



2023 PALARONG PAMBANSA
July 29–August 05, 2023 - Marikina City

TECHNICAL GUIDELINES FOR **BILLIARDS**

I. RULING:

The general ruling is anchored on the ruling set by the World Pool Association (WPA) and Palarong Pambansa Guide Book 2017. <https://wpapool.com/rule-regulations/>, <https://wpapool.com/rules-of-play/>

- A. The ruling set by the Palarong Pambansa Technical Committee will be followed, to with:
1. A player must bring the necessary equipment including snacks and beverages during the match. Extra equipment and snacks may be allowed i.e. tapper et al. during the break.
 2. If the cue tip of the player's cue stick is accidentally broken, the player may borrow it from the venue or from his/her teammates. He is not allowed to borrow from the opponent's cue stick.
 3. If a player unscrewed his/her cue stick while the opponent takes turn in running the table, the player who unscrewed the cue stick automatically **LOSES THE MATCH**.
 4. Verbal communication between the coach and the player is strictly prohibited during the match. Coaches shall keep distance from the playing player.
 5. Each player is allowed to take one (1) time-out of FIVE MINUTES (5 minutes) in every match in either 8-ball or 9-ball competition. It is only granted when it is the player's inning or turn to break.
 6. COACHES and AUDIENCES are not allowed to interfere with referees' decision.
 7. If a player feels that the referee has made an error in judgment, he may ask the referee to reconsider his call or lack of call. However, the referees' decision on judgment calls is final.
 8. No bringing of gadgets such as cellphone, headphone etc. during the match.
 9. A player is given 40-second shot clock and a 30-second extension per inning. (Conditional)
 10. For unsportsmanlike, 1st offense warning, 2nd offense loss of rack, 3rd offense loss of the match.
 11. Winners' break in both 8-ball and 9-ball events.

II. ELIGIBILITY:

The participants for the event shall be students in the secondary private and public schools. They should pass the athletes eligibility based on Dep.Ed. NSAC Guidelines.

III.COMPOSITION OF CONTINGENT:

Category	Players	Coaches	Chaperon	Total
Boys	2	1		3
Girls	2	1	1	4
Total	4	2	1	7

IV. DISQUALIFICATION:

Unsportsmanlike Conduct:

The rules and regulations give the referee and other officials considerable latitude in penalizing unsportsmanlike conduct. Several factors should be considered in such decisions, including previous conduct, previous warnings, how serious the offense is, and information that the players may have been given at the Players' Meeting at the start of the tournament.

Unsportsmanlike conduct is any intentional behavior that brings disrepute to the sport, or which disrupts or changes the game to the extent that it cannot be played fairly. It includes:

- distracting the opponent
- changing the position of the balls in play other than by a shot
- playing a shot by intentionally miscuing
- continuing to play after a foul has been called or play has been suspended
- practicing during a match
- marking the table
- delay of the game
- using equipment inappropriately.
- Drinking and illegal drugs are not allowed during programs regardless of the students' age.
- Profanity and abuse of equipment are not permitted.

In general, a sportsperson is one who can take a loss or defeat without complaint, a victory without gloating, and who treats opponents with fairness, generosity, and courtesy. Sportsmanship is respect for oneself, teammates, coaches, tournament officials, fellow competitors, and property. Sportsmanship also requires maintaining self-control and refusing to be drawn into or encourage physical conflict not otherwise required by proper execution of the

sport. All players are obligated to represent themselves, their school, their families, and their communities with the highest level of sportsmanship.

If an infraction of the conduct code is discovered during a match, the participant will be verbally reprimanded by tournament officials. If the participant does not correct the behavior, the match will be forfeited. Further expulsion from the tournament is possible.

V. SPORTS EVENTS/DISCIPLINE:

Disciplines that will be played during the Palarong Pambansa would be **9- ball** and **8- ball** singles.



NINE BALL- Nine ball is played with nine object balls numbered one through nine and the cue ball. The balls are played in ascending numerical order. The player legally pocketing the nine ball wins the rack.

THE THREE POINT BREAK RULE:

(1) On the break shot, a minimum of three object balls must either be pocketed, or touch the head string line, or a combination of both. For example, if one object ball is pocketed, then at least two object balls must touch the head string line; or if two object balls are pocketed, then at least one object ball must touch the head string line. To touch the head string line means that the edge of the object ball must reach (break) the string line.

(2) If a player fails to meet the requirements in (1), but otherwise makes a legal break, the incoming player has the choice to accept the tables as is or hand the shot back to his opponent.

