

GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

2012

Iowa State Poolplayers Association (ISPA)

9-Ball Singles, 8 Ball Singles
And Team State Championships
Jacoby and Franks Center - ISPA Elite
April 11-15, 2012

RiverCenter/Adler Theater
136 W. 3rd St. Davenport, Iowa 52803

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Iowa State Poolplayers Association*

ISPA Tournament Committee and Administration

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Tournament Qualification Committee

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John Rozmus

Tournament Director

High Country Promotions
Gary Benson

Tournament Equipment

180 - Valley Cougar 7-foot coin-operated tables.
2 - 1/4" Standard Aaramith balls, Aaramith cue ball is
same size as object balls. Cue ball is slightly heavier
than object balls.

All tables will be open for play during the entire
tournament for scheduled tournament play, practice
and Mini Tournaments.

HOW TO ENTER

Entry Forms

The league operators will be responsible for entering
entries on line. Entries not filled out properly may be
delayed or rejected. The League Operator will submit
all entries and send entry fees directly to the ISPA
Treasurer, Heide French. Make checks payable to
ISPA. NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE
ACCEPTED. League checks will be accepted along
with money orders. Entries sent in by individual
players WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED and will be
returned to the player. Confirmation of your entry
will be returned directly to your League Operator
after it is recorded and processed by the ISPA Office.

ENTRY DEADLINE

All entries must be turned in to league operator by
February 18th.
All Operators must have entries entered on line and
payment mailed by:

**Regular entries: February 25, 2012. All entries
postmarked after this date are considered late and
will be assessed a late fee.**

**Late entries: March 3, 2012 Entries postmarked
after this date will not be accepted.
(\$25.00 late fee must be added for each late entry.)**

EVENTS

Events will be as follows:

9-Ball Singles
8-Ball Singles
8-Ball Scotch Doubles (sign up on site)
8-Ball 5-Player Teams

**Entry fees include \$10 administrative fees and \$15
greens fees per player for each event.**

All singles events of 8-Ball will include following divisions (see note below):

Masters Men	\$75
Master Women	\$75
Open Men Level 1	\$50
Open Men Level 2	\$50
Open Women 1	\$50
Open Women 2	\$50
*Open Women Seniors (50+)	\$50
Men Senior (55-64)	\$50
*Men Super Senior (65+)	\$50

Team Events will include:

Men Level 1	\$175
Men Level 2	\$175
Master Men	\$250
Women Level 1	\$175
Women Level 2	\$175
Master Women	\$250

9-Ball will include

Master/Mixed	\$75
Open/Mixed	\$50
*Open Women	\$50
*Master/Elite Women	\$75
Senior (55-64)	\$50
*Super Senior (65+)	\$50
Junior (Age 8-16) – 9 Ball Only	\$33

Juniors will be played on Sunday

*NOTE: If there are Elite Women or Master Women that
would like to play in the 9-ball, they must play in the
Master 9-ball. All other Open Player Women can play in
the Open/Mixed 9-ball.*

***A minimum of 12 players must pre-register for
these events. Otherwise they will be placed in
their appropriate alternate division**

ESTIMATED START TIMES OF EVENTS

Subject to Change By Tournament Director
Apr 11, Wednesday Afternoon – All 9 Ball
Apr 12, Thursday A.M – All Open 8 Ball
Apr 12, Thursday Afternoon – All Master 8 Ball
Apr 13, Friday Evening – Scotch Doubles
Apr 14, Saturday A.M.– All Teams
Apr 15, Sunday A.M – Juniors

2ND Chance Team Tourney's:

Men's Open Division (first 64 teams out of money) \$50.00 per team

Women Open Division (first 16 teams out of money) \$50.00 per team

Mixed Scotch Doubles 8-Ball

Open Division (no Masters or Elites)

Masters Division (only one Master per team, no Elites)

May play with any sanctioned player from the ISPA (One Male One Female)
(Sign up On Site)

TOURNAMENT RULES and FORMAT

Rules governing play are detailed in the current edition of *Billiards – World Standardize Rules*. Referees are the authority in all matters relating to the rules. You can however dispute a ruling by a floor Referee and the matter will be taken up with the Head Referee who will be the Final Authority.

Format – Subject to Change By Tournament Director Due To Field Size.

