



2026 ASIAN HEYBALL OPEN

ATHLETE GUIDE

ABOUT

This guide provides essential information for athletes participating in the **2026 Asian Heyball Open**, sanctioned by the World Pool Association (WPA) and the Asian Confederation of Billiard Sports (ACBS), and hosted by the Malaysian Snooker & Billiards Federation (MSBF).

WHAT IS THE 2026 ASIAN HEYBALL OPEN

The 2026 Asian Heyball Open is one of six continental Heyball Open events, forming part of the World Heyball Tour under the Joy Billiards “Uniting the World” campaign. While this edition is hosted in Asia, it welcomes athletes from all countries through WPA Member allocations. Competitors will play under WPA Heyball Rules on JOY Billiards professional-grade Heyball tables, with matches streamed live on WPALive.TV.

The tournament will take place in Kuala Lumpur (MAS), with all matches staged at the Ideal Convention Centre, the official event venue.

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENT

- JOY Billiards Heyball Table
- Rack – Triangle
- Cloth – LiberWin
- Balls – WPA Unity

BROADCAST INFORMATION

This event will be broadcast live on <https://wpalive.tv/wpalive-tv>



KEY INFORMATION

Arrival Day:	7 April 2026 Athlete accreditation will take place from 12:00 to 16:00
Athletes' Meeting:	16:30 – 7 April 2026 (Mandatory)
Opening Ceremony:	19:00 – 7 April 2026 (Mandatory)
Tournament Start:	8 April 2026
Medal Ceremony:	Between 19:00 and 20:00 – 11 April 2026
Departure Day:	12 April 2026
Hotel:	1 – Pegasus Hotel Shah Alam (5 minutes' walk to the venue) 2 – Doubletree by Hilton Shah Alam (13 minutes to venue by car)
Venue:	Ideal Convention Centre
Nearest Airport:	Kuala Lumpur Int. Airport (KLIA) – approx. 40-50 minutes by car
Discipline:	Heyball
Entry:	WPA Member nomination only
WPA Member Nomination Deadline:	1 March 2026
Athlete Online Registration Deadline:	8 March 2026
Entry Fee:	USD 100
Draw Format:	Stage 1: 64 Double Elimination (Men and Women) Stage 2: 16 Single Elimination (Men and Women)
Race Length:	Men: Race to 7 (100 minutes match time) Women: Race to 6 (100 minutes match time)
Rules:	WPA Heyball Rules
Brackets & Live Scoring:	www.digitalpool.com



WPA MEMBER ALLOCATIONS:

64 Men & 64 Women (by WPA Member nomination only)

AAPA – 5 Men and 5 Women

ACBS – 12 Men and 12 Women

BCA – 5 Men and 5 Women

CPB – 3 Men and 3 Women

EPBF – 9 Men and 9 Women

OPBA – 4 Men and 4 Women

Host – 8 Men and 8 Women

WPA Heyball Ranking – 16 Men and 16 Women

Joy/WPA wild card – 2 Men and 2 Women



The deadline for WPA Members to submit their athlete nominations via email to events@wpapool.com is 1 March 2026. After this date, a registration link will be sent to the nominated athletes for individual registration, which must be completed by 8 March 2026, via the WPA website.

ENTRY FEE:

USD \$100 per athlete, payable during the WPA online registration process.

WPA ATHLETE LICENSE REGISTRATION

All athletes must have a valid WPA Athlete's License (Mandatory). For more information or assistance please visit <https://wpapool.com/license/> or email events@wpapool.com.

ADEL INTERNATIONAL-LEVEL ATHLETES EDUCATION PROGRAM

All Athletes must have carried out the ADEL International-Level Athletes Education Program (Mandatory). For more information or assistance, please visit <https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn> or email anti.doping@wpa.sport. Please note that using the enclosed link will take you to the course in four languages; Arabic, English, French and Spanish. Your national anti-doping agency/organization (NADA/NADO) may offer the same course in your native language.

If you already performed this course in 2025 you will not be asked to do the course again during 2026. Every two years you will be asked to refresh your knowledge, so at some point in 2027 you will be reminded of this.