(3) In accepting the table as is, the incoming player is not permitted to play a "push-out", he must play a legal shot to the ball on.

(4) If the table is handed back to the breaker, the breaker is permitted to play a push-out. If so, his opponent will then have the choice to either play the shot, or hand it back.

(5) If a player fails to meet the requirements of (1), but otherwise makes a legal break and pockets the 9 ball, the 9 ball is reposted before the next shot is played.

The three-point rule must be present on all WPA ranking 9-ball events;

- After the break, 3 object balls are required to pass the head string. This does not include the cue ball.
- Balls are not required to come to rest the head string so a ball that strikes a rail and returns across the head string back down table would a legal ball.

- A ball that passes the head string and subsequently pocketed count as one ball.
- **“Push out”** shot may only be called after the break. A player must make his intention known to the referee; otherwise, appropriate penalty be called.
- On a **Push Out**, the cue ball does not have to contact the lowest numbered ball first, or any object ball at all.



EIGHT-BALL - Eight ball is played with fifteen numbered object balls and the cue ball. The shooter's group of seven balls (one through seven or nine through fifteen) must all be off the table before he attempts to pocket the eight ball to win. Shots are called.

- **Break Shot**, the following rules apply to the break shot:
 - (a) The cue ball begins in hand behind the head string.
 - (b) No ball is called, and the cue ball is not required to hit any object ball first.
 - (c) If the breaker pockets a ball and does not foul, he continues at the table, and the table remains open. (See 3.4 Open Table / Choosing Groups.)
 - (d) If no object ball is pocketed, at least four object balls must be driven to one or more rails, or the shot results in an illegal break, and the incoming player has the option of;
 - (1) accepting the table in position, or
 - (2) re-racking and breaking, or
 - (3) re-racking and allowing the offending player to break again.
 - (e) Pocketing the eight ball on a legal break shot is not a foul. If the eight ball is pocketed, the breaker has the option of;
 - (1) re-spotting the eight ball and accepting the balls in position, or
 - (2) re-breaking.
 - (f) If the breaker pockets the eight ball and scratches (see definition 8.6 Scratch), the opponent has the option of
 - (1) re-spotting the eight ball and shooting with cue ball in hand behind the head string; or
 - (2) re-breaking.
 - (g) If any object ball is driven off the table on a break shot, it is a foul; such balls remain out of play (except the eight ball which is re-spotted); and the incoming player has the option of
 - (1) accepting the table in position, or
 - (2) taking cue ball in hand behind the head string.
 - (h) If the breaker fouls in any manner not listed above, the following player has the option of
 - (1) accepting the balls in position, or
 - (2) taking cue ball in hand behind the head string.

Shots Required to Be Called On each shot except the break, shots must be called as explained in 1.6 Standard Call Shot. The eight ball may be called only after the shot on which the shooter's group has been cleared from the table.

Standard Call Shot

In games in which the shooter is required to call shots, the intended ball and pocket must be indicated for each shot. Details of the shot, such as cushions struck, or other balls contacted or pocketed are irrelevant. Only one ball may be called on each shot. For a called shot to count, the referee must be satisfied that the intended shot was made, so if there is any chance of confusion, e.g., with bank, combination and similar shots, the shooter should indicate the ball and pocket. If the referee or opponent is unsure of the shot to be played, he may ask for a call. In call shot games, the shooter may choose to call "safety" instead of a ball and pocket, and then play passes to the opponent at the end of the shot. Whether balls are being spotted after safeties depends on the rules of the game.

- **Losing the Rack**

The shooter loses if he

- (a) fouls when pocketing the eight ball;
- (b) pockets the eight ball before his group is cleared.
- (c) pockets the eight ball in an uncalled pocket: or
- (d) drives the eight ball off the table. These do not apply to the break

