

2008 HAINSWORTH SNOOKER INVITATIONAL OPEN

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Overview

The invitational aims to have the best 16 players from Singapore to compete with some of the best 16 foreign players from in and around the region. While the 16 foreign players will be invited through their respective national federations, the best 16 local players will be chosen (by merit) through two (2) qualifying tournaments. The first and second qualifying tournament will be hosted by Klassic Cuesports and Snooker Zone respectively with 8 qualifiers for each tournament.

The pool of 32 players (16 foreign and 16 local) will then be drawn into eight groups where players will compete in a round robin format in the respective group. The top two players from each group will then progress into the knock-out stages of the invitational.

1. PERIOD AND VENUE OF TOURNAMENT

- 1.1 The 2008 Hainsworth Snooker Invitational Open will be held from February to June 2008 as per the following schedule:

Event	Location	Date/Period
Qualifying Tournament 1	Klassic Cuesports	5 March to 4 April 2008 (matches on weekday evenings only - from 7.30pm onwards)
Qualifying Tournament 2	Snooker Zone	14 April to 23 May 2008 (matches from Sunday to Thursday evenings only - from 7.30pm onwards)
<u>Invitational Tournament</u>		
Group Round Robin Matches	Klassic Cuesports	1, 2 & 3 June - 10am to 10pm daily
Round of 16	Snooker Zone	4 June - 3 pm to 10pm
Quarter-Finals		5 June - 6pm to 10pm
Semis & Final		6 June - 10am to 10pm

- 1.2 The Organisers, at their discretion, reserve the right to change the date, time and venue of the fixtures for the tournament, if there is any need to do so.

2. ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS

- 2.1 The qualifying tournaments are opened only to all Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and those residing in Singapore with a valid employment/work/student permit/pass.
- 2.2 Players may be required to show their employment/work/student permit/pass upon registration for verification purposes.

3. ENTRY & REGISTRATION

- 3.1 Each person is allowed to enter one or both qualifying tournaments.
- 3.2 The registration fee and closing date for the qualifying tournaments are as follows:

Tournament Title	Entry Fee	Closing Date	Draw Date
Qualifying Tournament 1 @ Klassic Cuesports	\$60.00	25 February 2008 (Extended)	27 February 2008
Qualifying Tournament 2 @ Snooker Zone	\$60.00	6 April 2008	8 April 2008

- 3.3 Players unsuccessful in Qualifying Tournament 1 will only need to pay **\$40.00** for the Qualifying Tournament 2 should they register within 2 days from the date which they got knocked out.
- 3.4 This registration fee (cash/cheque payment) is non-refundable. All cheques must be made payable to '**Juzz Sports**'.
- 3.5 All registration with duly completed Form A (for individual entry) or Form B (for group entry eg. clubs) , together with payment, can be submitted at either locations:

Location 1	Klassic Cuesports 1 Jalan Berseh #02-02 New World Centre Singapore 029037 Tel: 63415066
Location 2	Snooker Zone 600 Toa Payoh Lorong 4 #03-02 Singapore 319515 Tel: 62588909

Registration Hours: 12.00pm to 10.00pm daily

- 3.6 Please refer to Wiraka's website at www.wiraka.com.sg for the draws and schedules which will be published at least 7 days before the first match of the tournament.

3.7 **Late**, unclear and incomplete submission of the official entry form will **NOT** be entertained.

4. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

4.1 The qualifying tournaments will be single elimination draw. The last eight (8) players in each of the qualifying tournament will be deemed to have qualified for the invitational tournament.

4.2 The competition, as a whole, will be contested in the following format:

Stage of Competition	Frames
All Qualifying Round Matches	Best of 5
Invitational Group Matches	Best of 5
Round of 16	Best of 7
Quarter-Finals	Best of 7
Semi-Finals	Best of 9
Final	Best of 11

5. TOURNAMENT RULES

5.1 Unless otherwise notified, the tournament shall be run in accordance with the prevailing rules and regulations of the International Billiards & Snooker Federation (IBSF).

