



# 26th WCVNEA Championships

## February 11 - 16, 2026

### River Cree Casino, Edmonton AB



Welcome to the official guide for the 26th Annual WCVNEA Tournament! As we gear up for another exciting year of competition, this comprehensive booklet is designed to serve as your primary resource for everything you need to know about the upcoming tournament. Whether you're a seasoned participant or joining us for the first time, you'll find essential details that will help you prepare and succeed.

The Tournament Committee has completed the eligibility and general information for the 26th 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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For the 2026 WCVNEA Tournament CSR will be used to determine a players\Teams Status

#### Player Media & Contact Information Consent Disclaimer

By participating in the WCVNEA Tournament, the player ("Participant") acknowledges and agrees to the following:

-  **Image Use Consent:** Participant grants WCVNEA Tournament, its affiliates, sponsors, and media partners the irrevocable right to use, reproduce, and distribute any photographs, video footage, or other media in which the Participant appears, taken during league events, games, or related activities. These images may be used for promotional, marketing, archival, or informational purposes across digital, print, and broadcast platforms without compensation.
-  **Contact Information Display:** Participant consents to the display of their phone number within WCVNEA Tournament official software platforms, including but not limited to scheduling tools, team rosters, and communication systems, for the purpose of facilitating league operations, team coordination, and direct communication among league participants and administrators.

Participant understands that this consent is a condition of participation and that refusal to agree may result in ineligibility to participate in league activities.

**REGISTRATION:** online at [WWW.wcvnea.ca](http://WWW.wcvnea.ca)

**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 2026 WCVNEA Championships, vouchers will be issued for winnings which can be cashed at the Casino cage.

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**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 2025-26 by Jan 24, 2026.

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 CSR levels, which can be found on compusport. 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 in all events.

**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 2026 WCVNEA tournament, children under the age of 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, midriffs, tank tops, mini-skirts, or cut-offs (shorts must be hemmed and mid-thigh).
- 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 2025-2026 VNEA rule booklet and will be strictly adhered to along with the following:

### **8-BALL TEAM FORMAT:**

1. The 25-game 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 format will be used in the Open Regular and Ladies Regular 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. The order of the teams on compusport can be changed by going into options-flip home and away.

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### **PATCH**

Not used at WCVNEA

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** The use of a cell is not allowed while in a game (e.g.: answering a call or viewing a text). 1<sup>st</sup> 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. If you decide to referee a shot yourself the shooting teams Team Captains or a designated player act as referee. If the acting referee cannot make the call, then the video can be used.

### **Tips for Effective Video Review:**

- **Position the camera** to get a clear view of the shot.
- **Ensure recording is active** before the shot is taken.
- **Do not watch the screen** during the shot—observe the play directly.
- If you are uncertain, **review the video** immediately after the shot and before making your call.

**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 no team members are available 20 minutes after their posted match time, the team will be forfeited. Tournament Committee will decide forfeits. However, if enough team members (1), but less than the full team, are available when the match is called, then those present must begin shooting (See 10-15-20 Rule for full details).

**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 teams/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:** Based on CSR

**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 16th, 2026, or as specified by your charter.

### **Registration Requirements:**

To play in singles a player must have 8 weeks of play and be an active member of VNEA (on a team) in the 2025 – 26 Season by Jan 23, 2026. NO EXCEPTIONS

To play in teams a player must have 8 weeks of play and be an active member of VNEA (on a team) in the 2025 – 26

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### Event Schedule

(These timings are subject to change depending on the number of entries in each event). Please check COMPUSPORT for timings for your division

#### SCHEDULE

##### Wednesday Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

7:00 pm Scotch Doubles Tournament and Mini Tournaments if tables are available.

##### Thursday Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

9:00 am SD continue, 3 Player Team (handicapped using CSR)

2:00 pm Questions and concerns for 8-Ball singles.

5:00 pm Singles Competition Begins **CHECK COMPUSPORT FOR YOUR DIVISION TIMINGS**

##### Friday Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

9:00 am All singles competitions continue.

##### Saturday Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

9:00 am All singles competitions continue.

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

10:00 am Questions and concerns for 8-Ball Teams.

11:00 am Doubles Tournament starts.

3:00 pm Team competition begins - **CHECK COMPUSPORT FOR YOUR DIVISION TIMINGS**

##### Sunday Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

8:00 am Team Competition Continues.

##### Monday Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

8:00 am Team Competition Continues.

#### JACK & JILL SCOTCH DOUBLES (Guy/Girl only)

Divisions based on number of entries.

**Teams Maximum** none

- **Level of Play:** Teams will be placed based on combined CSR.
- **Scotch Doubles:** Wednesday night, starting at 7 pm.
- **Eligibility:** Players must be registered in the event (Teams or singles)
- **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.
- Online Entry at [wcvnea.ca](http://wcvnea.ca) starting Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026
- Entry fee is \$70, a \$10 green fee is included in each entry
- Divisions based on number of entries.
- Before the draw. any changes can be made to a team. Once the draw is made, the CSR of the new player cannot take the team over the cap for the division they are in
- No onsite entries UNLESS needed to make a division equal.

#### OPEN SCOTCH DOUBLES

**2 Divisions:** Selected by Team CSR

**Teams Maximum:** 32 Teams per Division.

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

#### SCOTCH DOUBLE RULES

- Alternate Team Breaks

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

**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, depending 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 2026 WCVNEA Championships, you can register online at [www.wcvnea.ca](http://www.wcvnea.ca)<sup>1</sup>.