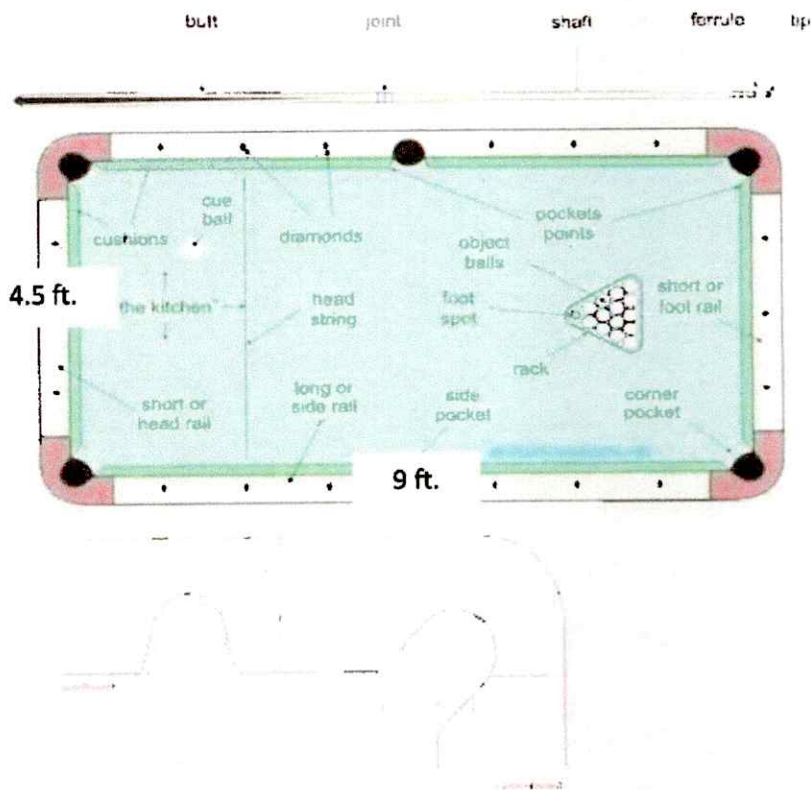
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VI. CATEGORIES

SECONDARY BOYS and SECONDARY GIRLS

VII. PLAYING AREAS AND EQUIPMENT

<https://wpapool.com/equipment-specifications/>



PLAYERS REQUIREMENTS

A. Each player shall be required to bring at least one of the following equipment during the event. Lending or borrowing of such equipment is strictly prohibited.

1. Break Cue
2. Cue Sticks
3. Jump Cue
4. Chalk/Gloves
5. Tapper
6. Cue extension

B. Players Dress Code

BOYS

- Delegation Uniform/Collared Polo (in the absence of delegation uniform)
- Long Pants
- Black shoes/shoes with rubber soles/delegation shoes

GIRLS

- Delegation Uniform/Collared Polo (in the absence of delegation uniform)
- Long Pants
- Black shoes/shoes with rubber soles/delegation shoes

VIII. OFFICIALS and FUNCTIONS:

Officiating Officials in the Palarong Pambansa must be a Deped National Accredited passer, and one selected NSA representative.

Officiating Officials in the Regional Meet down to the lower meet must be a regular Deped employee.

25 Officiating Officials needed for six (6) Billiard tables and three (3) for each table in 136 Games and a minimum of seven (7) racks per game.

