



**THE MALDIVES OPEN 2024**  
**ATHLETES GUIDE**

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Event Title:

# MALDIVES OPEN 2024 MEN'S 10 BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Event Date:

25<sup>TH</sup> TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2024

Venue:

NATIONAL BILLIARD CENTRE  
G. YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTRE  
MIUZIKEE HINGUN, MALE', MALDIVES

ORGANIZED BY



maldives pool billiard association  
Governing Body of Cue Sport in Maldives

Athletes Meeting:

24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2024 @ 6:00PM

Tournament Start:

25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2024 @ 10:00AM

Finals & Closing  
Ceremony:

30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2024

Discipline:

MEN'S 10-BALL OPEN

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WORLD POOL ASSOCIATION

Entry Fees:

USD \$300 (TO PAY BEFORE MATCH START)

Closing Date/Entry  
Fees Deadline:

8<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2024

PARTICIPANTS TO SEND THE ENTRY FEES NETT IN  
US DOLLARS (USD) VIA BANK TRANSFER TO THE  
PAYMENT DETAILED BELOW BEFORE ENTRY DEADLINE

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Asian Confederation  
of Billiard Sports

Bank Name:

BANK OF MALDIVES PLC

Account Name:

MALDIVES POOL BILLIARD ASSOCIATION

Account Number:

7701159897002

Swift Code:

MALBMVMV

Branch Address:

BANK OF MALDIVES, HEAD OFFICE,  
NO.11, BODUTHAKURUFAANU MAGU,  
HENVEIRU, 20239

Draw Date:

22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE, 2024

Entry Form:

PARTICIPANTS TO FILL-UP THE FORM AT THE  
LAST PAGE OF THIS DOCUMENT & EMAIL IT TO:  
[melvin.c@wpapool.com](mailto:melvin.c@wpapool.com)

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## TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Organized By:

MALDIVES POOL BILLIARD ASSOCIATION (MPBA)

Sanctioned By:

WORLD POOL-BILLIARD ASSOCIATION (WPA)

Co-Sanctioned By:

ASIAN CONFEDERATION OF BILLIARD SPORTS (ACBS)

Tournament  
Director:

MELVIN CHIA

Head Referee:

ISKANDAR PERWIRA PUTRA

Athletes:

ATHLETES WILL BE SELECTED BY THE CONTINENT'S  
FEDERATION. 4 SPOTS WILL BE BY WPA/ACBS WILD  
CARDS.

## TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Eligibility to Participate: Participating Athletes require a Valid WPA Player's License to Enter. If any athletes do not have a valid license or have an expired license, please logon to <https://wpapool.com/register/wpa-player-license/> to sign-up/renew. (One-time sign-up/renewal for life time membership) For more information, kindly logon to: <https://wpapool.com/license/>

All Athletes must also be in good standing with their own Association or Federation.

Total Athletes Bracket: 96 Athletes

Tournament Criteria: International Open Championship

Ranking Points: Athletes will receive WPA World Ranking Points and Asian Ranking Points respectively, depending of their continent. WPA Ranking is based upon the current published ranking as at 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024.

## TOURNAMENT FORMAT

### GROUP QUALIFIERS

Double Elimination: 16 Groups, 6 Athletes to a Group with 4 to Qualify. Total 64 Qualifiers to Knock-Out Rounds.

### LAST 64 TO FINALS

Single Elimination: 64 Athletes Single Elimination to Finals

### RACE LENGTH

Group Stage: Race to 8  
Last 64 to Semi-Finals: Race to 10  
Finals: Race to 10

## SEEDING

### DOUBLE SEEDING FORMAT

Group Stage Qualifiers: 24 WPA/Asian Athletes seeded and 8 MPBA Athletes seeded. Random draw for the remaining Athletes. WPA/Asian ranked players who qualified to 64 will be seeded again.

64 Qualifiers from Groups: 32 from the 64 Group Qualifiers will be seeded again based upon their WPA/Asia ranking. Another 32 will be drawn randomly into the 64 Knock-Out Chart.

## MATCH SCHEDULE

### Day 1 & 2

Group Stage Qualifiers Sessions: Scheduled matches. 6 sessions per day with 2 days of Group Qualifying @ 10:00am, 12:00pm, 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm & 8:00pm

### Day 3

64 Knock-Out Match Sessions: 4 sessions of 16 Athletes (8 tables per session) @ 10:00am, 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm

### Day 4

32 Knock-Out Match Sessions: 2 sessions of 16 Athletes (8 tables per session) @ 10:00am, 1:00pm  
16 Knock-Out Matches Sessions: 1 session of 16 Athletes (8 tables) @ 5:00pm  
Quarter Finals Sessions: 1 session of 8 Athletes @ 9:00pm

Day 5  
Semi-Finals: 1 session of 4 Athletes @ 12:00pm  
Finals: 1 session of 2 Athletes @ 6:00pm

Rules: [WPA 10-BALL RULES](#)

## REFEREEING

Group Qualifiers: Area Referees in Rotation  
Last 64 to Finals: Dedicated Referee at each Table

## BREAKING

Group Qualifiers: Alternate Breaks. 1 Ball on spot. Lag for Opening Break.  
Last 64 to Finals: Alternate Breaks. 1 Ball on spot. Lag for Opening Break.

