

## **2025 UpState 9 Ball World Qualifiers Guidelines**

We will be using the **National World Qualifiers Official Tournament Rules** along with our **World Qualifier Guidelines**.

Members needed a minimum of 6 Spring Session matches & new players needed 10 Lifetime matches by the end of the spring session in the format they are participating in to be eligible to participate in this year's World Qualifiers.

Teams who owe any league fees will not be able to participate in the World Qualifiers unless all the owed past due fees are paid in full.

Members who either owe past due fees or are on a team who owes any past due fees will not be able to participate in the World Qualifiers unless all their past due fees are paid in full.

Members will be shooting at their highest ending session skill level during a QUALIFIED session or their current skill level should it be higher than the skill level they qualified with. Example. If a member qualified during the summer session and finished as a skill level 5 but is currently a skill level 4. That member will start the tournament as a skill level 5. If you or a member of your team's skill level is showing lower on the scoresheet than what the current skill level is, please notify the tournament director or a referee immediately and prior to shooting the player. All players must play at their current skill level should it be higher than their qualified skill level. **ANY SCORESHEET SKILL LEVEL DISCREPANCIES NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION BEFORE THE RACK IS STRUCK FOR THE FIRST TEAM MATCH. AFTER THE FIRST RACK IS STRUCK THE MATCH WILL BE PLAYED AS IS!**

The World Qualifiers is a live tournament. Skill Levels may move up or down throughout the tournament. It is up to the teams to be aware and review team members skill levels when the scoresheets are handed out. Teams who do not review the scoresheets before the start of each round may miss a possible change in a members Skill Level that could put the team in Jeopardy of the 23rule. **SO PLEASE REVIEW YOUR TEAMS ROSTERS BEFORE THE START OF EACH ROUND.**

**This is a Higher-Level Tournament. Remember to mark your pockets when your shooting the 8 Ball. Refs are instructed to make a call based on what the rule is, which is the pocket must be marked. Not any gentlemen's agreements. (8 Ball Only)**

### **1 Timeout Per Rack regardless of Skill Level**

**We will be using the 1-minute timers for timeouts. When a timeout is called the player giving the coach will bring the timer with them and flip it over on the corner of the pool table. Once the green sand runs out. The timeout is over. Those who continue to coach after being notified that the time out is over, may be subject to a ball in hand penalty. Using the timers is NOT an option. They must be used for timeouts to help keep pace of play and help prevent arguments over time lengths and sudden death.**

**If it's a close shot, please ask that the shot be watched. If it is not watched, the call will go to the shooter. This Includes double hits. **DO NOT ASK FOR A SHOT TO BE WATCHED THAT DOES NOT NEED TO BE WATCHED.** If it is **CLEAR** to the ref that you are asking for a watched shot for the sole purpose of sharking your opponent or to be unsportsmanlike, it could result in a ball in hand foul in accordance with Higher Level Tournament Rules. Please keep in mind when asking for a shot to be watched, to not wait until the shooter is about to shoot before calling a ref to watch a shot.**

**There will be no arguing over shots that are watched and ruled on. Refs call is final.**

**Cell Phones may not be used to mark pockets (8 Ball Only). Apple watches or any other blue tooth watches including fit bits are also prohibited from being used or worn while shooting. Earphones or blue tooth earphones are **NOT** allowed**

**We ask that teammates do not talk to their players while they are shooting their match unless during a timeout or between racks. This will help ensure pace of play to help try to prevent sudden death and a late night as well as keep your opponents from thinking advice is being given as the player is readying to shoot.**

**Sudden Death will be 3:30hrs for 8 Ball & 3 hours for 9 Ball. Teams not on the 5th match within that time frame will be placed into sudden death. Any matches that have not yet started (Started meaning the rack was broken) will also be placed into sudden death.**

**As a reminder. The Round Times are guidelines and estimates. Play will be Continuous. Teams should arrive 30 Minutes prior to their scheduled match time in case we are running ahead of schedule. With the exception of the first morning round of each day which will start at the posted Start time. Teams who are not present when their match is called will be given a 15-minute grace period to arrive before a forfeit is called.**

**Sudden Death will be strictly enforced. 20 Seconds for the average shot. 45 Seconds for a difficult shot. If you know you have a player who is slow, we advise you to work with your player or players now so they are prepared for this event. Captains who feel a player is shooting slow should get a tournament referee to time them. Teams and Captains are not permitted to scream or comment to the shooter that they are taking too long. Players may be placed on the clock to determine shot times. Players who continue to shoot slow after being warned may be subject to ball in hand penalties. Just as an FYI, when we are watching shot times. We are timing the shot times for both shooters.**

**Winning teams must bring BOTH sets of timers and clip boards to the control table. Please verify all innings are tallied and the scoresheet is fully filled out, the winner circled on both sheets & signed prior to bringing up the scoresheets.**

**During the finals, we may set up the teams and players the way it is set up in Las Vegas. The teams on one side of the pool table and the players shooting on the opposite side of the pool table.**

**9 Ball @ Brick House Billiards: Due to the tight quarters in the pool table area. Teams will only be allowed to have 2 members from their team in the shooting area. The shooter & coach/scorekeeper unless otherwise notified. Although preferred, the coach does not have to necessarily be the Scorekeeper but should be in the general area if the team wants to use them as the coach. (Being outside looking through the window is not being in the general area) This decision was adjusted after feedback from the May 14<sup>th</sup> player meeting.**

**WARNING:** Some of the matches will/may be lived streamed. The certification/registration sheet the teams/players will need to sign in order to participate informs each team and player that this event may be streamed or pictures may be taken and put on Facebook or our league websites.

**Also:** Teams who act up during the Tournament by being unsportsmanlike, arguing over rules, rulings, skill levels or are disruptive in other manners may be disqualified from the tournament & suspended from the league.

When the match is completed. Teams are asked to pick up **ALL OF THEIR GARBAGE** at the conclusion of their match. This includes but not limited to bottles, plates, cups, containers. It is not fair to the teams coming into play the next round to have to spend 10-15 minutes cleaning up after the previous teams. If your team happens to spill something on a table, simply inform someone from the Host Location staff so that they may be able to send someone over to clean in it up prior to the next round.

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**WE ALSO WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE WHO MAY HAVE A MALE 2 IN 8 BALL OR A MALE 1 IN 9 BALL THAT THEY WILL BE RAISED 1 SKILL LEVEL AS PER HIGHER LEVEL TOURNAMENT RULES**

**We wish everyone the best of luck**