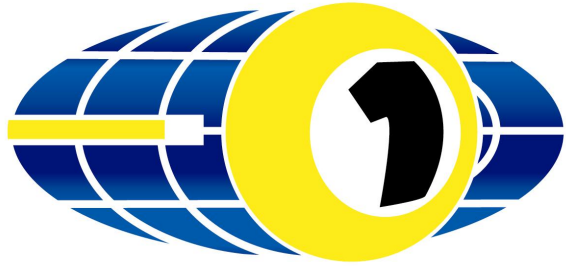


World Pool-Billiard Association & Chinese Billiards & Snooker Association



**WORLD POOL-BILLIARD
ASSOCIATION**



CBSA

World Teams Pool Championship 2012

Competition Information & Format

Host:

World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA)

Chinese Billiards & Snooker Association (CBSA)

Beijing Billiards & Snooker Association (BBSA)

Venue:

Luhe Middle School Stadium
135 Xinhua South Street, Tongzhou District, Beijing

Official Hotel:

Asia Pacific Garden Hotel (4 star)
103 Yuqiao West Road, Tongzhou District, Beijing
Reservations tel: +86 10 81528822
Special Price US\$ 60 – 70 double (per day)

Transportation:

A shuttle bus service between the hotel and venue (about 3 km) will be available during the tournament.

From Beijing Capital Airport (PEK) to the hotel, the organizer will provide transportation for anyone arriving between 9.00 am and 6.00 pm. For those arriving outside those times, it is recommended that you take a taxi. The hotel is approx 19 km and will cost approx RMB 80 (US\$ 15). Taxi fares etc will not be reimbursed.

Dates:

30 June – 6 July 2012
30 June Player's meeting
1 July 10.00 am Opening Ceremony
1-3 July 1.00 pm Round Robin stage
4-6 July Single elimination
6 July Closing Ceremony and Farewell Dinner

Disciplines:

Singles matches	8-Ball – race to 6 (Men)
Singles matches	9-Ball – race to 8
Doubles matches	10-Ball – race to 7 (Scotch doubles)

Rules & Format

A: All matches will be conducted under WPA Rules.

B: An official recognized federation must nominate all teams, and that federation must nominate players only who are citizens of that country. Any player with dual citizenship, then the country that the player normally represents will be the one accepted.

C: Each team must be comprised of a minimum of four players, one of which must be female. Teams may also be comprised of five or six players.

D: The female player must compete in the 9-Ball and 10-Ball disciplines.

E: No player is permitted to play more than two matches.

F: Each team match will commence simultaneously on two tables and played in the following order: 8-Ball, 9-Ball, 10-Ball.

G: Round Robin:

Total number of teams is 32. Participation is limited to one team per country with the exception of the host country who will be permitted two teams.

Automatic entry will be given to the top 16 countries according to the seeding of their top male player on the current WPA rankings, which will include two host teams. The WPA will distribute the other 16 countries.

The 32 teams will be divided into 8 groups A-H, each group will have four teams. The top six teams according to WPA rankings plus the two host teams will be seeded into each group, others will be drawn randomly.

Each team match has six matches. A winning team will be awarded 3 points (score must be 4:2, 5:1 or 6:0). Losing team will not receive any points. A tie (3:3) will give each team 1 point each.

The two teams with the highest total of points from each group will qualify for the single elimination stage.

In the event of a tie between two teams, the team who won the match between the two tied teams during the round robin competition shall advance.

If there is a three-way tie (three teams winning 2:1), the team with the best win/loss record will qualify number 1, and the rule above shall apply to separate the other two teams. If all teams are still tied after win/loss record has been applied, then a draw will be done to determine outcome.

I: Single Elimination

Depending on the ranking of each group, the 1st and 2nd team in each group will play alternatively with last or next group (Example: A1 vs B2, B1 vs A2 etc).

J: Because this section is a knockout, once a team reaches a score of four wins, the match is finished and further play is not necessary. If a match finishes tied at 3:3, the result will be decided by a shoot-out according to the following:-

The object ball (8 ball) will be placed in the middle of the foot rail at the same level as the first diamond. The cue ball will be placed on the Head Spot. Players have the choice of playing to either the left or right corner pockets. All players will play in sequence and the team to score six hits first with a margin of two or more (6-4, 7-5 etc) will be the winner.

K: Break Shot

Alternative break will apply for all matches. The three-ball rule will also apply for all break shots.

L: Shot Clock

A shot clock will be applied to all matches. The limit is 45 seconds for each shot, and each player will be permitted one extension per rack. The referee will give a 10 seconds warning.

Prize Money

In addition to prize money, the top four teams will receive trophies and certificates.

(US dollars)

Winner	80,000
Runner-up	40,000
Semi finalist	20,000
5 – 8	10,000
9 – 16	5,500
17 – 24	4,000 (3 rd in each group)
25 – 32	3,000 (4 th in each group)

A deduction of 20% tax will be applied to all prize money.

Costs

All teams are responsible for their own travel, accommodation and living expenses.

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

A: All players must report to the referee no later than ten minutes prior to the start of their match. Failure to do so may result in a player being withdrawn. Players who are not ready to play at the starting time will automatically forfeit their match.

B: Any protest must be submitted to the head referee prior to next shot being executed; otherwise the appeal will be rejected.

C: Players are not permitted to smoke or drink alcoholic beverages during the period of their match, including during any time-outs. Gambling is strictly prohibited.

D: Players are not allowed to use their mobile/cell phones during their match.

E: All players must adhere to dress regulations. All players are to wear dark color pants (No Jeans) and formal shoes (No joggers etc). All male members are to be attired in polo shirts, displaying the their national flag. Female players are to wear any kind of upper wear, but in the same style lines as their male colleagues.

F: All players must wear the logo of the Title Sponsor, and are allowed one other commercial logo of their own choice. Content and logo size should be declared to the Organization Committee for approval prior to the start of the tournament.

G: Players are not permitted to attend any commercial promotions during the period of the event without the express permission from the Organizer.

VISAS

It is strongly recommended that all team players and officials apply for a Tourist Visa. If you do need an official letter, please contact Miss Kiwi (see below) for help.

CONTACT

For any further information, please make contact with Miss Kiwi by email at gongyingheng@gmail.com

