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THE MALDIVES OPEN 2023

ATHLETES GUIDE

Event Title: **THE MALDIVES OPEN 2023**

Event Date: **22ND APRIL TO 26TH APRIL, 2023**

Venue: **NATIONAL BILLIARD CENTRE
G. YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTRE
MIUZIKEE HINGUN,
MALE', MALDIVES**

Athletes Meeting: **21ST APRIL, 2023**

Tournament Start: **22ND APRIL, 2023**

Finals & Closing
Ceremony: **26TH APRIL, 2023**

Discipline: **10-BALL**

Entry Fees: **USD \$200**

Closing Date: **16TH APRIL, 2023**

Entry Fees
Deadline: **18TH APRIL, 2023**

Draw Date: **19TH APRIL, 2023**

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Supported By: **MINISTRY OF YOUTH, SPORTS & COMMUNITY
EMPOWERMENT**

Organized By: **MALDIVES POOL BILLIARD ASSOCIATION (MPBA)**

Sanctioned By: **WORLD POOL-BILLIARD ASSOCIATION (WPA)**

Co-Sanctioned By: **ASIAN CONFEDERATION OF BILLIARD SPORTS (ACBS)**

Sponsored By: **PREDATOR**

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Total Athletes Bracket:	64 Athletes
Tournament Criteria:	Invitational Open Championship
Ranking Points:	WPA World Ranking Points and Asian Ranking Points

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Group Qualifiers:	Double Elimination: 16 Groups, 2 to Qualify from each Group
Last 32 To Finals:	Single Knock-Out: 32 Athletes Single Elimination to Finals

RACE LENGTH AND TIME-OUT

Group Stage:	Race to 7, Time-Out after Rack 7
Last 32 to Quarter-Finals:	Race to 8, Time-Out after Rack 8
Semi-Finals & Finals:	Race to 10, Time-Out after Rack 10

MATCH SCHEDULE

Group Stage Qualifiers:	Roll-In-Roll-Out format (RIRO). Athletes to standby. Match will commence when a table is available.
Last 32 Matches:	2 sessions of 16 Athletes (8 tables per session).
Last 16 Matches:	1 session of 16 Athletes (8 tables).
Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals:	1 sessions of 8 Athletes and 1 session of 4 Athletes.
Finals:	1 session of 2 Athletes.
Rules:	<u>WPA 10-BALL RULES</u>

DOUBLE SEEDING FORMAT

Group Stage Qualifiers:	32 WPA/Asian Athletes seeded 16 MPBA Athletes seeded Random draw for the remaining 16 Athletes.
32 Qualifiers from Groups:	16 Qualifiers from Groups will be seeded again based upon their WPA/Asia ranking. Another 16 will be drawn randomly into the 32 Knock-Out Chart.

REFEREEING

Group Qualifiers:	Area Referees in Rotation
Last 32 to Finals:	Dedicated Referee at each Table

BREAKING

Group Qualifiers:	Alternate Breaks. 1 Ball on spot. Lag for Opening Break.
Last 32 to Finals:	Alternate Breaks. 1 Ball on spot. Lag for Opening Break.

RACKING OF BALLS

Group Qualifiers:	Area Referees to Rack. Athletes can check but NO re-racking request.
Last 32 to Finals:	Dedicated Referee to rack. Athletes can check and NO re-racking request.
Rack:	Template Rack will be used for all matches. 1 Ball on Spot.
Timing of Play:	No Shot Clock but at Referees discretion if slow play

PRIZE MONEY

Champion:	USD \$30,000 + Trophy & Medal
Runner-Up:	USD \$15,000 + Trophy & Medal
3 rd & 4 th Placing:	USD \$ 8,000 + Trophy & Medal
5 th to 8 th Placing:	USD \$ 5,000
9 th to 16 th Placing:	USD \$ 3,000
17 th to 32 nd Placing:	USD \$ 1,500

- All prize winners must be present at the prize presentation ceremony.
- Except for an acceptable cause or with prior consent of the Organizer, failing which their prize money may be forfeited.
- All prize money shall be paid by local bank transfer or overseas remittance to the bank accounts of foreign Athletes within a reasonable time upon the end of the tournament. Any bank charge and/or foreign exchange conversion losses will be borne by the prize winner.
- All prize winners shall be responsible for the declaration and payment of applicable taxes.