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:** \$20.00 per hour and half of a room's accommodation for Thu, Fri, Sat, and Sun nights (minimum 8 hours of work required).

If you have any concerns about committing, shift switching is allowed if 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 course on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February between 2 -4 pm. Registration for the course can be done at [wcvnea.ca](http://wcvnea.ca)

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# Entry Costs

### 8-BALL SINGLES EVENTS

#### Men's Novice Singles

**Entry Fee \$75.**

CSR Cap 1550

#### Men's Intermediate Singles

**Entry Fee - \$85**

CSR Cap 1700

#### Men's Advanced Singles

**Entry Fee - \$95**

CSR Cap 1840

#### Ladies Novice Singles

**Entry Fee - \$75**

CSR Cap 1550

#### Ladies Intermediate Singles

**Entry Fee - \$85**

CSR Cap 1700

#### Ladies Advanced Singles

**Entry Fee - \$95**

CSR Cap 1840

#### Open Singles

Entry Fee \$135

No CSR Cap

Any player male or female with  
a CSR => 1841

### OPEN TEAM EVENTS

Open Teams may be comprised of any 4/5 players from within the Charter Holders League system.

CSR Cap is the top 4/5 players depending on the Division

#### Open Regular Teams

(4 player teams, max roster size 7)

**Entry Fee - \$300**

CSR Cap 6100

#### Open Intermediate Teams

(5 players, max roster size 8)

**Entry Fee - \$ 375.**

CSR Cap 8375

#### Open Advanced Teams

(5 players, max roster size 8)

**Entry Fee - \$425.**

CSR Cap 9075

### 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 all divisions. CSR cap is the top 4 players

#### Ladies Regular Teams

**Entry Fee - \$300.**

CSR Cap 6100

#### Ladies Intermediate Teams

**Entry Fee - \$340.**

CSR Cap 6700

#### Ladies Advanced Teams

**Entry Fee - \$380.**

CSR Cap 7300

### Open Teams

Entry Fee - \$575. No CSR Cap. Any Ladies (4 Player Team with a Combined CSR of 7300 and any Open Team with a Combined CSR of 9075. Ladies Teams will have to add a 5<sup>th</sup> player

### Roster Sizes

4 Player teams 7 players

5 Player teams 8 players

Players CANNOT be listed on more than one roster

**\$30 Green Fee and a \$5 admin fee is included IN EACH PLAYER ENTRY (Teams and Singles)  
All Team and Singles Entries (excluding Sportsman) are double elimination**

# PLAYER RANKINGS

**For the 2026 WCVNEA Tournament CSR will be used to determine a player's division**

**CSR:** We are implementing a new system to streamline division placements for players using CSR. This change is designed to reduce disputes and ensure fair competition across all divisions.

**Key Points:**

- CSR will be captured on **Sept 29, 2025**, and will determine division eligibility.
- For help capturing a player's CSR, please don't hesitate to contact **Nigel**.
- Any player **without a CSR** must have a valid CSR by **January 1, 2026** (minimum 3 stars), or they will be assigned a default CSR of **1750**.
- **Players can always play**

**Teams can be any 4/5 players from the same Charter**

SINGLES			
MEN	CSR	Max CSR	Notes
Regular	NA	1550	Players can always play in a higher division (a 1540 CSR could play in any division above them for example).
Intermediate	1551	1700	
Advanced	1701	1840	
LADIES			
Regular	NA	1550	
Intermediate	1551	1700	
Advanced	1701	1840	
<b>OPEN MASTERS</b>	1841		Any Player Male or Female with a CSR >1840
TEAMS			
Open Regular		6100	Combined CSR means a team may have a player with any CSR on the roster but the total of the top 4 (Open Regular and all Ladies divisions) or Top 5 (Open Teams) must not exceed the cap
Open Intermediate		8375	
Open Advanced		9075	
Ladies Regular		6100	
Ladies Intermediate		6500	
Ladies Advanced		7300	
<b>OPEN MASTERS</b>	7301/9076	NO MAX	Any Ladies (4 Player Team with a Combined CSR > 7300 and any Open Team with a Combined CSR > 9075. Ladies Teams will have to add a 5 <sup>th</sup> player (male or female)

# 10 – 15 -20 RULE

There will be a barcode on each table number, players should scan this code when they arrive at the table This can be used to determine the time a player was present. If you do not scan the barcode, we will presume you were not at the table at the specified time

For matches that are on time this rule does not apply, and 5 minutes should be deducted (5-10-15). If a match is delayed, then the table assignment time will “start the clock”. For matches that are on time players\teams are expected to be at the table at the posted start time ready to play.

## Singles

**10 –** both players should be at the table ready to play within 10 minutes of the posted start time (or table assignment time) If not, the player present will be awarded 1 win.

**15 -** 15 minutes after the posted start time, the player present will be awarded another win

**20 -** After a total of 20 minutes and still no player the match will be forfeited.

## Team: If 1 player is present from the team, the match must start

**10 –** Teams are expected to be at the tables within 10 minutes of the posted start time (or table assignment time) If not, the team present will be awarded 2 x 10-0 wins

**15 -** 15 minutes after the posted start time, the team present will be awarded another 2 x 10-0 wins

**20 -** minutes after the posted start time, the match will be deemed a forfeit, and the team present will be awarded the win.

**Call a Referee if your opponent is not present.**

**Once the referee has declared the match over come to the Control desk DO NOT CLOSE THE SCORESHEET**

## **CHARTER HOLDER INFORMATION**

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