



25th WCVNEA Championships

February 13 - 17, 2025

River Cree Casino, Edmonton AB



The Tournament Committee has completed the eligibility and general information for the 25th Annual WCVNEA Tournament. Within this booklet you will find a very informative outline of the many important dates, events and divisional criteria for the tournament. Look INSIDE for...

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Players ranked as Intermediate or Master in VNEA are ranked as Master for WCVNEA and must play in the Masters division.

AGE REQUIREMENT: All players must be of legal drinking age to play in the licensed establishment where the qualifying league is played AND are at least 18 years of age.

PAYOUTS: For the 2025 WCVNEA Championships, vouchers will be issued for winnings which can be cashed at the Casino cage.

ELIGIBILITY: All players must be sanctioned with VNEA, and the charter should be in good standing. Singles players must have played a minimum of 8 league nights in the 2024-25 season by Jan 24, 2025.

1. **Active Player Status:** Participants must be recognized as active players by their Charter Holder.
2. **Identification:** Players need to provide ID for prize money disbursements.
3. **Random I.D. Checks:** Participants are subject to random ID checks to verify eligibility.
4. **Registration:** To join Scotch Doubles, Doubles, or mini tournaments, players must be registered in the main tournament.

Players should be aware of their ranking levels, which can be found at wcvnea.ca. The ranking list serves as a guideline. Any player competing in a division lower than their ranking, whether in singles or teams, will be disqualified and forfeit all winnings. In team events, the entire team will be disqualified and forfeit any winnings. CSR will be used to determine eligibility for Novice and Intermediate teams.

CHILDREN: The host venue is responsible for our event's liquor license and security. It is their prerogative to decide the liquor, cannabis, and age policies. For the 2025 WCVNEA tournament, children under 18 may not be allowed in the Event Center and Ball Rooms where matches take place. As there is a casino on site there are further restrictions in other parts of the complex.

DRESS CODE: This policy ensures that all participants maintain a neat and respectful appearance during competitions. Here are the key points:

- No halter tops, midribs, tank tops, mini-skirts, or cut-offs (shorts must be hemmed and mid-thigh).

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- Shirts must have sleeves.
- No suggestive attire.
- No ripped, torn, or stained clothing.
- Footwear is mandatory.
- Participants must present themselves neatly and cleanly.
- Dress code is enforced during all competitions, including mini tournaments.
- 15 minutes will be given to change into appropriate attire.

RULE AND GUIDELINES: The governing rules of play are detailed in the 2024-2025 VNEA rule booklet and will be strictly adhered to along with the following:

PLAYER QUALIFICATION: Players that have placed high enough in a previous WCVNEA event to be moved up to a higher level, must compete in the higher level whether they achieved it in a Team or Singles event.

8-BALL TEAM FORMAT:

1. The 25-game round robin format will be used in the Open Advanced and Masters 8-Ball team.
2. The 20-game format will be used in the Open Intermediate event.
3. The 16-game round robin format will be used in the Open Novice and Ladies 8- Ball team events.

The team with the most points at the end of the match will be declared the winner. If there is a tie in the total points, the teams will play another round, using the same roster as the last round. The team with the most points in the tie breaking round wins the match. Flip for the first break and alternate thereafter.

SUBSTITUTION RULE A team may substitute during a match if the following criteria are met

1. The opposing team captain must be notified before the start of the round in which the substitution is being made.
2. A player may not play an opposing team player more than once.
3. Once that player has played, he/she must keep that same position unless removed for a complete round and reinstated in a later round. Once a round has begun, no line-up changes may be made.

DETERMINING THE BREAK: Team captains will flip a coin prior to making the line-up. The winner of the coin toss has a choice of being home or visiting team. Teams must fill out the score- sheet completely. The teams will then break in accordance with the score sheet.

CALL POCKET: In Call Pocket, obvious balls and pockets do not have to be indicated. It is the opponent's right to ask which ball and pocket if he is unsure of the shot. Banks and combinations are not considered obvious, and both the object ball and pocket must be called. When calling the shot, it is NEVER necessary to indicate details such as the number of cushions, banks, kisses, caroms, etc. If a shooter continually refuses to inform his opponent, even when asked, the captains or tournament officials should be informed. Continuous failure to verbally call the pocket can be ruled as unsportsmanlike conduct.