## RACKING OF BALLS

Men's Group Qualifiers: Area Referees to Rack. Athletes can check but NO re-racking request.  
Last 64 to Finals: Dedicated Referee to rack. Athletes can check and NO re-racking request.

Rack: Template Rack will be used for all matches.  
1 Ball on Spot.

Timing of Play: No Shot Clock but at Referees discretion if slow play

## PRIZE MONEY

Total Prize Purse is USD130,000

Champion x 1:	USD \$32,000 + Trophy & Medal	USD 32,000
Runner-Up 1:	USD \$16,000 + Trophy & Medal	USD 16,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Placing x 2:	USD \$ 8,000 + Trophy & Medal	USD 16,000
5 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> Placing x 4:	USD \$ 4,500	USD 18,000
9 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> Placing x 8:	USD \$ 2,000	USD 16,000
17 <sup>th</sup> to 32 <sup>nd</sup> Placing x 16:	USD \$ 1,000	USD 16,000
33 <sup>rd</sup> to 64 <sup>th</sup> Placing x 32:	USD \$ 500	USD 16,000

Total Prize Money: **USD \$130,000**

Prize Money Information:

- All prize winners must be present at the prize presentation ceremony.
- Except for an acceptable cause or with prior consent from the Organizer, failing which their prize money may be forfeited.
- All prize money shall be paid by local bank transfer (overseas remittance) to the bank accounts of foreign Athletes within a reasonable after the end of the tournament. Any bank charge and/or foreign exchange conversion losses will be borne by the prize winner
- All prize winners shall be responsible for the declaration and payment of applicable taxes, if any.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Information: There is NO hotel accommodation sponsorship this year. All Athletes are responsible for their own hotel cost. Athletes are requested to stay at the recommended Hotel as below:

- Recommended Hotel:
- Manhattan Business Hotel: <https://g.co/kgs/AABLZZn>
  - Beehive Premier: <https://g.co/kgs/H8wTP92>
  - Dhimyaath Stay: <https://g.co/kgs/qbTpmHc>
  - UMET Seaview: <https://g.co/kgs/UKBPYar>

All Hotel booking through MPBA for special rates. More information to be released soon.

## DRESS CODE

Men: Polo shirt (Tucked-In)/Long-sleeve shirt/Pool-jersey/Pants and Dark-Color Shoes

Prohibited Clothing: Open toes shoes/slippers, sandals, flashy colored shoes, Shorts, Bermudas, Skirts, T-shirts, Hoodies, Hats, Caps, Earphones, Headphones or Ear Buds (hearing aids are permitted).

## TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENTS

Tournament Tables: Wiraka 9' Pool Table  
 Balls: TBC  
 Cloth: TBC  
 Chalk: TBC

## TOURNAMENT SPOTS ALLOCATION

<b>MALDIVES OPEN 2024 - SPOTS ALLOCATIONS</b>	
<b>*WPA RANKED</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>NORTH AMERICA</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>HOST COUNTRY</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>WPA WILD CARDS</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>ORGANIZER WILD CARD</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96</b>

*\*As at 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024*

## ORGANIZERS AND SPONSORS PATCH

Athletes are required to put on the badges/patches/stickers provided by Organizer during the tournament.

The Organizer reserves the right to refuse any badges/patches/stickers/logo of Athletes if they are found to be distasteful or contradicts to the sponsors of MPBA.

## **ATHLETES REPORTING**

All Athletes to report to the Chief Referee 30 minutes before match-time.  
Each Athletes is given a 5 minutes warm-up time at the match table before starting.  
Athletes to lag for Break 5 minutes before match-time.

Organizers, Tournament Director and/or Chief Referee reserves all rights to change or reschedule a match-time as and when necessary.

## **RACK AND MATCH FORFEITS**

No delay or postponement of matches will be allowed unless deemed necessary by the Organizers, Tournament Director and/or Chief Referee.

An Athlete who is not present by his/her match-time will be given 5 minutes grace period. If the Athlete is not present after the 5<sup>th</sup> minute, he/she will concede (1) rack to his opponent.

If the Athletes is still not present by the 10<sup>th</sup> minute, the match official will record a walkover and award the match to the opponent. The clock at the tournament venue shall serve as the official tournament time.

## **TIME-OUT**

Each Athlete will only be allowed one (1) time-out in between racks and for not more than (9) minutes. Should the Athlete exceed the time limit, then one (1) rack will be conceded to his/her opponent.

