

Mauritius 2025

ATHLETE GUIDE

📍 02–06 July 2025 | The Ravenala Attitude – BalACLava | Mauritius

ABOUT THE EVENT

The 2025 Commonwealth Billiards Championships marks a landmark moment in the history of cue sports, as the inaugural edition of this prestigious event is set to take place in the stunning island nation of Mauritius—renowned as one of the world’s premier travel destinations.

Bringing together top cue sports athletes from across the Commonwealth, the championship will feature competition in four disciplines: Snooker, Blackball, Heyball, and 10-Ball, with equal representation in both men’s and women’s categories.

Hosted by the Mau Pool Organisation and officially endorsed by the Commonwealth Games Federation and the World Confederation of Billiards Sports (WCBS), the event not only elevates the visibility of cue sports on an international stage but also offers athletes the rare and prestigious opportunity to compete for a Commonwealth medal—one of the most respected honors in the sporting world.

17 KEY DATES & SCHEDULE

02 Jul:	Arrival and Check In (16:30) Mandatory Athletes Meeting (18:30) Opening Ceremony
03 – 05 Jul:	Competition Rounds
06 Jul:	Semi-Finals, Finals (20:00) Medal Ceremony
07 Jul:	Check out and Departure

* Note: Athletes must be present by 16:00 on 02 July. Failure to attend the athletes' meeting may result in disqualification.

TOURNAMENT VENUE

Venue: The Ravenala Attitude – BalACLava

Address: Coastal Road, BalACLava, Mauritius, 21306



OFFICIAL HOTEL

Hotel: The Ravenala Attitude – Balaclava

Athlete accommodation at the Ravenala Attitude Resort will be provided on a twin-sharing, half-board basis (including breakfast and dinner), with check-in on 02 July and check-out on 07 July. Any early arrivals, late departures, or additional meals will be at the athlete's own expense.

TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION

Airport: SSR International Airport (MRU)

Flights: Athlete return flights will be provided from their nominated airport. Please note that all tickets are non-refundable and non-changeable. In the event of a missed flight, the athlete will be solely responsible for rebooking at their own expense.

Shuttles: Shuttle services will be provided between the airport and the official accommodation, including return transfers at the end of the event. All other local travel or sightseeing will be at the athlete's own expense. The DodoTaxi app is available for convenient booking, and taxis are readily available at the entrance of the resort.

Visa: Most Commonwealth citizens are eligible for a visa on arrival. However, it is the responsibility of each athlete to confirm their eligibility. If a visa is required prior to travel, it must be obtained at the athlete's own expense and submitted before flight arrangements can be made. Upon registration, athletes will receive a letter of invitation, which must be presented on arrival or used for visa application if a visa on arrival is not applicable.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

SNOOKER:

Participants: 16 Men and 16 Women.

Format: Straight knockout — Men will play best of 5, and Women will play best of 3 in all rounds.

Match Time Limit: 120-minutes.

Equipment: Tables – Rasson I Cloth – PNS I Balls – Aramith 1G

Scoring: Relevant links will be shared prior to the start of the competition.

10-BALL:

Participants: 16 Men and 16 Women.

Format: Straight knockout — Men will play Race to 9, and Women will play Race to 7 in all rounds.

Match Time Limit: 100-minutes.

Tie: Penalty shootout will apply.

Equipment: Tables – Predator I Cloth – Simonis 860 I Balls – Aramith TV Pro Cup.

Scoring: DigitalPool. Relevant links will be shared prior to the start of the competition.



BLACKBALL

Participants: 16 Men and 16 Women.

Format: Straight knockout — Men will play Race to 7, and Women will play Race to 5 in all rounds.

Match Time Limit: 100-minutes.

Tie: One-frame tiebreaker

Equipment: Tables – United King I Cloth – Andy I Balls – Dynaspheres.

Scoring: DigitalPool. Relevant links will be shared prior to the start of the competition.

HEYBALL

Participants: 16 Men and 16 Women.

Format: Straight knockout — Men will play Race to 9, and Women will play Race to 7 in all rounds.

Match Time Limit: 100-minutes.

Tie: Penalty shootout will apply.

Equipment: Tables – JOY Billiards I Cloth – LiberWin I Balls – Aramith TV Pro Cup.

Scoring: DigitalPool. Relevant links will be shared prior to the start of the competition.