5.2 All players are requested to bring along their identification documents for verification on their eligibility on days of their matches, failing which they might **NOT** be allowed to play.

5.3 Once entries have been accepted, no replacement / substitution of players will be entertained. However, the Organisers, at their discretion, reserve the right to accept such changes if necessary and with valid reasons, so long as no match has been played by the player/s.

5.4 All players must report to the Official Registration Table **at least 30 minutes before the scheduled time** of their matches.

5.5 All matches will be played in accordance to the announced match schedule. Postponement of any matches will be at the Organisers' discretion.

5.6 A grace period of 15 minutes will be allocated for each fixture. In the event of being late or no show by a player by the end of the 15th minute of scheduled match time, a walkover will be awarded in favour of the opponent present.

5.7 In the event of both players failing to turn up, the tie will be scratched.

5.8 Players shall be appropriately attired in long sleeved shirts, slacks and covered shoes during the competition.

5.9 Vest coat and bow tie shall be mandatory for all players from the quarter-finals stage onwards of the invitational.

- 5.10 In the event of a dispute, players should immediately stop play and approach the presiding chief referee for assistance. The decision of the presiding tournament chief referee shall be deemed as final.
- 5.11 Players are required to keep scores and re-spot potted balls during their respective matches. The player who is to start the frame shall set the ball on the table.
- 5.12 The match winner shall be responsible to submit the endorsed (by both players) score sheet to the presiding chief referee.
- 5.13 The 'Foul & Miss' rule shall NOT apply unless there is a match referee in attendance.
- 5.14 In the event where a match referee is made available for the organisers, 5.10 to 5.12 shall not be applicable.
- 5.15 The Top 16 Players based on the current National Snooker Ranking as published by Cuesports Singapore shall be seeded for the qualifying tournaments – Eight (8) in each tournament.
- 5.16 The seeding for the invitational shall be based on the current Asian Ranking list (as published by ACBS) the top 8 players will be 'seeded' i.e. 1 per group. As for the rest, it shall be a random draw and the organisers shall endeavour to separate the entries by countries as best they can. In any case, the composition of each group shall be two (2) foreign and two (2) local players.

6. Prizes and Incentives

- 6.1 Prize money breakdowns shall be as follows:

Position	Prize Money
Champion*	\$ 2000.00 & trophy
Runner Up*	\$ 800.00 & trophy/medal
Semi-Finalists*	\$ 400.00 & trophy/medal
Quarter- Finalists*	\$ 250.00
Qualifying Tournament 1 - High Break Award**	\$ 100.00
Qualifying Tournament 2 - High Break Award**	\$ 100.00
Invitational Tournament - High Break Award**	\$ 200.00

** applicable for invitational tournament only*

*** minimum break to qualify is 100pts and in case of a tie, the first player to make the break shall be eligible for the prize*

- 6.2 Prize winners are required to attend the prize presentation ceremony to claim their prizes, otherwise the prizes may be forfeited.

7. REFUND POLICY

- 7.1 Unless the Organisers cancel any event, there will be no refund of the entry fees for whatever reasons.

8. SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

- 8.1 The Organising Committee reserves the right to interpret or amend the rules and regulations of the tournament at any time. Notifications of such changes will be posted on the tournament website. All participants are advised to visit the tournament website frequently for any notices or changes to draws or schedules.
- 8.2 In any event of a dispute or seeking redress, please kindly submit your appeals in writing together with the protest fee of **\$100.00** to the presiding Tournament Chief Referee **ON THE SPOT** during the match. The appeal will be submitted to the organising committee. In the event of the protest being dismissed, the fee will be forfeited.
- 8.3 In the event of any dispute arising over any player, the match shall be played under the protest and the Organisers shall determine the matter on receipt of the protest.
- 8.4 The organisers reserve the right to make changes to these Rules & Regulations and their decision/s on all matters pertaining to this event shall be final.
- 8.5 While reasonable precautions will be taken, the organisers, its servants and agents will not be responsible or in any way liable for any death, disability, personal injury, loss of property or any other loss howsoever arising from any cause whatsoever at any time during the course of this tournament.
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