PRIZE MONEY:

Prize Money: \$58,000 for men's event, and \$58,000 for women's event

Breakdown: Equal dispersion across both Men and Women:

The prize money will be disbursed by WPA through electronic transfer within 30 days following the event.

Payments will be made to the bank accounts provided by athletes during the online registration process.

Placement	Prize per Player	Total Payout
1st	USD \$10,000	USD \$10,000
2nd	USD \$6,000	USD \$6,000
3rd–4th	USD \$4,000	USD \$8,000
5th–8th	USD \$2,000	USD \$8,000
9th–16th	USD \$1,250	USD \$10,000



17th–24th	USD \$600	USD \$4,800
25th–32nd	USD \$400	USD \$3,200
33rd–48th	USD \$300	USD \$4,800
49th–64th	USD \$200	USD \$ 3,200
	TOTAL	USD \$58,000



ATHLETE'S MEETING

There will be a mandatory athletes' meeting on 16:30 – 7 April 2026, at the Ideal Convention Centre. This meeting, conducted by the Event Management and the Tournament Director, must be attended by all participants. Athletes who are not present may be replaced by athletes on the waiting list.

TRAVEL DETAILS

Free airport–hotel–airport shuttle service will be provided by the Malaysian Snooker & Billiards Federation. Athletes must contact the federation via email: events.msbf@gmail.com to reserve their shuttle. Please note: Airport pick-up/return is only available for those who are booking their hotel via the organizer! All athletes are responsible for booking and covering the cost of their own flights.

OFFICIAL HOTELS

Alternative 1 – Pegasus Hotel Shah Alam, Dataran Otomobil, Seksyen 15, Shah Alam 40200, Selangor

Website: <https://www.pegasushotel.com.my>

Room Rates (per night, incl. breakfast):

- Superior Queen Room: USD \$50
- Deluxe Twin Room: USD \$60

Alternative 2 – Doubletree by Hilton Shah Alam, i-City Finance Avenue, 40000 Shah Alam, Selangor

Website: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/szbsadi-doubletree-shah-alam-i-city/>

Room rates (per night, incl. breakfast):

- Twin Guest Room: USD \$110
- King Guest Room: USD \$115

Hotel Bookings Contact:

Malaysian Snooker and Billiards Federation

- Tournament Coordinator: David Ong, Mobile/WhatsApp +60 12 209 2609, Email: events.msbf@gmail.com



VISA – LETTER OF INVITATION:

WPA continental members may request visa invitation letters for their nominated athletes directly from the Malaysian Snooker and Billiards Federation. Please include full name, passport copy, and city/country where the visa application will be lodged.

PLAN YOUR TRAVEL CAREFULLY:

We encourage you to allow ample time for travel both before and after the event. Please be aware that the organisation and event director are not responsible for airline delays, lost luggage, traffic jams, or any other travel-related issues that could result in missing the athletes' meeting or forfeiting your spot. Matches will not be delayed or rescheduled to accommodate individual travel challenges. For this reason, you are advised to arrive no later than the day before the event starts and to plan your departure for no sooner than the day after the event concludes.

FORMAT

Stage 1 – Double Elimination:

- 16 athletes seeded by WPA Heyball Rankings. Remaining athletes drawn randomly.
- Double elimination until the final 16 (8 on winners' side & 8 on one-loss side).
- One set, race to 7 (Men) / race to 6 (Women), or 100 minutes.

Stage 2 – Single Elimination:

- The 8 remaining athletes in the Loser's Bracket will be drawn randomly against the 8 remaining athletes in the Winner's Bracket, however athletes playing each other in the Winner's qualification round cannot be drawn against each other in the first round of Stage 2.
- One set, race to 7 (Men) / race to 6 (Women), or 100 minutes.
- Shootout if tied at the end of match time.

RULES

BREAKING

- Alternate breaks. Lag for the opening break of the first set.
- Referee racks on all tables – athletes may not approach or inspect the rack.

SCHEDULE

If an athlete is not present at the posted match time, the opponent must notify the Tournament Co-ordinator immediately.