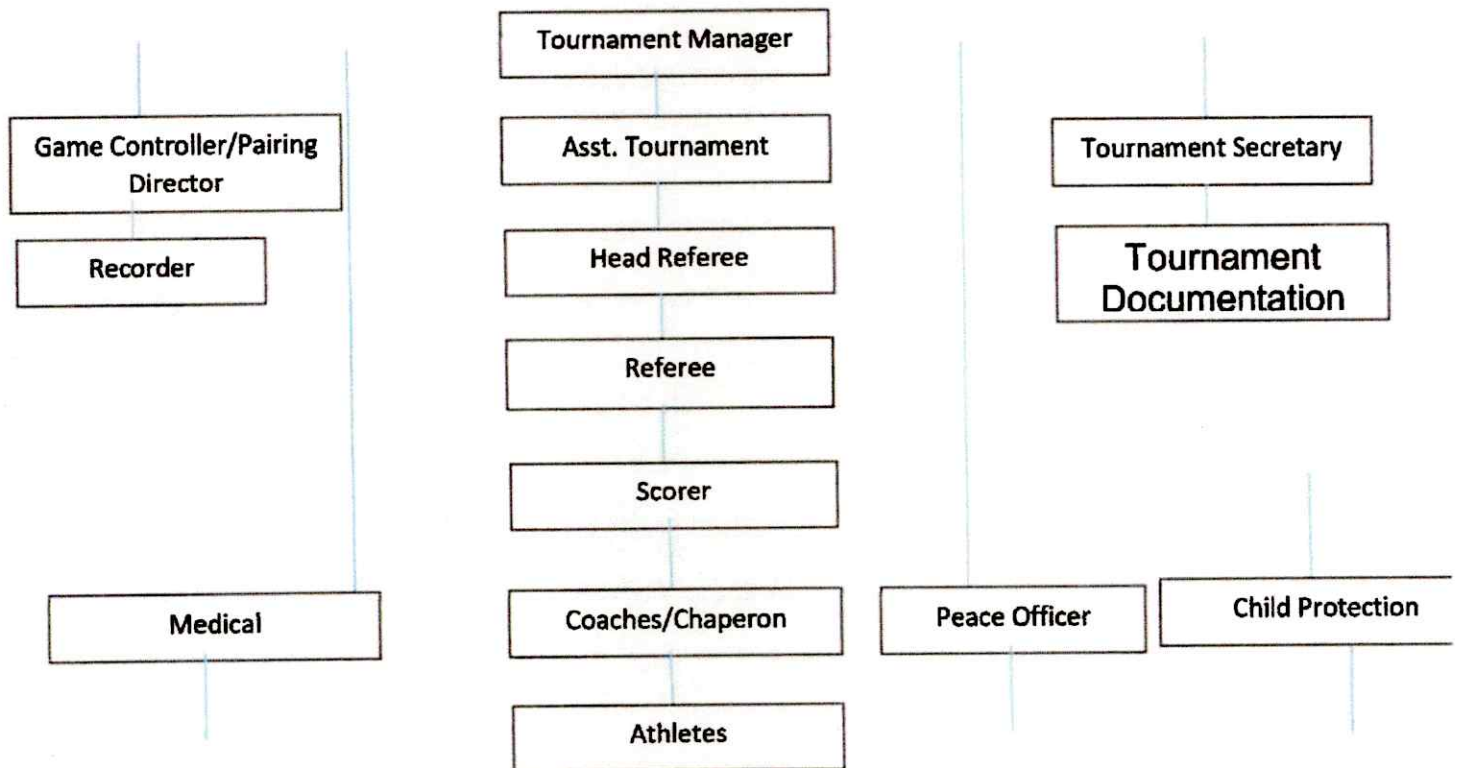
Function of 3 Referee for each table:

- 1. Referee
- 2. Scorer
- 3. 2nd Referee

Officiating Officials for Palarong Pambansa

Officiating Officials	Number
Tournament Manager	1
Asst. Tournament Manager	1
Tournament Secretary	1
Head Referee	1
Game Controller/Pairing Director	1
Recorder	1
Tournament Documentation	1
Referee	18
Total	25

IX. ORGANIZATIONAL STUCTURE



DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Tournament Manager – The role of the Tournament Manager is to ensure that rules are strictly observed. Supervise the progress of the tournament. Enforce any decisions made to resolve disputes. Conduct refresher course and solidarity to Officials and Coaches.

Asst. Tournament Manager – Secure all equipment ready for the event. Help TM facilitate the event.

Tournament Secretary- Process all documents needed by all officials.

Head Referee – Manages and assist referee. Help referee settle disputes.

Referee – Conduct and Manage the games.

Game Controller/Pairing Director – Assign referee to designated match. Prepare schedule of match.

Scorer – Assist to the referee by recording all the balls pocketed, fouls committed by players, shot clock operator, and take video if necessary.

Recorder – Records all winners and losers player with signature. Post the game results.

Tournament Documentation – Write narrative report of each day. Take photograph and video. In-charge of the opening and closing program.

Coaches/Chaperon – Assist players needs for the events. Instruct players about the proper conduct during the game.

Athletes – Know the rules and Regulations of the game.

Medical – Must be present in every events, Take action in case there are players needs medical help and advice.

Child Protection – Present in all events.

Peace Officer – Present in all events.

X. PROTEST, PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS

Protest Ruling (WPA)

If a player needs a decision to be taken, the first person to be contacted is the referee. The referee will form his decision by all means that seem suitable to him. If the player wants to protest against that ruling, he may contact the head referee and after that the tournament director. In any regular tournament, the tournament director's decision is binding and final.

XI. CONDUCT OF COMPETITION

Disciplines that will be played during the Palarong Pambansa would be **9- ball** and **8- ball** singles. Single elimination or knock-out system is being applied. The match will be race to four (4) for the elimination round, race to five, (5) for semi-final and race to six (6) for the championship round.