CALLING OF THE 8-BALL: Players must clearly indicate the pocket. If a player shoots at the 8-Ball and commits a legal shot and the 8-Ball is not pocketed, the game continues.

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Not used at WCVNEA

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ELECTRONIC DEVICES: The use of a cell is not allowed while in a game (e.g.: answering a call or viewing a text). 1st offence is a warning to the player, a second infraction will be an Unsportsmanlike conduct given to the player.

SMARTPHONES: These have become a valuable tool in helping Referee's determine close hits at the local and regional levels in the last few years. At this WCVNEA, players may use their devices as an alternative to calling a Referee

START OF MATCH: All matches will start at the posted time if the assigned tables are available. If player/players are absent, the match must still begin, and the absent player/ players will have until the end of that round to show up. If they are not there by the end of the round, the absent player/players will lose that game 10-0. This rule is the same for all rounds.

FORFEITS: If less than 2 team members are available 15 minutes after their posted match time, the team will be forfeited. Tournament Committee will decide forfeits. However, if enough team members (2), but less than the full team, are available when the match is called, then those present must begin shooting. For singles after 15 minutes the match will be forfeited. (See 5-10-15 Rule later in booklet).

SLOW PLAY RULE: Exaggerated slow play will be penalized. After a warning, any longer than ONE MINUTE between shots will be a foul. The third infraction will result in loss of game. Both players will be timed.

PRACTICE: Teams may not practice during a match. A warning shall be issued, then an Unsportsmanlike Conduct, and loss of next game.

PLAYER STATUS: Players placing in Scotch Doubles, Doubles or Sportsman events will not be moved up in status if they win. Changes to Status are only applicable in the main team and singles events.

PROTEST PROCEDURE The protesting team or person will be required to deposit \$50 with tournament officials. If protesters are correct in their protest, they will be refunded their deposit, and the tournament officials will take proper measures in dealing with the situation. If the protest is declined, they will forfeit their deposit. Deposits will go into the general fund of the WCVNEA.

Entry Deadline - Friday, January 17th, 2025, or as specified by your charter.

Registration Requirements: To play in singles a player must have 8 weeks of play in the 2024 - 25 Season by Jan 24, 2025. NO EXCEPTIONS

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Event Schedule

(These timings are subject to change depending on the number of entries in each event)

SCHEDULE

Thursday Feb 13th, 2025

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Referee Certification Course

5:00 pm—6:00 pm Scotch Doubles Sign –Up.

7:00 pm Scotch Doubles Tournament and Mini Tournaments. Questions and concerns for 8-Ball singles.

Friday Feb 14th, 2025

8:00 am - 8:45 am This time is for questions, concerns, etc. only for 8 Ball singles. Players listed on bracket sheets need not inquire.

9:00 am Open Novice, Intermediate, Advance & Ladies Intermediate singles begin.

12 pm Ladies Advance, Ladies Masters & Men’s Masters singles begin.

Saturday Feb 15th, 2025

8:00 am All singles competitions continue.

9:00 am - 10:00 am Doubles Tournament sign up.

11:00 am Doubles Tournament starts.

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Roster changes and questions for 8- Ball teams. Teams listed on bracket sheet need not register.

5:00 pm All Open Novice, Intermediate and Advance Team competition begins.

8:00 pm All Ladies Team and Men’s Masters Team competition begins.

Sunday Feb 16th, 2025

8:00 am Team Competition Continues.

TBA Sportsman Competition begins.

Monday Feb 17th, 2025

8:00 am Team Competition Continues.

SCOTCH DOUBLES (Guy/Girl only)

For Scotch Doubles and doubles the Entry fee is \$50, a \$10 green fee is included in each entry

3 Divisions:

1. Novice\Intermediate,
2. Advanced,
3. Masters.

Teams Maximum 64 Teams in Each Division.

