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To: All athletes

Via: Email

Important Notice for All WPA Licensed Players

The World Pool Association (WPA) wishes to remind all licensed players of the serious consequences of participating in unsanctioned events. In particular, we draw your attention to the upcoming **Hanoi Open** scheduled for October 2024, which is an **unsanctioned event**.

Key Points to Remember:

1. **License Suspension and Revocation:**
 - Participation in an unsanctioned event without prior written permission from the WPA will result in the suspension or revocation of your WPA license.
 - Players who compete in unsanctioned events after March 1, 2024, without WPA approval, will not be eligible for a license for six months following the conclusion of the unsanctioned event. They may also be required to pay an application fee to reapply.
2. **Unsanctioned World Championships:**
 - Participation in any event purporting to be a World Championship or with connotations of being a World Championship, such as the use of the term "Global," without WPA sanction, will result in the automatic revocation of your WPA license.
3. **Player Responsibility:**
 - It is the player's responsibility to determine if an event is unsanctioned. Please verify the status of any event before committing to participation.
4. **Application for Permission:**
 - To seek permission to play in an unsanctioned event, players must submit a written application to the WPA via email at info@wpapool.com at least 28 days before the scheduled start of the event. The WPA's decision will be at its absolute discretion and it is not obliged to provide reasons for its decision.

We urge all players to comply with these regulations to avoid any disciplinary actions that could impact your professional career and participation in future WPA events.

For more detailed information on the terms and conditions of the WPA player license, please visit wpapool.com. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Please ensure you are fully aware of the consequences of participating in unsanctioned events. Protect your license and your future in the sport by adhering to WPA regulations.


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Best regards,

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Date: 08th June 2024,

To: ACBS Member Countries,

Dear Members,

Subject: Participation in Non-sanctioned Billiard Sports events.

As you know we have issued many statements about our members' participation in non-sanctioned events of different kinds of Billiard Sports in Asia. I hereby confirm that ACBS's Board of Directors has assigned a work team to set special rules and conditions so that we have a fair and clear system for dealing with these cases.

Accordingly, the violators of the rules will know in advance what the possible penalties are for their participation in or support of such events or organizing them. This includes players, individuals, national federations, and organizations.

For Player's participation:

- 1st time: Suspended from the ACBS as well as the WPA and IBSF for three months. To lift the suspension the affected party will have to pay USD 500 to ACBS as a fine.
- 2nd time: Suspended from the ACBS as well as the WPA and IBSF for six months. To lift the suspension the violator will have to pay USD 1000 to the ACBS as a fine and must submit a letter of apology, and a pledge not to repeat the violation and be subject to a penalty of final delisting.
- 3rd time: Suspension for life.

For National Federations support of players participations:

- 1st time: Suspended from the ACBS as well as the WPA and IBSF for three months. To lift the suspension the violator will have to pay USD 2000 to the ACBS.
- 2nd time: Suspended from the ACBS as well as the WPA and IBSF for six months. To lift the suspension the violator will have to pay USD 4000 to ACBS, and must submit a letter of apology, and a pledge not to repeat the violation and be subject to a penalty of membership termination.
- 3rd time: Membership termination.

For National Federations supporting or organizing non-sanctioned events:

- 1st time: Suspended from the ACBS as well as the WPA and IBSF for six months. To lift the suspension the violator will have to pay USD 5000 to ACBS.
- 2nd time: Suspended from the ACBS as well as the WPA and IBSF for one year. To lift the suspension the violator will have to pay USD10,000 to ACBS and submit a letter of apology, and a pledge not to repeat the violation and be subject to a penalty of membership termination.
- 3rd time: Membership termination.



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For Organizers, Promoters, and Supporters:

- 1st time: Any violator organizer, promoter or supporter will not be allowed to deal with the ACBS, ACBS Member Countries, and its players for one year. The violator will have to pay an amount between USD 5,000 to USD 20,000 to ACBS and submit a letter of apology and a pledge not to repeat the violation to be able to work with ACBS or its members again.
- 2nd time: ACBS legal team to deal with the violators.

The ACBS reserves its rights including legal action and to take any extra action against the Violators when needed.

Please communicate the content of this letter to all players and those interested in Billiard Sports in your country.

Note: During the suspension period, the National Federation cannot pay any expenses, salaries, or rewards of any kind to the suspended player, nor is he/she allowed to participate in any activities at the national level.

Your support for what was stated in this letter is appreciated, and we are looking forward to hearing your opinions, if any. Please be confident that these measures are to preserve the rights of our members and their players from manipulating the foundations and rules of organizing the sports events.

Important: Players have the right to object through their national federations within a period of one week from the date of issuance of the punitive decision if the decisions, from their point of view, do not comply with the relevant ACBS regulations, and the ACBS has the right to look into the matter or reject it in due course.

Thanks & Best Regards

Secretary General



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