SINGLE ELIMINATION 34 PLAYERS DOUBLE BRACKET

A. 8 BALL BOYS

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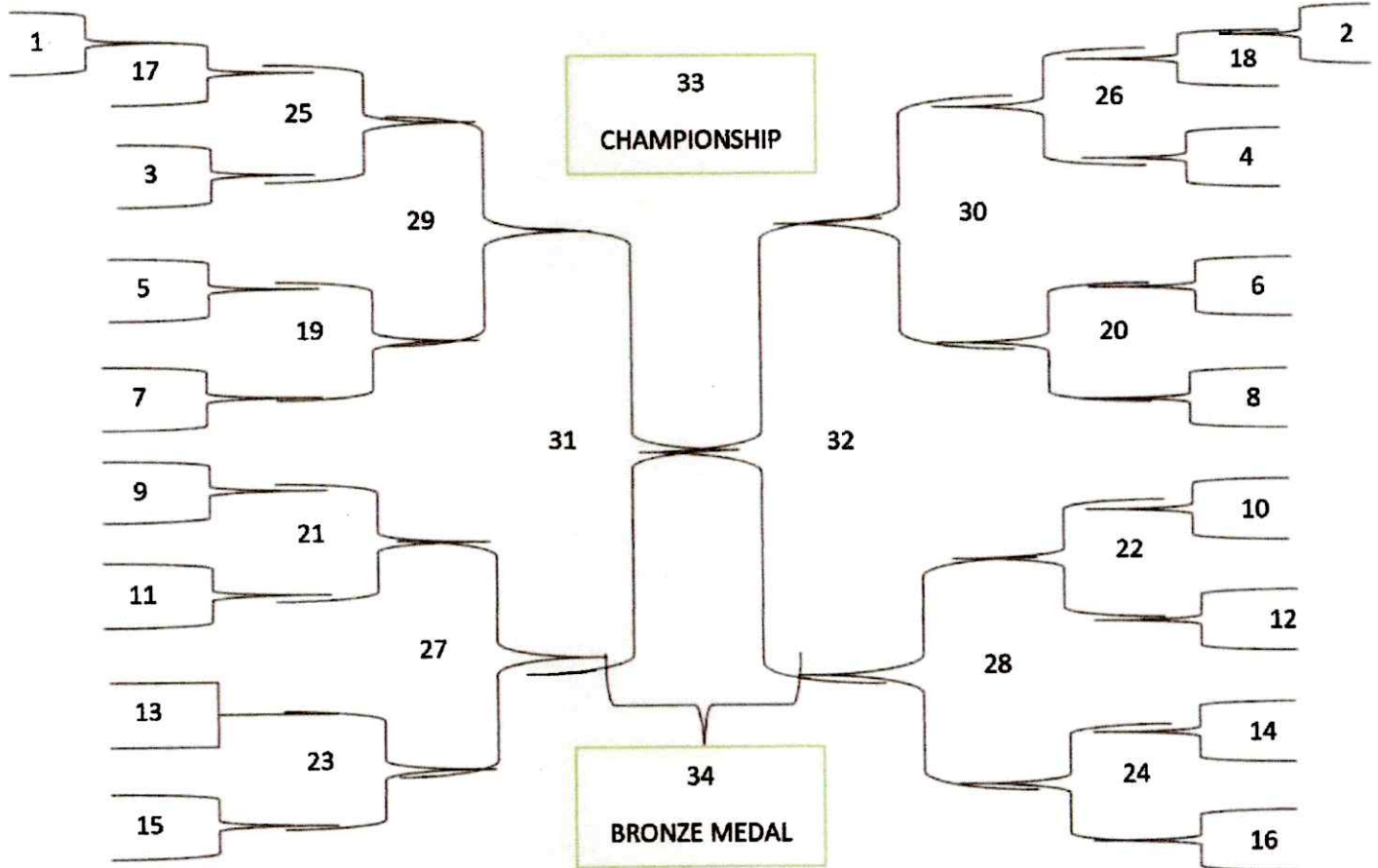




