



The Diamond Open Professional Players Championship is now a Nineball Ranking Event!

We are proud to announce that our annual Professional Players Championship has been selected to become a World Rankings Event as a part of Matchroom's Nineball World Rankings system. This new ranking system is part of Matchroom's commitment to the growth of pool globally, and we are honored to support Matchroom and be an event on their calendar. You can read more about this ambitious undertaking here on their website: <https://matchroompool.com/news/matchroom-launch-global-nineball-ranking-system-for-pool/>

To maintain this distinction, we must make some small changes to the event. We feel as though the players already enrolled will certainly understand and respect this decision, and will share our enthusiasm to make the required accommodations.

The obvious change? The game is 9-Ball now.

Players and fans know that the Professional Players Championship at the Super Billiards Expo has alternated between disciplines of the game over the years. Although originally slated to be a 10-Ball Event back in 2019 (before all the covid cancellations began), we will be changing the format to 9-Ball to meet the obvious requirement of becoming a Nineball World Ranking Event. Although close to show dates, we feel that this change is simple enough for players to adapt to, and will ultimately benefit everyone involved to undergo.

Field expanded to 128, and will start on Tuesday, April 19th.

In anticipation of an expanded field size, and since we have extra time and space this year (the Expo is a full week long for the first time ever), we'll be starting this event on Tuesday, April 19th at 12 noon EST. We'll have the entire Pro Arena devoted to this event before the WPBA 9-Ball Professional Players Championship begins play simultaneously in the same arena later in the week. From Thursday-Sunday, spectators will be entertained by shooters in both events in the same Pro Arena.

FORMAT & DETAILS

- ◆ 9-Ball
- ◆ Races to 9, final 16 play race to 11
- ◆ Double Elimination until Final 16
- ◆ Final 16 play single elimination, races to 11
- ◆ NO REDRAW at Final 16
- ◆ Rotate Break / Rack Your Own
- ◆ Cue ball fouls only

ENTRY / FIELD SIZE: \$500 / 128 Players
START TIME: April 18th, 12 Noon EST
PLAYERS MEETING: April 18th, 11 am

ESTIMATED PRIZE FUND \$10,000 GUARANTEED First Prize

Based on a full field of 128 players:

- ◆ 1st: \$10,000 & Trophy
- ◆ 2nd: \$8000
- ◆ 3rd: \$7000
- ◆ 4th: \$6000
- ◆ 5-6th: (winner's side) \$5000 each
- ◆ 7-8th: (loser's side) \$4000 each
- ◆ 9-12th: (winner's side) \$3500 each
- ◆ 13-16th: (loser's side) \$3000 each

Prize fund will vary based upon final number of players

Tournament Promoter: Allen Hopkins Productions

Tournament Director: Doug Ennis

This event is played on Diamond Pro-Am 9' tables with Simonis 860 Cloth using Aramith Tournament Balls - the best quality equipment in the industry.

For more details, call (609)652-6116 or visit:

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