Singles Divisions

9-Ball Men's/Mixed Master – **Race to 7, 8, 9**

9-Ball Men's/Mixed Open - **Race to 5**

9-Ball Women's Open – **Race to 4**

9 Ball Women Master/Elite – **Race to 5/6**

9-Ball Seniors and Super Seniors – **Race to 5 or 6**

8-Ball Men's Masters – **Race to 5, 6 or 7**

8-Ball Women's Master – **Race to 5**

8-Ball Men's Open

Level One – **Race to 5**

Level Two – **Race to 4**

8-Ball Seniors and Super Seniors - **Race to 4 or 5**

8-Ball Women's Open

Level One - **Race to 4**

Level Two - **Race to 4**

8-Ball Women's Senior – **Race to 4**

Team Divisions

Men's Master Teams - **Race to 13**

Men's Open Level 1 - **Race to 9 (11 w/1 Master)**

Men's Open Level 2 = **Race to 9 (11 w/1 Lvl 1)**

Women's Master Teams - **Race to 11**

Women Level 1 - **Race to 9 (11 w/1 Master)**

Women Level 2 – **Race to 9 (11 w/1 Lvl 1)**

8-Ball Mixed Scotch Double's Division

Master's Division (1 Master Player limit) – **Race to 4**

Open Division (No Master's) – **Race to 3**

2nd Chance Team

Men's Open Teams - **Race to 9**

Women's Open Teams - **Race to 9**

General Dress Code Requirements

We wish to make your tournament experience as positive and comfortable as possible. We ask that you help by maintaining proper and appropriate dress during the event. Please observe the following requirements.

1. The dress code will be in effect and enforced at all times when on the main tournament floor.

This includes during all competition and practice, including mini-tournaments.

2. No player may compete while wearing ripped, torn or stained clothing. Suggestive clothing may not be worn at any time when on the tournament floor.

3. **Collard shirts only** will be allowed. Vests or sweatshirts may be worn over shirts. Women's blouses may be sleeveless so long as they are collard and not determined to be suggestive in nature

4. Women may wear culottes, skirts, side-split skirts, and dresses, but must be of appropriate length.

MINI-SKIRTS not acceptable!

5. Dress slacks are preferred but neat, clean, jeans without holes or tears are acceptable. Shorts, skorts, cutoffs, bib-type overalls, and running/jogging/sweat pants or suits are not acceptable.

6. Clean, neat shoes must be worn at all times. No bare feet or stocking feet. Open-toe shoes are not permitted except for medical reasons when approved by the tournament committee.

7. Hats may be worn (Bill Forward).

8. No cell phones during your match. First offense will be a warning.

9. No head phones or electronic devices during match. Hearing aids will be allowed

Team Competition Dress Code Requirements

Team shirts are required for all teams during team competition. During team events, all team members

must wear shirts or blouses of identical style and color, with matching logos, front and back, exclusive of embroidered names, league award patches, etc. All members of a team must have their own team shirt or blouse. No borrowing of shirts will be permitted.

Teams may be required to remove coats, sweatshirts or jackets to insure dress codes are not in violations.

NOTE: No team may have members arrive late to undermine dress code violations.

Enforcement

Any player found in violation of the dress code will be given 15 minutes to correct the violation (during match play) and return to the match site. If the player is not back in 15 minutes, the player will lose one game of the match, and will lose one additional game, for each additional five minutes, until he or she returns. A team captain may not substitute another player for a player found in violation of the dress code until after the player returns in proper attire.

During mini-tournaments any player found in violation of the dress code will be asked to leave the

tournament floor and **will forfeit their position in the event.**

Dress Code Protest by players

If a player or team wishes to protest or report a suspected violation of the dress code, it must be done prior to the commencement of a match. Only players involved in a singles match or the team captain, if a team event match, may make such protest to a referee. **Once a match has begun, no dress code protests will be recognized but may be enforced by a Referee.**

Referees Authority

Referees will be the final authority in all matters of dress code, at all times. Referees shall have the authority to enforce the dress code **at all times** and at their discretion as to compliance times, whether immediate or at a future time, a player or team captain lodges whether or not any protest.

PAYOUT PROCEDURES

For individuals and/or teams placing in the money:

1. Turn in match scorecard to the tournament control desk.
2. Pick up Payout Information sheet from office.
3. Fill out all information legibly (must be able to read). PLEASE Print (MUST be complete). **Note: Other teammates may have placed in other events. In order to receive your check, you must have the following:**
 1. Photo ID
 2. Pay-out Control Voucher.
 3. No checks will be made out in any manner except in the name of the winner. Team checks will be made out in the name of the Team Captain **ONLY**. No exceptions! Teams must have all players information on payout information sheet to disperse the payout to all players for tax purposes. If not all the players information is on the payout information sheet, the money won will be determined to be received by the person signing for the payout. (Any player who receives over \$600 will be issued a 1099; by having all the players on the team payout may eliminate the 1099 being issued).
 4. **Check's will be issued during posted times only!**
 5. Check's may be cashed at either Riverboat Casinos.

IDENTIFICATION

Social Security Numbers are not required for entry. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE YOUR SSN IF YOU PLACE AND WIN OVER \$500.