SINGLE ELIMINATION 34 PLAYERS DOUBLE BRACKET

A. 8 BALL GIRLS

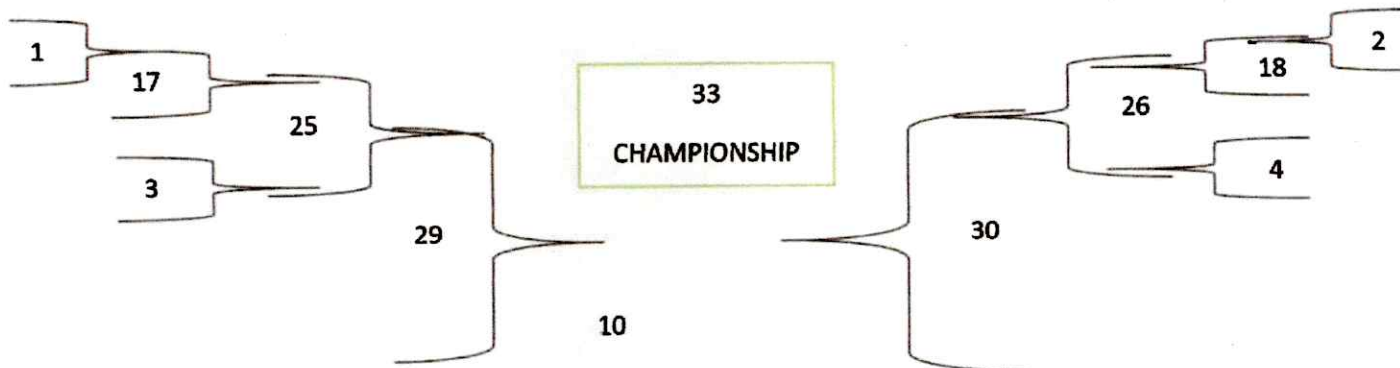
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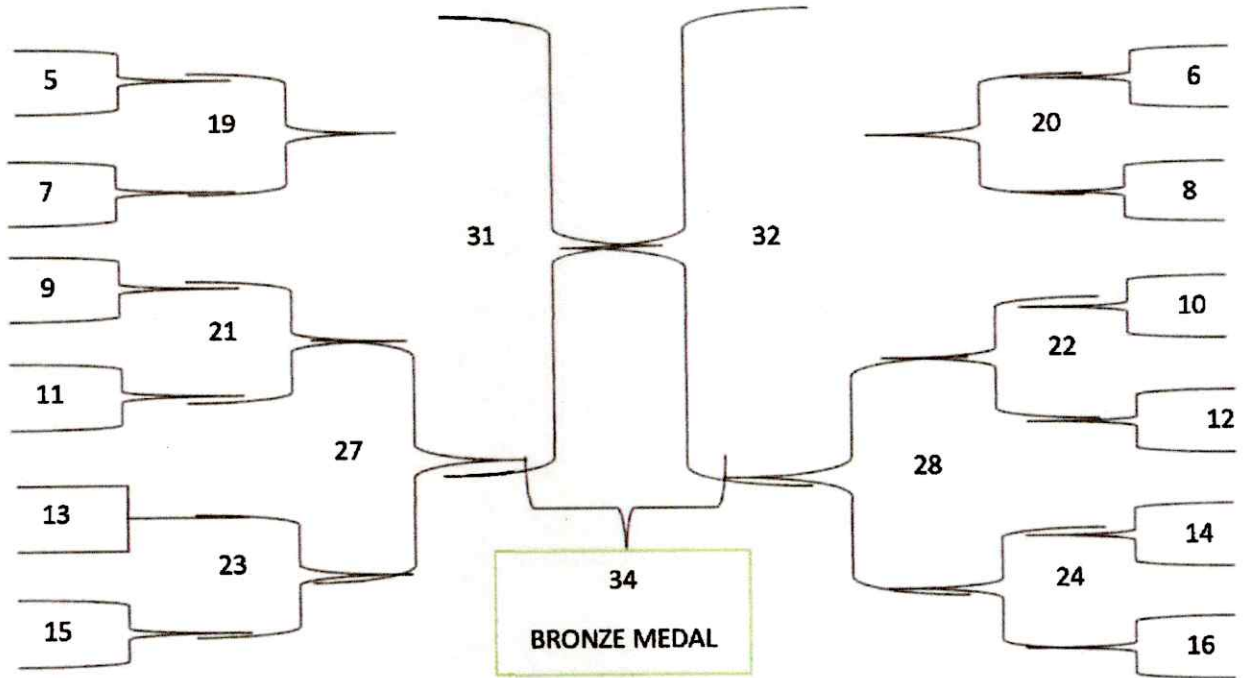


