



Irish Blackball Association

2010 Rules & Regulations



Rules

The rules that will be played throughout this event will be Blackball. These rules can be viewed at http://www.irishpool.ie/Downloads/Rules/Blackball_Rules.pdf

Eligibility

A player is eligible to play, once his/her birthday falls after the 1st January of the current pool calendar year (e.g. if a player is 24 on the first of January, he/she is eligible to play in the U23s event).

Registration

All players who wish to take part in the event **MUST** register online at <http://www.irishpool.ie/onlineregistration.htm> before the Monday of that week. Under no circumstances, will late entries be allowed into the competitions and under no circumstances, can anyone ask for a late or early start before the draw has been done

Fees

Registration Fee:

All players must pay a once off €40 registration fee or €10 registration per tournament with the exception of junior players (under 18s) who do not have to pay a registration fee.

Entrance Fee:

Main Tour: €30 entrance fee for all players with the exception of juniors and ladies who pay €10 entrance fee.

Senior Tour: €20 entrance fee.

Ladies Tour: €20 entrance fee.

U-23s Tour: €20 entrance fee.

Junior Tour: €10 entrance fee.

No Show Fee:

If a player fails to turn up for their match, without sufficient notice to the committee, he/she will be fined €10, and must pay their fine before they can play in the next competition.

Prize Money

Prize money will be paid out to the quarter finalists, semi finalists and the finalist as a percentage of the entry fees

Dress Code

Players **MUST WEAR** a collared t-shirt/shirt (no sportswear), trousers/slacks (no jeans or tracksuit bottoms) and shoes (no runners). If a player fails to be appropriately attired, they will not be allowed to play in the competition. If a player feels that his opponent is not following the correct dress code, they should notify the top table before commencing their match.

Tournament Format & Frames

Times:

All finals will start at the same time and will be played at 3pm on the Sunday afternoon.

Main Tour: The first session starts at 10am on the Saturday morning. Played up until the last 32. The last 32 will be played at 10am on the Sunday morning.

Senior Tour: Starts at 8pm on the Saturday evening. Played up until the semi finals. The semi finals will be played at 1pm on the Sunday afternoon.

Ladies Tour: Starts at 8pm on the Saturday evening. Played up until the semi finals. The semi finals will be played at 1pm on the Sunday afternoon.

U-23s Tour: Starts at 10am on the Sunday morning.

Junior Tour: Starts at 10am on the Sunday morning.

Frames:

Main Tour: First to 6 frames (best of 11) up to the last 16
First to 7 frames (best of 13) in the last 16
First to 8 frames (best of 15) in the quarter and semi finals
First to 9 frames (best of 17) in the final

Senior, Ladies & U-23s Tour: First to 5 frames (best of 9) up until the final
First to 6 frames (best of 11) in the final

Competitions:

Speed Pool: A speed pool event will be run throughout the weekend, starting on the Friday night. Speed pool is where a player must pot all the balls, in any order, as quick as he/she can. Speed pool costs €2 per go or 3 goes for €5. The fastest time will be paid out on the Sunday

Scotch-Doubles: A scotch-double tournament will be run on the Friday night, again if there is sufficient numbers

Flier: A possible flier competition will be run on the Friday night if there is sufficient numbers.

Other Regulations

Accommodation:

Players requiring accommodation should contact Kettles Hotel directly and mention that they are there for the pool, for reduced rates. There are only 25 rooms available so players must contact the hotel asap.

Referee:

If the need for a referee arises, the player should contact the top table.

Smoke Breaks:

A player may request to leave the arena only and only after 6 frames have been played. He/she will be allowed a 2-minute break at this time. Any player who fails to abide by these rules, their opponent should notify the top table and they will be docked a frame

Slow Play:

Players will put on the clock if they start to slow play. The committee have the right to reduce the number of frames played in that match if it is holding up the progression of the tournament (i.e. a match up to the last 16 may become a best of 9 not best of 11).

Results:

Once the match has finished, the winner must bring the white ball and the result to the top table. Any player, who fails to do this, will run the risk of their result not being recorded or a delay in the commencement of their next match

Drug Testing:

Random drug testing will be carried out over the weekend. Any player in the tournament, even if he/she has been knocked out, can be randomly asked to undergo a drug test.