

# PUBLIC SERVICE POOL COMPETITION 2025

## **EVENT INFORMATION**

Commencement Date : Monday, 13 Oct 2025

Time : 6.00pm to 10.30pm

Venue Snooker Zone (Toa Payoh)

600 Lorong 4 Toa Payoh

#03-02/03, Singapore 319515

Registration Fee : \$30 per team

Closing Date : Monday, 29 September 2025

Virtual Draw : Wednesday, 1 October 2025

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

## 1 RULES OF THE GAME

1.1 The competition shall be conducted in accordance with the existing rules of the game as approved by the World Standardised Rules set by the World Pool Association and the Rules of the Public Service STAR Games.

## 2 **ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 The Competition is open to all civil servants and officers serving in Statutory Boards, Restructured Hospitals and Government-Aided Schools.
- 2.2 The following personnel are not eligible to participate in the competition:
  - a) Players who have represented Singapore (including reserves) in SEA Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games or Olympic Games during the current year and past two years;

- b) Players who earn their living as professional players for Clubs, etc during the current and past two years;
- c) Current registered Singapore League club players; and
- d) Full-time National Servicemen.
- 2.3 Convenors and team managers are responsible to ensure that only eligible players are registered for the competition.

## 3 ENTRY AND REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 3.1 Each team can submit up to 8 players.
- 3.2 There shall be no substitutions or additions of players after the commencement of the first tie.
- 3.3 Organisation with two teams or more in the competition is not allowed to switch their players among teams. A player can only play for one team.
- 3.4 A team can comprise players from other agencies.

## 4 <u>COMPETITION MATCH FORMAT</u>

#### 4.1 **Preliminary round**

The preliminary round shall be played in a round-robin format within each group. Winners shall proceed to the knockout stage. Teams will receive 1 point for a Game won and 0 point for a loss. All Racks scores must be accurately recorded.

- 4.1.1 All 5 games must be completed. In the event of a walkover, 1 Game point and all racks for the game will be awarded to opponent.
- 4.1.2 The Group Winner will be determined by
  - by the greatest number of Game Point won.
  - if Game Points are equal, by the greatest number of racks won.
  - if Game Points and racks won are still equal, it will be determined by headto-head result.
- 4.1.3 At the end of the Round-Robin stage, once the overall match result has been determined, any "dead-rubber" match shall play 8-ball race to 3. This dead-rubber match will be scheduled on a separate date from the match day.

Each team may nominate **any registered player** to compete in the dead-rubber match.

#### 4.2 Knockout round

One winner from each group from prelim round shall proceed to the knockout stage. Teams will receive 3 points for a Match win.

4.2.1 Each match shall be decided on race to 3 games.

## 5 COMPETITION RULES

- 5.1 <u>Submission of Line-up</u>: The line-up for each match shall be submitted to the tournament official at least 15 minutes before the scheduled time of play. No substitutions are allowed after the submission of the line-up.
- 5.2 **The Match-up**: Each match shall consist of 5 games to be played by 5 different players.
- 5.3 Order of Play for Round Robin Round: Each match shall be completed in the following order:

1st game	-	9-ball Open Single	Race to 5 Racks
2nd game	-	8-ball Female Single	Race to 2 Racks
3rd game	-	8-ball Open Single	Race to 3 Racks
4th game	-	9-ball Open Single	Race to 5 Racks
5th game	-	8-ball Open Single	Race to 3 Racks

5.4 Order of Play for Knock Out Round: Each match shall be completed in the following order:

1st game	-	9-ball Open Single	Race to 5 Racks
2nd game	-	8-ball Female Single	Race to 3 Racks
3rd game	-	8-ball Open Single	Race to 3 Racks
4th game	-	9-ball Open Single	Race to 5 Racks
5th game	-	8-ball Open Single	Race to 3 Racks

- 5.4 The order of play cannot be changed.
- 5.5 Women is allowed to play in Men's game, but not vice versa.

#### 6 DRAW

6.1 The system of draw shall be as follow:

- a) The top four teams of last year's competition shall seeded and placed into different groups. The placing of the four teams shall be pre-determined by the Organiser.
- b) For agencies with more than one team, the teams from the same agency shall be drawn into different grouping first.
- c) After completion of (b), the rest of the teams shall then be drawn into the different groups.

## 7 WALKOVER

7.1 At least 3 players must be present at the scheduled starting time, else the opposing team will be awarded a walkover. During the competition, once a pair of players has completed their match, the next scheduled pair must be ready for play. If a player is not ready or present to play after a grace period of 5 minutes, his opponent will receive a walkover for that match. This match will deem to be over and another pair must be ready to play. The same principle will apply if any player is not ready or present to play.

#### 8 REFEREES AND SCORERS

- 8.1 Each team shall provide a referee and an assistant referee on each day of play.
- 8.2 During the final, there shall be an exchange of referees between the teams.

## 9 9 BALL RULES (REVISED RULING - THE THREE POINT BREAK RULE)

- 9.1 On the break shot, a minimum of three object balls must either be pocketed, or touch the head string line, or a combination of both. For example, if one object ball is pocketed, then at least two object balls must touch the head string line; or if two object balls are pocketed, then at least one object ball must touch the head string line. (To touch the head string line means that the edge of the object ball must reach (break) the string line.)
- 9.2 If a player fails to meet the requirements in (9.1), but otherwise makes a legal break, the incoming player has the choice to accept the tables as is, or hand the shot back to his opponent.
- 9.3 In accepting the table as is, the incoming player is not permitted to play a "pushout", he must play a legal shot to the ball on.

- 9.4 If the table is handed back to the breaker, the breaker is permitted to play a pushout. If so, his opponent will then have the choice to either play the shot, or hand it back.
- 9.5 If a player fails to meet the requirements of (9.1), but otherwise makes a legal break and pockets the 9 ball, the 9 ball is reposted before the next shot is played.

## 10 ATTIRE

10.1 Player must wear collared shirt or Polo T-shirt, with sleeves. Shoes must be covered and no shorts are allowed. Player who is not properly attired may not be allowed to enter the competition hall.

## 11 PHOTOGRAPHY

- 11.1 The Civil Service Club reserves the right to use any photographs (including those of Participants), motion pictures, recordings, or any other media records of any STAR Games, for any legitimate purpose, including commercial advertising and distribution to sponsors and partners.
- 11.2 Photography and/or videography will be taken during the event for news and publicity purposes by the official photographer and/or videographer, and may be used for print and on online/electronic platforms of the Civil Service Club. The Organiser owns all rights to the photographs and video recordings. Any participants who do not wish to have their photographs or video recordings taken can notify inform the Organiser at the event site.

#### 12 PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

12.1 All participants consent to their personal data being collected and processed for purposes of administration and communication in a particular event. Participants also agree to receive postings on other events organised by the Civil Service Club.

#### **DISCLAIMER**

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