



U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships Qualifier Rules

CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY: All participating players must meet these eligibility requirements. A player must be a regular J&J Ventures Amusements pool league player “In Good Standing” with no less than 12 qualified pool league matches of any kind between January 1, 2018 and the date of the Regional Qualifier event. All players must be at least 21 years of age.

A qualified pool league is any pool league managed by J&J Ventures Amusements regardless of that leagues national affiliation.

“In Good Standing” means that the player is not currently suspended or banned from J&J Ventures Amusements Pool League play during the dates of the events. Specifically, this means that the player must remain “In Good Standing” at the time of the 2019 Regional Qualifiers, The 2019 Finals Event and the 2019 U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships and throughout the time between these events.

INELIGIBLE: J&J Venture’s employees, immediate family members (spouse, parents, siblings and children) or household members of employees are ineligible. Employees, agents and representatives (whether paid or unpaid) of a pool table manufacturer, distributor or operator or a competing pool league operator are ineligible. A contestant may not be an owner, manager, employee or representative of any JVA pool league location. Additionally, a contestant may not hold or be an applicant for an Illinois Video Gaming Location License or be an agent, manager, employee or representative for any person or entity that holds or has applied for an Illinois Video Gaming Location License.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES AND COSTS: Players will pay a \$50.00 entry fee to participate in a Regional Qualifier event. Players will also pay for the costs of the pool games in the Regional and Finals events. This cost will be shared between the contestants in a match. There is no entry fee for a contestant to play in the Finals Event.

LOCAL RULES OF PLAY: The event will be 9-Ball. The WPA rules as modified by the U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships will be used. For details see:

<http://www.matchroompool.com/wp-content/uploads/2019-US-Open-Players-Contract-FINAL.pdf>
& <https://wpapool.com/>

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT PLAY: This is a singles event. Registration fee is \$50.00 per player. Players must pay for their games as they progress through the competition.

Regional qualifiers will be double elimination with a race to 11 wins. Sponsor, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to shorten the race quantity in the event of an excessive number of entries at any regional qualifier. Minimum 4 players required for each regional.

Top finishing players at each regional event will advance to the Finals Tournament event. The number of regional players advancing is dependent upon the number of entries at each regional.

The following formula will be used to determine the number of player that advance from a specific Regional event into the Finals event:

# Of Regional Entries	# Of Players Advancing
4	1
5-8	2
9-12	3
13-16	4

FINALS TOURNAMENT PLAY: This is a singles event. There is no registration fee. Players must pay for their games as they progress through the competition.

The Finals event will be double elimination with a race to 11 wins.

DISQUALIFICATION:

Contestants or players may be disqualified for reasons that would damage the integrity of the contest and the J&J Ventures Amusements league program including but not limited to any of the following: Cheating, misrepresentation of the J&J Ventures Amusement league program or associated prizes, unsportsmanlike conduct or any other infraction that damages the integrity of the program whether the infraction takes place during this contest or during any JJVA league or tournament event. J&J Ventures Amusements' league management shall have sole and final discretion in application of this rule. Any disqualification may result in prize(s) being revoked.

GRAND PRIZE PACKAGE: The 1st Place winner of the Finals event will receive:

- Round trip airfare allowance of \$300.00. The winning contestant will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Once proof of travel purchase is submitted to the sponsor the winning contestant will be awarded the airfare allowance.
- 7 nights double occupancy hotel room at the Mandalay Bay Resort from April 20, 2019 through April 27, 2019. This double occupancy room is intended to be shared with the 2nd Place winner of the event.
- One player entry into the 2019 U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships held at the Mandalay Bay Resort.
- Per U.S Open 9-Ball Championship rules: *"Players are required to attend a pre-event reception ("Cocktail Party") on the evening of Saturday 20th April at the Event Venue. Players are entitled to bring a minimum of one guest to the reception;"*
- Per U.S Open 9-Ball Championship rules: *"All Double Elimination Stage players are entitled to one player pass for the duration of the Event and four tickets each to the Double Elimination Stage of the Event. All Players who qualify for the Last 16 are entitled to four tickets to each TV session."* The 1st Place winner will be required to give the 2nd Place winner one ticket to the "Double Elimination Stage of the Event".

2nd PLACE PRIZE PACKAGE:

- Round trip airfare allowance of \$300.00. The winning contestant will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Once proof of travel purchase is submitted to the sponsor the winning contestant will be awarded the airfare allowance.
- 7 nights double occupancy hotel room at the Mandalay Bay Resort from April 20, 2019 through April 27, 2019. This double occupancy room is intended to be shared with the 1st Place winner of the event.
- One VIP pass into the 2019 U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships Finals "TV Session" competition held at the Mandalay Bay Resort.
- One ticket to the "Double Elimination Stage of the Event" from the 1st Place player's allotment of tickets to that event.

THE WINNING CONTESTANTS AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES OF THE U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

RESTRICTIONS TO RECEIVE PRIZES: Proof of ability to accept Prizes is required by all winning contestants. If a player is deemed ineligible to receive or accept the travel prize for any reason including but not limited to failure to maintain "Good Standing" status, government-imposed travel restrictions, inability to take time off, illness or any other reason, then the applicable prize will be awarded to the next eligible player according to the finishing positions of the Finals event provided that the notice is in sufficient time as to make this practical from the standpoint of travel reservations.

TRANSFER OF PRIZES: Prizes are not transferable except that the Sponsor may transfer the prize to next player from the standings as stated above. Any additional costs that may be associated with a transfer under these rules will be the responsibility of the player accepting the prize. Should no players from the Finals event elect to accept the transferred prize or should there be insufficient time to determine a winner by means of a necessary tie-breaker, the Sponsor shall not be required to award that prize.

ADJUSTMENTS TO TRAVEL PRIZES: Any adjustments to lodging, itinerary or other travel arrangements at the discretion of the winners will be at the sole responsibility of the winners.

Only upon agreement of both prize winners, they may elect to modify the hotel room arrangements to their mutual liking in such manner as they jointly see fit. This may include additional guests, shared upgrade costs, etc. Under no circumstances shall such an agreement be binding upon the sponsor to the extent that additional costs are attributed to the sponsor.

NO CASH VALUE: This is a travel prize only and the winning contestants will not be allowed any cash value in exchange for the prizes awarded.

Any changes to hotel arrangements, travel arrangements, event entries or event tickets such as travel dates, etc. that may result in lower costs to the sponsor shall not result in a cash settlement, refund or rebate to the contestants.

TAXES: All players will be responsible for any applicable taxes resulting from prizes earned in any J&J Ventures Amusements' league or tournament promotions.