SINGLE ELIMINATION 34 PLAYERS DOUBLE BRACKET

A. 9 BALL BOYS

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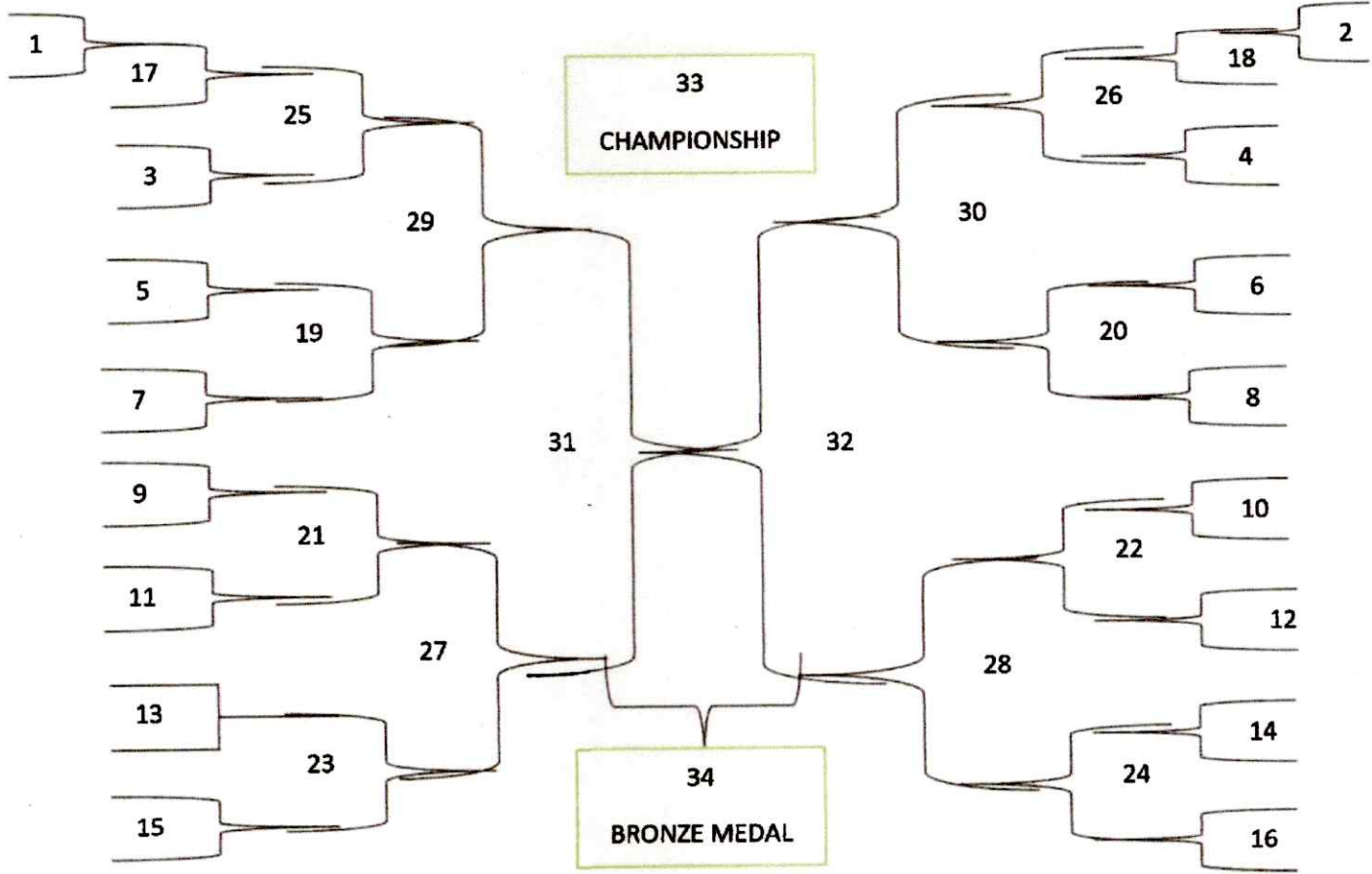


SINGLE ELIMINATION 34 PLAYERS DOUBLE BRACKET

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9 BALL GIRLS

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XII. DETERMINATION OF WINNERS

The championship for **Group A** will play against the champion of **Group B** to determine the gold and silver medalists respectively. While the **1st Runner-Up of Group A** will play against **1st Runner-Up of Group B** to determine the bronze medalist in a race to three (3) matches for 9 balls. The Palarong Panbansa Technical Committee reserves the right to increase the number of race depending on the number of participating area. Furthermore, the following are the mode of play to wit:

- a) The players will be group into two (2) – Group A and Group B
- b) Drawing of lots shall be done to determine the groupings; and
- c) A **single elimination or knock-out system** shall apply in the competition.

