so long as they meet the 12 separate league night requirement.

Competition will be via the Modified Round Robin format.

8-Ball Women's Teams

To Be Played With 4 Player Teams

Entry Fee - \$420; Green Fee - \$140

A Women's Masters Team may be comprised of any 4 female players from within their Charter Holder's League System so long as they meet the 12 separate league night requirement.

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 division, is the only team that player is allowed to play for.*

Competition will be via the Modified Round Robin format.

8-Ball & 9-Ball Singles

Race: Men - 7, Women - 6
(Double Elimination)

All participants must have completed the 12 separate league night requirement. Participants need not be recognized Master players to participate in this event.

Singles Entry Fees

Men - \$155 Women - \$125

2010 championships

read carefully

For the 30th Anniversary International Championships, the following criteria will be used to place individuals in the proper Divisions for the 31st Annual Championships...

REGULAR DIVISION

At the 30th Anniversary Int'l Championships, participants finishing in the **Top 16 Open 8-Ball Teams, Top 6 Women's 8-Ball Teams, Top 32 Men's 8-Ball Singles, Top 16 Women's 8-Ball Singles, Top 24 Men's 9-Ball Singles and Top 8 Women's 9-Ball Singles** will be Intermediate for the 31st Annual Championships

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

At the 30th Anniversary Int'l Championships, participants finishing in the **Top 4 Open 8-Ball Teams, Top 2 Women's 8-Ball Teams, Top 8 Men's 8-Ball Singles, Top 4 Women's 8-Ball Singles, Top 8 Men's 9-Ball Singles, and Top 4 Women's 9-Ball Singles** will be Masters for the 31st Annual Championships

** Regular Division participants on the 3rd/4th place Women's 8-Ball Teams will become Intermediate*

MASTERS DIVISION

At the 30th Anniversary Int'l Championships, participants finishing in the **Prize Money in Open 8-Ball Teams** and in the **Prize Money in Women's 8-Ball Teams and anyone finishing in the prize money in Men's and Women's 8-Ball Singles and Men's and Women's 9-Ball Singles** will remain Masters for the 31st Annual Championships



- If you are a listed Intermediate player (see listings at VNEA.com), you are ineligible to play on a Regular Team. You can play on an Intermediate or Master Team.
- If you are a listed Master player (see listings at VNEA.com), you are ineligible to play on a Regular Team. You can play on a Master Team or you can play on an Intermediate Team if you are the only Master on that Intermediate Team.
- All players have the option of competing in a higher division than they are listed.
- Classic Singles and Senior Singles are only available for Regular Division players of proper age.
- **Master Players are not allowed on a Regular Team**
- **Intermediate Players are not allowed on a Regular Team**
- **One Master Player allowed on an Intermediate Team**

It is very difficult to foresee every possible situation that can arise. Therefore, any player who hasn't played in the International Championships in the last 3 years, or entries of known Intermediate or Masters ability may be placed in a higher Division at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