DURING THE EVENT - All players are required to carry positive identification at all times. Opposing singles players or opposing Team Captains, prior to the start of a match, or any Tournament Official at any time during the event may ask for and require proof of identification from any and all entrants. Failure to comply with such request may be cause for disqualification from the event. **Scheduled Table:** If you have a match on a scheduled table and a match just started at the time you were supposed to play, tell a referee, so they can contact the tournament director to reschedule you.

TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY

Singles Divisions

Singles play are open to any player that has played in an ISPA sanctioned league. This includes Masters, and Open Divisions. Top finishers (6%) will move up to the 8- ball Level 1 in the following year or year's that player competes in the state tournament.

Team Masters –There will be team masters beginning 2012 using 2010 and 2011 stats.

NOTE: All Players wanting reclassifications must do so by the annual ISPA June meeting every year. (A form from your league operator is available)

Masters Divisions

By directive of the ISPA Board of Directors at the Board meeting held August 27, 2000, all tournament events will include a Masters Division. This was done to place players of similar skill levels in divisions in which similarly skilled players will compete. A list of players recognized as being of exceptional skill level has been compiled by the ISPA and is known as the Men's Master Player List for Men and Women's Master Player List for Women. These lists are available from your League Operator.

Number of Divisions You May Enter

All eligible players may enter ONE Singles Division in 8-Ball, ONE Singles Division in 9-Ball, and may play on ONE team only during the Championships. You may be listed on more than one team roster, but once you have played on a specific team, you are committed to that team and may not compete on any other team during the Championships. Women ONLY may compete in Women's Divisions and mixed teams will be allowed in the Men's Open and Men's Master Divisions.

Weeks of Play Required

Each player entering the Championships must have played a MINIMUM of 6 (six) full weeks of regularly sanctioned league play within the same league and division and during a single session after June 1, 2010. This means, as an example, that if you play in a multi-divisional league and you play 3 full matches in one division and 3 full matches in another division, you ARE NOT QUALIFIED. If you play 3 full

matches in the Fall session in a division and then play 3 full matches in the same division during the Spring session, you **ARE NOT QUALIFIED**. ALL matches must be in the same division during the same session.

Number of Players On A Team

Each team may include as many as 7 (SEVEN) players on their roster. All players must be from the same league operators system and must meet the additional following requirements:

Masters Teams

A Masters Division Team may be made up of any number of players up to 7 (SEVEN) from within their League Operators system. This can include players from different divisions and different sessions so long as EACH player meets the weeks of play requirement outlined above. These are traditionally “all-star” teams and none of these players need be on the Masters Singles list, but one or more may be. These teams are not required to meet the “3 original player requirement” for Non-Master Team. **Note: Elite Players may play in the Master division with one Open player for every Elite player with a maximum of two Elites on a roster. The Open player must play in the same inning as the Elite player.**

Open Teams

All Open Division Teams must consist of at least 3 original players from an original league team, all of whom have met the weeks of play requirement, having played on the same team during a single session. The balance of the team may consist of any players from within their League Operators system, from any division and any session, who have also met the weeks of play requirement. These teams may include not more than ONE PLAYER listed on the ISPA list of Master Singles Players.

All qualified players who are not required to play in the Master's Divisions per ISPA guidelines are eligible to compete in the Masters or Open Divisions.

NOTE: No Elite Player, male or female, may be on an Open Division Team

If you have any questions as to a player's status, please contact your League Operator or the ISPA Office or Qualification Committee prior to registering.

Voluntary Entry or Placement in an Elite or Masters Division

Any team or player may voluntarily choose to play in the Elite or Masters Division. Voluntary entry into the Elite or Masters Division does not necessarily create future Elite or Master status for that team or player. At the discretion of the Qualification Committee, any player or team may be placed in the Elite or Masters Division based on known ability. This may be done on site and the required additional

fees will be due and paid in full prior to that team being eligible to compete.

WHEN SHOULD I ARRIVE?

Please refer to the important tournament information. Plan to arrive so you have time to check in to your hotel, get comfortable, look around and familiarize yourself with the site, find your start times, and be at your table when your match is scheduled to play. This usually means arriving the night before your division is scheduled to start.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Singles find your name on the board when you play. If you are playing only in the Team events, your team captain or League Operator may check in for the entire team

HOW DO I KNOW WHEN I PLAY

All matches will now be posted on the tournament boards near the main tournament desk. It is your responsibility to know when and where you play. Matches will not be announced. First, find your name on the list of the appropriate division on the boards. This list will show you which flow chart you are listed on. Look at the flow chart and find your name. You will see in the matchbox: 1) the time of your match, and 2) the table(s) you will be playing on. Approximately 15 minutes before your match is scheduled to play, your scorecard will be in a “pigeon-hole” at the tournament desk. Find the one corresponding to your table number. Take the scorecard to your table and wait for your opponent to arrive. If a match is still in progress on that table, please wait at the table until that match is completed or if the match is not close to being finished, report to the tournament director and ask to be reassigned. Again, be courteous of your fellow players.