On site registration only between 5 - 6 pm Thursday Feb 13th.

- **Level of Play:** Players must compete at the level of the highest-ranked player in their team.
- **Scotch Doubles:** Thursday night, starting at 7 pm.
- **Eligibility:** Players must be registered the event
- **Team Composition:** Each Scotch Doubles team will consist of one male and one female player.
- **Charter Holder:** Team members do not need to be from the same Charter Holder.

Scotch Doubles Races

Nov /Int - Race To 3

Advanced - Race To 3

Masters - Race To 4

For SD and Doubles

- Alternate Team Breaks
- Either Player can break
- Alternate Shot
- No Coaching
- No Time Outs
- No Referees

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DOUBLES (No gender restrictions)

2 Divisions:

Novice/Intermediate

Advanced/Masters.

Teams Maximum: 64 Teams per Division.

- **Sign up:** Saturday 9 – 10 am.
- Members do **NOT** need to be from the same charter
- Race to 3 all draws

SPORTSMAN: Teams that are eliminated in the early rounds of the Tournament, may be eligible to play in the Sportsman Divisions. There are 3 tournament brackets: 4 Player Teams.

1. **Sportsman's 'A' Division** for teams eliminated in 4 rounds or less from the Open Advance, 3 rounds Ladies Masters.
2. **Sportsman's 'B' Division** for teams eliminated in 4 rounds or less from the Open Intermediate and 3 rounds or less Ladies Advanced.
3. **Sportsman's 'C' Division** for teams eliminated in 4 rounds or less in Open Novice and 3 rounds or less in Ladies Intermediate.

These teams can register to be placed in these divisions, pay no additional entry fee, and share in the overall prize purse.

*The above is a guideline only. The exact cut-off points will be decided at the tournament, dependent on the number of entries in each event.

Sign up NOW to be part of the WCVNEA tournament as a referee

If you're interested in becoming a referee for the 2025 WCVNEA Championships, you can register online at www.wcvnea.ca¹.

Here are some key details:

- **Referee Staff:** We aim to have 12-16 referees.
- **Shift Options:** Various shifts are available on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, each lasting approximately 6-8 hours.
- **Compensation:** \$15.00 per hour and half of a room's accommodation for Fri, Sat, and Sun nights (minimum 8 hours of work required).

If you have any concerns about committing, shift switching is allowed as long as you find someone to cover your shift. Referees are allowed to play in only one event (team or singles).

REFEREES COURSE

Once again, this year we will hold a referee's course on Thursday 13th February between 2 -4 pm. Registration for the course can be done at wcvnea.ca

Entry Costs

8-BALL SINGLES EVENTS

Open Novice Singles

Entry Fee \$75. Race to 3 On A & B Side

Open Intermediate Singles

Entry Fee - \$85
Race to 4 On A - Race to 3 On B

Open Advanced Singles

Entry Fee - \$95
Race to 5 On A - Race to 4 On B

Men's Masters Singles

Entry Fee - \$135
Race to 6 On A - Race to 5 On B

Ladies Intermediate Singles

Entry Fee - \$75
Race to 3 On A & B Side

Ladies Advanced Singles

Entry Fee - \$85
Race to 4 On A - Race 3 On B

Ladies Masters Singles

Entry Fee - \$105
Race to 5 On A - Race to 4 On B

\$30 Green Fee and a \$5 admin fee is included in each singles entry

Singles Events are Double Elimination.

OPEN TEAM EVENTS

Open teams must be comprised of 2 original players from the same league team and those 2 members must play every round. The 3rd, 4th and/or 5th player may come from any team within the same Charter Holders League system, meeting the same player criteria.

CSR will be used to determine eligibility for Novice and Intermediate teams

Open Novice Teams

(4 player teams, max roster size 6)

Entry Fee - \$300

Designed with the Fun or Recreational player in mind.

Open Intermediate Teams

(5 players, max roster size 8)
Entry Fee - \$ 375
For the average player.

Open Advanced Teams

(5 players, max roster size 8)
Entry Fee - \$425
For the above average player.

