

## **9<sup>TH</sup> KUALA LUMPUR BAR TEAM POOL TOURNAMENT 2025**

### **Rules & Format of Play**

- 1) The Competition is open to all members of the Bar, pupils-in-chambers and LLB Law Degree Holders.
- 2) The format of play shall be a combination of 8-Ball Pool and 9-Ball Pool whereby the rules and regulations of World Pool-Billiard Association may be viewed at <https://wpapool.com/rules/>.
- 3) All participants shall read and be familiar with the said rules at all times and shall not be allowed to consult the referee prior to taking a shot.
- 4) This is a team event whereby there shall be a minimum of three (3) players and a maximum of five (5) players to a team.
- 5) The matches shall be played in a round-robin format whereby each team shall play against all other teams.
- 6) There shall be cross over quarter-finals, unless where the organisers deem it more appropriate to have semifinals as the start of the knockout rounds, in which case the participants will be informed before the start of the tournament and only the top team from each group shall play in the semi-finals.
- 7) In the event of a tie between any teams at the end of the group round robin, the team with the highest net total scores for and against from each round robin shall qualify to the knockout rounds.
- 8) Each match and the particulars of each frame shall be played in the following manner:-

Frame 1 – 8 ball scotch triples  
Frame 2 – 8 ball singles  
Frame 3 – 8 ball scotch doubles  
Frame 4 – 9 ball singles  
Frame 5 – 8 ball singles  
Frame 6 – 8 ball scotch doubles  
Frame 7 – 9 ball singles  
Frame 8 – 8 ball singles  
Frame 9 – 8 ball scotch doubles  
Frame 10 – 9 ball singles  
Frame 11 – 8 ball singles

Any frames that are in a scotch format would require the team or doubles pair to function as a single entity, taking alternating shots until the game or turn is brought to conclusion

- 9) The preliminary rounds shall be played on a race to four (4) frames whereas the semi-finals and final shall be played on a race to five (5) frames.
- 10) The following handicap system shall be applicable throughout the tournament:-

- (a) each team shall not consist of more than one (1) existing or previous:-
- (i) Malaysian Bar Team Players; or
  - (ii) ranked "A" Players (ranking determined by the organisers).

*i.e. the category of players in 10(a)(i) and 10(a)(ii) above shall not come together to form a team.*

- (b) where a team consist of a player under item 10(a)(i) and 10(a)(ii), such player shall only be allowed to participate in one (1) frame of every three (3) frames.
- (c) where any lady participates in any singles or doubles frame, the lady or the doubles pair shall be given the following handicaps:-

- (i) 8-Ball Pool – One (1) ball handicap

Explanation:-

The lady or the doubles pair shall not be required to pot the last remaining solid or stripe ball before attempting on the final 8-Ball; or

The lady or the doubles pair shall be allowed to remove the final solid or stripe ball before attempting on the final 8-Ball

- (ii) 9-Ball Pool – Two (2) ball handicap

Explanation:-

The lady or the doubles pair shall only be required to pot the 7<sup>th</sup> ball in order to win the frame;

Where the opposing team (which does not consist of a lady playing the frame) pots the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> ball but is unable to complete the frame, the oncoming lady or the doubles pair shall be required to pot the next immediate ball to win the frame;

Where the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> ball is no longer on the table, either due to the break or previous combination shots, the oncoming lady or the doubles pair shall be required to pot the next immediate ball to win the frame;

Golden breaks and frame-winning combination shots shall only be applicable on the 9<sup>th</sup> ball; and

Where both teams for the particular frame consists of a lady, standard rules shall apply.

- 11) Lagging shall be required at the start of the first rack to determine which team breaks first and it shall be in an alternate break format.

- 12) All participants shall be appropriately attired and shall observe the sport's decorum at all times.
- 13) Organisers reserve the right to adjust the competition format, e.g. due to number of participants entering the competition and strict time constraints etc, and will endeavour to inform all participants of any changes at the earliest.
- 14) All decisions made by the Organisers / tournament referees during the competition shall be final.