START TIMES AND BEING LATE FOR A MATCH

We will make every effort to get all matches under way at the appointed times. Your timeliness in reporting for all matches will help make this job easier. Please be considerate of your fellow players. When playing in a singles event, you will be allowed a five (5) minute grace period for arrival at your match. If your opponent has not arrived at the table at five (5) minutes after the appointed time for the match to begin, take your scorecard to the tournament desk. The Tournament Director will announce the start of the grace period and announce your opponent's name. At the expiration of **this announced time**, you will win the match by forfeit. **The Tournament Director's clock ONLY** will be used and is official for this purpose and the decision of the Tournament Director will be final. When playing in a team event, only one team member need be present to start the match. The same

procedure will apply as in the singles events, if no member of the opposing team is present.

WHEN MUST MY TEAM START PLAY?

*AGAIN, when playing in a team event, only one team member need be present to start the match. Score sheets will be filled out in a timely manner and play will commence as soon as both teams have a member present. If a game is completed and the listed opposing player is not present to begin the next game on the score sheet, that game will be forfeited to the player who is present and the match will proceed to the next game. This will continue until such time as a game can be played and the offending team or teams will take the forfeits accordingly. A player listed on the roster and on the score sheets may begin play at any time he/she arrives but may not make up forfeited games. (Also see substitutions below.)***NOTE: Dress code rules still apply.**

CAN A SUBSTITUTE PLAYER BE PUT ON THE SCORE SHEET FOR A NO SHOW PLAYER?

The Team Captain may substitute another player for a NO-SHOW player but not until after the completion of the round in which the player was listed to play. The no-show player may also be substituted back in a subsequent round should they arrive at the match late.

CAN A SUBSTITUTE PLAYER BE PUT ON THE SCORE SHEET FOR A REGULAR PLAYER?

The Team Captain may substitute another player for a REGULAR player but not until after the completion of the round in which the player was listed to play. The opposing Team Captain must be informed of all substitutions prior to the start of the round. If such substitution causes the substituted player to match up against a player they have already played, the substituted player will lose that game by forfeit.

WHAT TO DO AFTER MY MATCH IS COMPLETED

*After you complete your match, both players, or both Team Captains are to sign the scorecard and the winner will return it to the tournament desk. This is extremely important if you are to get credit for your match. **If you lose the scorecard, BOTH players or teams will be scored a forfeit of the match, as no matches will be replayed. Stop back at the tournament boards to check where your next match will be.***

PROTESTS

*If for any reason a Team Captain feels that the opposing team has fielded an ineligible player, or may be otherwise ineligible to compete, the Team Captain **ONLY** may file a written protest with the Tournament Committee. A required \$100 protest fee must accompany such protests. The protest will then be reviewed and a determination made. If the*

protesting Team prevails, the protest fee will be returned and action taken as deemed appropriate by the Tournament Committee whose decision is final. If the protested player is found to be eligible, the protesting team will forfeit the \$100 protest fee. This same rule also applies to all singles division players.

SHOT CLOCK AND TIME LIMIT PROCEDURE

It is imperative that the event remains on a reasonable time frame in order to be successful! We will observe a “reasonable” shot time frame. If you feel that a player is intentionally taking too much time on or between shots, you should notify a Referee. The Referee will then generally issue a warning to BOTH, singles players or teams that a second complaint will result in the ENTIRE match being placed on a shot clock. **This will hold each shot to a 45 seconds time limit.** A Referee or designee will be placed at the match. Each shot will be timed. “Time” will be announced after 35 seconds and “Foul” will be announced after 45 seconds. Ball in Hand or other appropriate penalty will then be applied towards the offending player. Any abuse of a Referee under this provision by either a player or team will be handled as “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” and the Referee or other Tournament Official will take the appropriate action under the rules pertaining to Administrative Discretion.

MINI TOURNAMENTS

Time and space permitting, Mini tournaments will be scheduled on site.

ELITE players will not be permitted to enter Mini tournaments unless a specific Elite Mini Tournament is scheduled.

FOOD AND DRINKS

Food and drinks from outside sources may not be brought into the tournament site. ***It's The Law!*** Violators may be disqualified from the event. Gambling is **NOT** permitted at any time during the event!

ISPA is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen items

***Thank You For Your Participation
And Enjoy Your ISPA 2012 State
Tournament...***