- The Tournament Co-ordinator will penalise the athlete one frame and place the athlete "on the clock."
- The Tournament Co-ordinator will subsequently penalise the athlete one game for every 5 minutes, until he or she is present.
- If the athlete is not present after 15 minutes of being placed "on the clock," it is a forfeit.



PRACTICE

- No open practice is allowed at all on the feature table. The two athletes scheduled on the feature table may shoot one rack each prior to the match.
- Between sessions, after all official matches have concluded, practice will be allowed.
- If a table does not become available until match time, athletes may shoot one rack each prior to beginning the match.

DRESS CODE

APPROVED CLOTHING

This tournament will enforce the dress code described in the WPA Rule Regulations: [Click Here](#). This is the minimum required dress code, and athletes may choose to wear a waistcoat under the same conditions.

Athletes need to be dressed professionally during the entire event, not just during their match. This includes practice, meetings, and the public areas of the venue.

PROHIBITED CLOTHING

Under no circumstances will the organization accept any of these clothing:

- Athletic wear of any kind, including but not limited to sweats, swimwear, jogging suits, uniforms, jerseys, or any type of pants with contrasting stripes not associated with formal wear.
- Shorts of any kind, regardless of apparent length. Pants must be normal in respect to the appropriate rise in relation to the length of garment and may not be excessively baggy or loose fitting.
- Overalls, coveralls, jeans, hats, headphones, or earpieces (unless medical need, proof required)

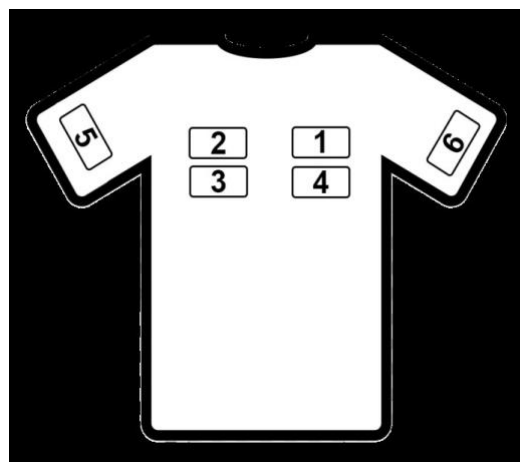
LOGOS & PATCHES

Athletes may wear a maximum of four (4) of their own logos on playing apparel ("Athlete's logos"). All logos, including apparel brand logos and federation logos, are included in this maximum of four (4) restriction. Athletes may display a fifth logo if this logo is an official partner of the event. These logos should be placed in positions 2- 6 on the diagram. Text on jerseys will be treated as a sponsor logo, unless it is the athlete's name, nickname, or country they represent.

In addition, the organizers may provide athletes with one additional patch for the event. This should be displayed as shown in position (1) on the below image.

Logos may not exceed sixty-five (65) square centimeters. The athlete must submit to the organization), before his or her first match, samples of all sponsor logos for approval. Logos should only be worn in the positions shown in the image to the right.

The organization reserves the authority to disallow any sponsor logos for any reason, including but not limited to not submitting logo for approval or conflicting with any other event or broadcast sponsor.



ATHLETE AGREEMENT

By registering, athletes agree to follow all terms and conditions set by the event organizers and partners. Participants under 18 must have guardian consent. Athletes must review and comply with the latest Athlete Guide and Tournament Regulations and accept that these may be updated before the event.

Organizers reserve the right to determine eligibility, deny entry, adjust formats or payouts, and make changes due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. weather, emergencies).

Participation is voluntary and at the athlete's own risk. Organizers are not liable for injury, illness (including COVID-19), or other losses. COVID-related safety protocols—such as masks or distancing—must be followed.

Disqualification may result in forfeiture of prize money and suspension from future events.

By registering, athletes grant the right to use their image, name, and likeness for event promotion and media without compensation. Email addresses and contact numbers may be added to the event mailing list to receive updates and important information.

FINAL REMARKS

The 2025 Asian Heyball Open is an opportunity to represent your country and experience the warm hospitality of Malaysia. We look forward to welcoming all athletes, officials, and partners to Kuala Lumpur for an exciting and memorable event. Please review this guide thoroughly and be prepared to comply with all requirements to ensure a smooth and successful competition.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact events@wpapool.com

