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## 2004 UNITED STATES NATIONAL SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP Championship Information & Conditions\*

as stipulated by the United States Snooker Association

THE UNITED States Snooker Association is pleased to announce the staging of the 2004 United States National Snooker Championship.

In order to maximize participation, the Championship will be divided into Eastern and Western Divisions with the final two from each Division competing in a Play-Off.

The Championship will be a selection event for this year's IBSF World Snooker Championships in the Netherlands in November, and for the International Billiards & Snooker Federation (IBSF) World Team Snooker Cup in Hyderabad, India, in January 2005.

Please read the following Championship Information & Conditions. Your entry into the Championship will be your acceptance to abide and conform to these Rules & Conditions of Entry.

### 1. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

In accordance to the Conditions of the International Billiards & Snooker Federation (IBSF), entrants must be:

1. A citizen of the United States, or a permanent resident of the United States for a minimum period of three years.
2. A member of the United States Snooker Association, the officially recognized national governing body of the sport of snooker in the United States.

Entry fee for all players will be \$75 each, which should be paid in cash on registration at your Divisional Event venue. Entry fees will be used to enable the United States Snooker Association to finance at least one United States representative with economy round-trip air fare and hotel accommodation to compete at the 2004 International Billiards & Snooker Federation (IBSF) World Snooker Championship, due to be staged in the Netherlands from November 20 – December 4.

If a player is not a member of the United States Snooker Association, a \$25 membership fee should be payable on registration at your Divisional Event venue.

## 2. CHAMPIONSHIP VENUES

### Eastern Division Event Venue:

The Eastern Division event and Play-Offs will be staged at the New York Athletic Club in New York City. The Eastern Division event will be played from June 11-13, and the Play-Offs will be played on June 26 & 27. Closing date for entries into the Eastern Division event is Friday, June 4.

New York Athletic Club  
180 Central Park South  
New York  
NY 10019-1562

### Western Division Event Venue:

The Western Division event will be staged at the Embassy Billiards Club in San Gabriel, California, from May 28-30. The management of the Embassy Billiards Club have kindly announced that they will finance the round-trip flight to New York City and accommodation for the two Western Division qualifiers to compete in the Play-Offs. Closing date for entries into the Western Division event is Friday, May 21.

Embassy Billiards Club  
220B S. San Gabriel Blvd.  
San Gabriel  
CA 91776-1623

***On your entry form please specify which Divisional event you would like to participate in. Please contact your Divisional Event Organizer for accommodation details and rates should they be required.***

## 3. DIVISIONAL EVENT FORMAT

The United States Snooker Association, in consultation with the Divisional Event Organizers, will make a final decision on the format of the Divisional Event after the closing date of entry.

Subject to number of entrants, on completion of the round-robin group stage a single elimination knockout stage, of which will be seeded according to final group positions, will then be contested until there are two remaining players of whom will play in the Play-Offs.

The Divisional Organizers may use a seeding system according to their knowledge of the individual ability of the entrants to draw the round-robin groups.

All round-robin group matches in the Divisional events shall be contested over the best-of-five frames (first player to win three frames), with the knockout matches best-of-seven frames (first player to win four frames).

During the round-robin group matches, one point will be awarded for a match victory. Should one or more players have an equal number of points at the completion of the group matches, the following procedure will apply to determine the positions of the group:

1. If two or more players have an equal number of points the best or better positioned player will be the player with the best Frame Difference,
2. If still equal, the result(s) of the matches between the players will be used to determine who is the best positioned player,
3. If still equal, the best differential in the matches of the tied players will be used,
4. If after applying points 1-3 the players are still equal, a one-frame group play-off using frame scores if necessary will determine the separation of the players. If needed, a re-spotted black will be used.

## 4. PLAY-OFFS FORMAT

The Play-Offs shall consist of the four Divisional qualifiers (two from each Divisional event) and be played over a Saturday and Sunday on a round-robin group basis. All matches will be contested over the best-of-nine-frames (first player to win five frames), with a ten-minute interval to be taken after the completion of the fourth frame.

One point will be awarded for a match victory. Should one or more players have an equal number of points at the completion of the group matches, the following procedure will apply to determine the positions of the group:

1. If two or more players have an equal number of wins the best or better positioned player will be the player with the best Frame Difference,
2. If still equal, the result(s) of the matches between the players will be used to determine who is the best positioned player,
3. If still equal, the best differential in the matches of the tied players will be used,
4. If after applying points 1-3 the players are still equal, a one-frame play-off using frame scores if necessary will determine the separation of the players. If needed, a re-spotted black will be used.

Each player will be randomly assigned a playing number (1 – 4) with the playing order as follows:

**Saturday's play: 1pm session start:** Table 1: 1 vs. 2

Table 2: 3 vs. 4

**7pm session start:** Table 3: 1 vs. 3

Table 4: 2 vs. 4

**Sunday's play: 1pm session start:** Table 1: Either 1 vs. 4; or 2 vs. 3

**7pm session start:** Table 1: Either 1 vs. 4; or 2 vs. 3 (Player top of the group after Saturday's play will play their match in this session).

## 5. SNOOKER RULES

The official snooker rules as defined by the World Professional Billiards & Snooker Association (WPBSA) and the International Billiards & Snooker Federation (IBSF) will be enforced.

## 6. REFEREE ABSENCE

The non-striking player must spot the balls for their opponent and keep an audible running total of the break compiled.

In the event of a contentious situation, an independent decision must be called upon.

Some exceptions to the rules will take effect in the absence of a referee, such as **Section 3 Rule 14** "Foul And A Miss", however, in the spirit of the game, a player must to the best of their ability endeavor to hit the ball on.

## 7. SCORE CARDS

Players will be required to complete and sign a scorecard for each match.

## **8. DRESS CODE**

Long sleeve shirts buttoned at the wrist, vests, bow ties, dark pants and dark shoes must be worn other than when the Championship conditions are hot, at which time certain dress requirements may be waived. No jeans, sneakers or other sporting or casual wear will be permitted.

## **9. WITHDRAWAL OF ENTRY**

Please inform your Divisional Organizer as soon as possible should you wish for any reason to withdraw your entry prior the Championship. Failure to do so may result in your disqualification to enter future Championships.

## **10. PUBLICITY**

If required, players must be available for interviews and photographs in the interest of publicizing the Championship.

**\* The United States Snooker Association reserves the right to change or modify the Championship Information & Conditions at any time and without notice.**



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## 2004 UNITED STATES NATIONAL SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP Entry Form

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ZIP Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

**Eastern Division Organizer:**

Ian O'Mahony  
 US National Snooker Championship Entry  
 785 Park Avenue  
 New York  
 NY 10021-3552  
 Tel: (917) 969-6285  
 E-mail: Gallerus@aol.com

**Western Division Organizer:**

Richard Ham  
 US National Snooker Championship Entry  
 Embassy Billiards Club  
 220B S. San Gabriel Blvd.  
 San Gabriel  
 CA 91776-1623  
 Tel: (626) 286-8100  
 E-mail: rlham@dunloptime.com

**Divisional Event To Be Entered: Eastern / Western (Delete as applicable)**

Please print out, complete clearly and send this form to your Divisional Event Organizer – all fields must be completed except where Optional is stated, however if available please provide us with these details. Alternatively, we will accept entries by e-mail, however please do insure that you include in your message the required fields as stated on this entry form.

Failure to provide us with the required accurate entry details on a mailed entry form or an e-mail may mean that we cannot respond to your entry.

Entry fee for all players will be \$75, which should be paid in cash on registration at your Divisional Event venue. An additional \$25 will be payable for non-members of the United States Snooker Association.