XIII. MEDALS TO BE CONTESTED

Medal	8 Ball boys	8 Ball Girls	9 Ball boys	9 Ball Girls	Total
Gold	1	1	1	1	4
Silver	1	1	1	1	4
Bronze	1	1	1	1	4
Total	3	3	3	3	12

XIV. NUMBER OF MEDALS TO BE AWARDED

medal	Number of pcs.
Gold	4
Silver	4
Bronze	4
Total	12

XV. SCHEDULE OF GAMES

Day 1

8:00 AM -

-4:30 PM

Short Program
 Game proper (**8 Balls** Boys and Girls)
 Game 1 – Game 36

Day 2	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM	Game 37 – Game 64
Day 3	8:00 AM – 10: AM	Game 65 – Game 68 (Championship Games in 8 Ball Boys and Girls)
	1:00 PM – 4:30PM	(9 Balls Boys and Girls) Game 1- Game 36
Day 4	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM	Game 37- Game 64
Day 5	8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON	Game 65 - Game 68 (Championship Games in 9 Balls)
	1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Awarding of Medals

PALARONG PAMBANSA 2023 COVID SAFETY GUIDELINES BILLIARD:

1. VENUE

- Masks must be worn by all individuals in the training hall and monitored by safety marshals, except for players practicing at the table.
- Players are allocated practice time on specific practice tables in the training hall before the match.
- Players must abide by practice schedule given and prevent any unnecessary interactions with players from other teams.
- Players must sanitize their hands upon entry to and exit from the court.
- No borrowing of cue sticks and billiard chalk.
- Players must not leave the chalk on the table after shot.
- Common areas in training hall must be cleaned with disinfectant periodically and after every use,
 - Billiard tables
 - Floor
 - Benches
 - Balls
 - Mechanical bridge
- The wearing of masks must be enforced by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and monitored by ambassadors throughout the training hall, with exception of those actively practicing at the table.

- Health-advisories must be displayed at common areas.

2. COMMON AREA

- Availability of handwashing amenities with soap and water, non-contact air hand dryers or paper towels in toilets must be guaranteed.
- Toilets and changing rooms must only be used in small groups while maintaining a distance of at least 1m (3 feet) and enforced by Local Organizing Committee. Alternating cubicles must be closed, and showering prohibited.
- Availability of hand-sanitizing products in common shared areas, elevators and all rooms/areas must be ensured.
- Proper safe-distancing markers placed on the floor throughout the venue where crowd formation is a risk.
- Local Organizing Committee may assign people to monitor these areas and ensure safe distancing is observed.

3. ENTRANCE AND EXIT

- Local Organizing Committee must ensure a one-way system of entry and exit to the venue to avoid individuals crossing paths.
- Temperature screenings must be conducted at the entrance of the venue. Anyone with a body temperature of 37.5° degrees (°C) will not be allowed to enter, and proper protocols must be in place for immediate testing of any such person.
 - Local Organizing Committee must ensure proper floor markings are placed to maintain distance of 1m (3 feet) between people in the case of queue formation at the entrance to the venue.
 - Local Organizing Committee officers must ensure that everyone is complying with floor markings and mask wearing at all times.

4. FIELD OF PLAY

- Periodic disinfection of match tables, floorings, billiard tables and seats, towel boxes, audience stands and other common areas.

5. SPECTATORS

- Spectators may only be permitted to attend the event upon consultation and prior approval by the and medical regulations are allowing presence of spectators.

- Where spectators are to be permitted, limited seating capacity must be enforced:
- Rows and sections of seats must be blocked to ensure social distancing of at least 1m (3 feet) between separate groups of spectators.
- Provide signage and floor markings to remind spectators to maintain social distance.
- LOCs must place floor markings for queues outside the venue to ensure social distancing of 1m (3 feet) between individuals.

6. DURING PLAY

- Players must have their personal powder to be used.
- Cue sticks must be sanitized after use.
- Players must not leave their chalk after inning.

7. END OF MATCH

- Referee and players shall not shake hands at the end of the match. They can choose to bow or a “hand-raising” salutation, whichever is more comfortable while maintaining physical distance, regardless of formal and informal presentation.
- Referee shall exit the court after the match is finished with players of that court following behind while maintaining a distance of at least 1m (3 feet).
- After every match, a hygiene team shall quickly enter the FIELD OF PLAY (FOP) once the players and referee have moved off the FIELD OF PLAY (FOP) and clean the following area with disinfectant to prepare for the next match:
 - Coaches’ benches
 - Flooring in the FIELD OF PLAY (FOP).
 - Referees’ tables and chairs
 - Billiard tables