Men's Master Team

(5 players, max roster size 8)
Entry Fee - \$575
Elite Level players

LADIES TEAM EVENTS

Ladies Team may be comprised of any 4 female players from within the Charter Holders League system.

CSR will be used to determine eligibility for Intermediate teams

(4 player teams, max roster size 6)

Ladies Intermediate Teams

Entry Fee - \$300

Ladies Advanced Teams

Entry Fee - \$340

Ladies Masters Teams

Entry Fee - \$440

All Team Entries include a \$30 per player green fee and \$5 per player admin fee and are double elimination.

Players may be listed on more than one roster. However, they can only play on one team in the tournament

PLAYERS RANKINGS

Individuals or teams that finish in the top 10% or 1st and 2nd place (whichever is higher) during the 25th Annual Championship Tournament will be advanced to the next level of play at the 26th Annual WCVNEA Championships 2026.

Players listed on the VNEA Intermediate and Masters lists will be recognized as Masters players at this event. Players who qualify for the Master’s Division and choose to play 8-Ball Singles and/or Scotch Doubles must play in the Master’s Division.

Players CSR will be captured On Dec 1st, 2024, for unranked players will be used to decide the player's division. Ranked players must play proper division based on their ranking or CSR, whichever is higher

OPEN	All Events		
Division	Min CSR	Max CSR	Notes
Novice	NA	1550	Unranked players only, for teams 1 unranked Player with a CSR of 1600 or lower.
Intermediate	1551	1750	Max CSR regardless of ranking is 1750, For teams 1 unranked Player with a CSR of 1800 or lower for teams.
Advanced	1751	NA	Players ranked Advanced Must play here or any player with a CSR > 1750 regardless of rank, exception note above.
Masters	NA	NA	Open Players ranked Master must play here, also any player ranked Intermediate or Master in Vegas
WOMENS	All Events		
Intermediate	NA	1550	Max CSR regardless of ranking is 1550, for Teams 1 unranked Player with a CSR of 1600 or lower,
Advanced	1551	NA	Players ranked Advanced Must play here or any player with a CSR > 1551
Masters	NA	NA	Players ranked Master must play here, also any player ranked Intermediate or Master in Vegas
The Tournament is using a combination of Rank and CSR, whichever is higher.			
Any player can request to be dropped to the next lowest level providing their CSR meets the requirements above and any other stipulations			
Female Players can play Open Divisions or Ladies at their level or higher based on CSR and Rank			
The Tournament Committee reserves the right to place players in a division based on CSR and/or known ability			

DROP DOWN REQUEST GUIDELINES (drop-down form at wcvnea.ca)

1. Eligibility:

- a) If you placed 1st or 2nd in any singles category, minimum wait time is 5 years
- b) If you placed 1st or 2nd in teams, you must wait at least 3 years.
- c) Drop-downs are not based on how long since you last played.
- d) You must have played at the highest level you have reached for a minimum of 2 years and not won any money during that time (exception a and b above).
- e) Playing at a level higher than your current level does not count as years played.
- f) Intermediate players cannot be dropped to Novice Status.

2. **Request Period:** Drop-down requests must be received between October 1 and December 1 each year.

3. **Response Time:** You will normally receive an email within 2 days of your request.

5 – 10 -15 RULE

Players should take a picture of the table number when they arrive. This can be used to determine the time a player was present. If you do not take a picture, we will presume you were not at the table at the specified time

The referee should be called 5 minutes after the match is due to have started or after the match is called whichever is greater.

Singles

5 If a player does not show within 5 minutes for his match 1 win will be awarded.

10 If after 10 minutes and still no player another win will be awarded.

15 After 15 minutes and still no player match will be forfeited.

Team

5 If a team does not show up within 5 minutes for the match 2 wins will be awarded.

10 If after 10-minute mark and still no team another 2 wins will be awarded.

15 After 15 minutes and still no team match will be forfeited.

Note: team matches will start with 2 players present

**Call a Referee if your opponent is not present.
Do not come to control desk unless there is no Referee
present!**