ENTRY & REGISTRATION

Entry Fee: There is no entry fee

Nomination Deadline: 01 May 2025

Eligibility: Athletes must be nominated by their respective governing body, based on the criteria established by that organization.

PRACTICE

Practice tables will be available from the afternoon of 02 July. A detailed practice schedule will be posted at the venue. Match tables will be available for warm-up, limited to one rack per player. The feature table is reserved exclusively for official matches and will not be available for practice.

ANTI-DOPING

The event follows the World Anti-Doping Code. WCBS and affiliated bodies may conduct random testing across disciplines.

MEDALS

A total of 8 medal events will be held, covering both Men's and Women's categories across the 4 disciplines. Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top four athletes in each category.



DRESS CODE

Permitted attire includes collared dress shirts or polos, dress pants, and formal shoes. Waistcoats are optional.

Prohibited items include shorts, jeans, sneakers, sportswear, and hats (unless medically required).

Athletes are expected to adhere to the dress code at all times during official functions, including ceremonies, matches, and media appearances.

All players are required to have their national flag clearly displayed on their playing shirt for the duration of the championship. This is a mandatory requirement and forms part of the official dress code for the event.

Kindly ensure this is arranged in advance, as players without the national flag on their shirt may not be permitted to compete.

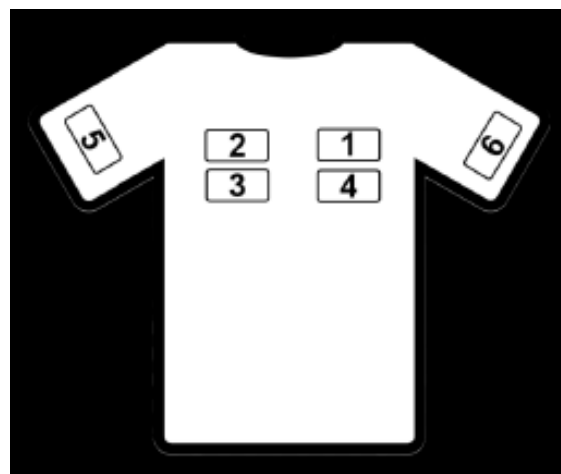
LOGOS & PATCHES

Athletes may wear a maximum of four (4) of their own logos on playing apparel (“Athlete’s logos”). All logos, including apparel brand logos and federation logos, are included in this maximum of four (4) restriction. Athletes may display a fifth logo if this logo is an official partner of the event. These logos should be placed in positions 2-6 on the diagram. Text on jerseys will be treated as a sponsor logo, unless it is the athlete’s name, nickname, or country they represent.

In addition, the organisers may provide athletes with one additional patch for the event. This should be displayed as shown in position (1) on the below image.

Logos may not exceed sixty-five (65) square centimetres. The athlete must submit to the organisers, before his or her first match, samples of all sponsor logos for approval. Logos should only be worn in the positions shown in the image to the right.

The organisers reserves the authority to disallow any sponsor logos for any reason, including but not limited to not submitting logo for approval or conflicting with any other event or broadcast sponsor.



BROADCAST & MEDIA

Select matches will be streamed live on various social media platforms and television channels. Viewing links will be shared during the athletes' meeting. Post-match interviews will be conducted at random throughout the event.

By accepting their nomination, athletes consent to the use of their image, biography, and performance data for promotional purposes related to pre-event, in-event (including live streaming), and post-event media coverage.

ATHLETE CONDUCT

All athletes are expected to uphold sportsmanship and comply with event regulations. Any breach of conduct may result in disqualification or suspension from future WCBS or governing body events.

CONTACT INFO

General Inquiries: admin@wpapool.com

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Blackball, Heyball and 10-Ball: World Pool Association (WPA) - jorgen.sandman@billiards.sport

CLOSING NOTE

Thank you for being a part of the 2025 Commonwealth Billiards Championships. This guide was designed to support your journey, provide clarity, and help you prepare for a smooth and successful experience both on and off the table.

As the competition unfolds, we encourage you to embrace the spirit of fair play, respect, and camaraderie that defines the Commonwealth sporting community. Whether you're aiming for a podium finish or simply proud to represent your nation, your presence will mark a significant contribution to the history of cue sports.

We wish you the very best in competition and hope your time in Mauritius is both memorable and rewarding.