DRESS CODE

Men:	Polo shirt (Tucked-In)/Long-sleeve shirt/Pool-jersey/Pants and Dark-Color Shoes
Women:	Smart Casual
Prohibited Clothing:	Open toes shoes/slippers, sandals, flashy colored shoes Shorts, Bermudas, Skirts, T-shirts, Hoodies Hats, Caps, Earphones, Headphones or Ear Buds (hearing aids are permitted)

ORGANIZERS AND SPONSORS PATCH

Athletes are required to put on the badges/patches/stickers provided by Organizer during the tournament.

The Organizer reserves the right to refuse any badges/patches/stickers/logo of Athletes if they are found to be distasteful or contradicts to the sponsors of Maldives Pool Billiard Association (MPBA).

ATHLETES REPORTING

All Athletes to report to the Chief Referee 30 minutes before match-time.
Each Athletes is given a 5 minutes warm-up time at the match table before starting.
Athletes to lag for Break 5 minutes before match-time.

Organizers, Tournament Director and/or Chief Referee reserves all rights to change or reschedule a match-time as and when necessary.

RACK AND MATCH FORFEITS

No delay or postponement of matches will be allowed unless deemed necessary by the Organizers, Tournament Director and/or Chief Referee.

An Athlete who is not present by his/her match-time will be given 5 minutes grace period. If the Athlete is not present after the 5th minute, he/she will concede (1) rack to his opponent.

If the Athletes is still not present by the 10th minute, the match official will record a walkover and award the match to the opponent. The clock at the tournament venue shall serve as the official tournament time.

TIME-OUT

Each match will only have one (1) fixed time-out in between racks and for not more than (9) minutes. Should the Athlete exceeded the time limit, then one (1) rack will be conceded to his/her opponent.

Athletes may request for toilet breaks which is solely by the discretion of the referee. The toilet break must NOT be used for other purposes such as smoking or communicating with any person. Any Athletes found doing so may be disqualified.

GENERAL RULES

No smoking is permitted in the tournament venue except in designated smoking areas.

Athletes are not allowed to use their hand phones during matches and are required to switch their mobile phones and/or electronic devices to silent.

Athletes must be at their best behavior whilst in the tournament venue and must not say or do anything that may discredit the organizers, the sponsors, and/or bring disrepute to the sport.

MATCH DISPUTES

All match enquires or disputes will be referred to the Referee in the first instance. If an Athlete requires further resolution, he may approach the Chief Referee during the tournament and his/her decision will be final.

At any point of time, only the Athletes can raise any enquiries.

Any Athlete aggrieved by any action(s) and/or decision(s) made by the Referee and/or Chief Referee, he may lodge an official protest in writing to the Tournament Director within 24 hours of the incident and must be accompanied by a payment of USD\$ 200 Protest Fee, payable to the Organizer. The USD\$ 200 Protest Fee will only be refund if the Tournament Director deems the protest to be valid.

All protest and disciplinary matters shall be referred to the Tournament Director, who will then be in consultation with the Organizer, will decide on the matter. His decision shall be final and binding.

TOURNAMENT AUTHORITY

The Organizers, Tournament Director and/or Chief Referee may refuse entry or disqualify an Athlete for refusing to adhere to the tournament instructions given by the Organizers, Tournament Director, and/or Chief Referee.

The Organizer reserves the right to amend or add-in, whenever necessary, additional rules to the existing one without prior notification to the Athletes.

Any matters not covered by the above set of rules and regulations shall be decided upon by the Tournament Director in consultation with the Organizer whose decision in such matter shall be final and binding.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Organizer reserves the full right to reject, cancel and refund any applications. Any remittance charges required for the payment and refund of entry fees and prize monies will be borne completely by the applicant.

Prize winners are responsible for any tax declaration/payments and withholding taxes if applicable.

Participants of the tournament understand and agreed that the final decision in the acceptance of entry to the tournament lies solely with the MPBA, and will not hold MPBA (including its directors, members, servants or agents) liable for any loss, damage, and/or other expenses incurred as a result of any rejections and cancellations of applications; changes, delays and/or postponement/cancellation of the tournament. In the event of cancellation of the tournament, all entry fees paid will be refunded without interest, less any bank/remittance charges.

Participants accept and confirm that they will comply with all safe distancing measures and/or requirements under prevailing law in Maldives and abide by the 2021 World Anti-Doping Code as may be revised from time to time by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

All Participants agreed to grant MPBA or its directors, servants or agents the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use and publish photographs and videos of the participants, for the purpose of but not limited to editorial, trade, advertising, and any other purpose and in any manner and medium; and to alter and composite the same without restriction and without the Participant(s) inspection or approval. The Participant(s) hereby release MPBA or its directors, servants or agents from all claims and liability relating to the said photographs and videos.

ENQUIRIES

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