Athletes may request for toilet breaks which is solely by the discretion of the referee. The toilet break must not be used for other purposes such as smoking or communicating with any person. Any Athletes found doing so may be warn for 1<sup>st</sup> offence and penalized for subsequent offence.

## **GENERAL RULES**

No smoking is permitted in the tournament venue except in designated smoking areas, if available.

Athletes are not allowed to use their hand phones during matches and are require to switch their mobile phones and/or electronic devices to silent.

Athletes must be at their best behavior whilst in the tournament venue and must not say or do anything that may discredit the organizers, the sponsors, and/or bring disrepute to the sport.

## **MATCH DISPUTES**

All match enquires or disputes will be referred to the Referee in the first instance. If an Athletes requires further resolution, he may approach the Chief Referee during the tournament and his/their decision will be final.

At any point of time, only the Athletes can raise any enquiries.

Any Athletes aggrieved by any action(s) and/or decision(s) made by the Referee and/or Chief Referee, he may lodge an official protest in writing to the Tournament Director within 24 hours of the incident or before the start of the subsequent match and must be accompanied by a payment of USD\$ 200 Protest Fee, payable to the Organizer. The USD\$ 200 Protest Fee will only be refunded if the Tournament Director deems the protest to be valid.



All protest and disciplinary matters shall be referred to the Tournament Director, who will then be in consultation with the Organizer, will decide on the matter. His decision shall be final and binding.

## **TOURNAMENT AUTHORITY**

The Organizers, Tournament Director and/or Chief Referee may refuse entry or disqualify an Athlete for refusing to adhere to the tournament instructions given by the Organizers, Tournament Director, and/or Chief Referee.

The Organizer reserves the right to amend or add-in, whenever necessary, additional rules to the existing one without prior notification to the Athletes.

Any matters not covered by the above set of rules and regulations shall be decided upon by the Tournament Director in consultation with the Organizer whose decision in such matter shall be final and binding.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The Organizer reserves the full right to reject, cancel and refund any applications. Any remittance charges required for the payment and refund of entry fees and prize monies will be borne completely by the applicant.

Prize winners are responsible for any tax declaration/payments and withholding taxes if applicable. Participants of the tournament understand and agreed that the final decision in the acceptance of entry to the tournament lies solely with the MPBA, and will not hold MPBA (including its directors, members, servants or agents) liable for any loss, damage, and/or other expenses incurred as a result of any rejections and cancellations of applications; changes, delays and/or postponement/cancellation of the tournament. In the event of cancellation of the tournament, all entry fees paid will be refunded without interest, less any bank/remittance charges.

Participants accept and confirm that they will comply with all safe distancing measures and/or requirements under prevailing law in Indonesia and abide by the 2021 World Anti-Doping Code as may be revised from time to time by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

All Participants agreed to grant MPBA or its directors, servants or agents the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use and publish photographs and videos of the participants, for the purpose of but not limited to editorial, trade, advertising, and any other purpose and in any manner and medium; and to alter and composite the same without restriction and without the Participant(s) inspection or approval. The Participant(s) hereby release MPBA or its directors, servants or agents from all claims and liability relating to the said photographs and videos.

## **ENQUIRIES**

Registration & Tournament: Mr. Melvin Chia  
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Or

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Ahmed Mahid WhatsApp: +960 9966677  
Email: [info@mpba.mv](mailto:info@mpba.mv)



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## MALDIVES OPEN 2024 ENTRY FORM



WORLD POOL ASSOCIATION



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Passport Name		Gender	
Passport Number		Nationality	
Date of Birth		Mobile Contact	
Email		Invitation Letter for Visa	Yes/No
Name of Association		Continent	
Flights Itinerary	Arrival:	Departure:	
Airport Transfer	Arrival: Yes/No	Departure: Yes/No	Island/Atolls Trip Yes/No
Participation	Association	Personal	Hotel Selected
Bank Details (For Prize Money)	Beneficiary's Name		
	Beneficiary's Address		
	Bank Name		
	Account No.		
	Bank Address		
	IBAN		
	Swift Code/ BIC Code		
Sponsors Logo (If Any)			

1. Please fill-up the above (delete whichever not applicable) and email to [melvin.c@wpapool.com](mailto:melvin.c@wpapool.com) and copy to Maldives Pool Billiard Association (MPBA) at: [info@mpba.mv](mailto:info@mpba.mv)
2. Overseas Athletes please attach a photocopy of Passport & a passport size photo together when email.
3. Personal Sponsors name/logo need to be submitted to MPBS for prior approval.
4. For further enquiries, kindly contact Melvin Chia at +6012 386 8772 or email at [melvin.c@wpapool.com](mailto:melvin.c@wpapool.com) for assistance and clarification.