

WCBS at The World Games 2025, Chengdu – Playing Format & System – Billiards

Format:

Carom & Snooker / Women (8 players):

- * 2 groups of 4 (2 qualified) – 12 matches each – 1st & 2nd day
- * 2 Semi-Finals + Bronze Medal – 3 matches each – 3rd day
- * 1 Final – 1 match each – 4th day

Days 1 & 2, 6 matches per day for each table
Day 3, 3 matches for each table
Day 4, 1 match for each table

Carom, Snooker & Pool 10-Ball / Men (12 players):

- * 4 groups of 3 (2 qualified) – 12 matches each – 1st & 2nd day
- * Quarter-Finals (KO) – 4 matches each – 3rd day
- * 2 Semi-Finals + Bronze Medal – 3 matches each – 4th day
- * 1 Final – 1 match each – 5th day

Days 1 & 2, 6 matches per day for each table
Day 3, 4 matches for each table
Day 4, 3 matches for each table
Day 5, 1 match for each table

Pool 10-Ball / Women (12 players):

- * 4 groups of 3 (2 qualified) – 12 matches – 1st & 2nd day
- * Quarter-Finals (KO) – 4 matches – 3rd day
- * 2 Semi-Finals + Bronze Medal + Finals – 4 matches – 4th day

Days 1 & 2, 6 matches per day
Day 3, 4 matches
Day 4, 4 matches

Pool Heyball (16 players):

- * Knockout system first round + Losers KO for placement – 12 matches – 1st & 2nd day
- * Quarter-Finals – 4 matches – 3rd day
- * 2 Semi-Finals + Bronze Medal – 3 matches – 4th day
- * 1 Final – 1 match – 5th day

Days 1 & 2, 6 matches per day
Day 3, 4 matches
Day 4, 3 matches
Day 5, 1 match

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Playing System:

Carom 3-Cushion (Men):

- All matches to be played for 40 points.
- Group stage will be played with equalizing innings. The knockout stage will be without equalizing innings.
- 1 break of 5 minutes per match will be applied after 20 points.
- Shot clock of 40 seconds.
- 2 time-outs for each player for all matches.

Carom 3-Cushion (Women):

- All matches to be played for 25 points.
- Group stage will be played with equalizing innings. The knockout stage will be without equalizing innings.
- 1 break of 5 minutes per match will be applied after 15 points.
- Shot clock of 40 seconds.
- 2 time-outs for each player for all matches.

Pool Heyball (Mixed):

- Knockout System – Run to 5.
- 1 time-out of 5 minutes per athlete per match, to be taken between racks.

Additional rules for Pool Heyball:

- A traditional triangle will be used to rack the balls in Heyball.
- The athletes will not be allowed to check the racking.
- The right to break will alternate between the two athletes for each new rack.
- The break must be forceful (referee's discretion - first offense warning, second loss of frame, third loss of match).
- A 40 second shot-clock will be used with a warning when 10 seconds remain, and a countdown at 5 seconds.
- One extension of 30 seconds can be requested.
- Concerning additional rules - please see the Heyball Rules on the WPA website.

Pool 10-Ball (Men):

- Groups & Knockout Stage – Run to 9.
- 1 time-out of 5 minutes per athlete per match, to be taken between racks.

Pool 10-Ball (Women):

- Groups & Knockout Stage – Run to 7.
- 1 time-out of 5 minutes per athlete per match, to be taken between racks.

Additional rules for Pool 10-Ball:

- A Ball Rack Template will be used to rack the balls in 10-Ball.
- Athletes will not be allowed to check the racking.
- The right to break will alternate between the two athletes for each new rack.

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- The normal break rules will apply (one ball pocketed or four object balls driven to the rail).
- A 35 second shot-clock will be used with a warning when 10 seconds remain.
- One extension of 25 seconds per frame can be requested.
- Concerning additional rules - please see the 10-Ball Rules on the WPA website.

Snooker 15-Reds (Men):

- Groups & Knockout Stage – Best of 3 racks.
- 2 breaks of 5 minutes per match will be applied between racks.

Snooker 6-Reds (Women):

- Groups & Knockout Stage – Best of 3 racks.
- 2 breaks of 5 minutes per match will be applied between racks.

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