

Ireland's American 8 & 9 Ball Pool Tour



"TOUR RULES" ----- 2014 Season

Ireland's American 8 & 9 Ball Pool Tour is moving into its 12th year when the 2014 season cues-off and the tour will be making a number changes for the incoming year and all players are asked to please read all information carefully before entering and making any travel arrangements for any tournaments.

- It's very important that all players read and make sure they agree with all the following rules and changes (**listed below**) before becoming a member of Ireland's American 8 & 9 Ball Pool Tour by accepting all the information which is put in place and stated on this sheet.

- The tour organisers do not want to hear from players throughout the year, or have it brought up at tournaments from time to time, "**it should have cost this**", or "**should have been done this way, or that way**". Now's the time to agree, or not, agree before becoming a member or entering any tournament on Ireland's American 8 & 9 Ball Pool Tour.

- This year will see **Ireland's American 8 & 9 Ball Pool Tour** move into its 12th season with the organisers announcing some changes on the tour ranking system and the tour is also proud to announce that the tour has received another fantastic sponsorship deal from Donaldson's Snooker & Pool Hall Enniskillen Co.Fermanagh.

- All events organised in 2014 season by Ireland's American 8 & 9 Ball Pool Tour will take place at our sponsors venue which is Donaldson's Snooker & Pool Hall situated on the Sligo Road, Enniskillen, Co.Fermanagh just walking distance from Enniskillen town centre.

- Details for 2014 season is listed below but just a quick mention of the fabulous prize-money which will be up for grabs in the Grand Slam Shoot-Out involving 10 players which will be played in two groups of 5 in round robin format on Grand-Finals day.....we hope to have up on £2,000 prize-money for Grand-Finals Shoot-Out.....(full details listed below)

TOUR:

- There will be seven "RANKING TOURNAMENTS" which will include Four Tour Events, All Ireland 9-Ball Championship, All Ireland 10-Ball Championship, All Ireland American 8-Ball Championship.

- There will also be another two prestigious events on the tournament diary for 2014 season which is Ireland's 9-Ball Challenge Cup (+3 and +4 handicaps) and All Ireland 9-Ball Scotch Doubles Championship plus this year will see the tour introducing All Ireland Under-14 9Ball Championship.

- All Tournaments advertised on 2014 tournament diary is open to any player from North and South of the border as well as being open to any overseas player who wants to compete.

- All Tournaments plus the Grand Slam Shoot-Out will take place at Donaldson's Snooker & Pool Hall situated on the Sligo Road, Enniskillen, Co.Fermanagh.
- All events organised by Ireland's American 8 & 9 Ball Pool Tour will have a playing "HANDICAP SYSTEM"
- All tournaments in 2014 season will have a open draw for each round (no seeding for each tournament).

DRESS-CODE:

All tournaments played on Ireland's American 8 & 9 Ball Pool Tour will have the following "DRESS-CODE":

- (a).** Any kind of Dress / Polo Shirt with a collar.
- (b).** Black Dress Trousers.
- (c).** Proper Dress Shoes.
- (d):** Players failing to wear the Tours Dress-Code won't receive any prize-money or ranking points of any kind which could stop them qualifying for Grand Slam shoot-Out..... **"NO EXCEPTIONS"** will be given to any player.....

RANKING SYSTEM:

Points rewarded for each ranking tournament is as follows **Winner 15 points, Runner-Up 10 points, Semi-Finals 8 points, 1/4-Finals 6 points****NOTE:** All players will receive **FIVE APPEARANCE POINTS** for each tournament they play in.

- All tournaments will be played on one day (Saturday) unless second day is needed which will be the next day (Sunday).....this will depend on the number of players who enter.
- Each ranking tournament will have a open draw each round plus a playing "HANDICAP SYSTEM" used for all events.
- **The organisers of the tour have the right to set and change the rules when need be at any time for the benefit of the tour and its players, but they will let everyone know well in advance.**

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership for 2014 season will be a one off £20 payment which will go towards prize-money for "GRAND SLAM SHOOTOUT" involving 10 players along with all £5 from entry fees plus £500 added to the Grand Slam Shoot-Out Pot.....all players must have their £20 membership paid before EVENT 2 to be eligible to compete in Grand Slam Shoot-Out from all qualifying formats....."NO EXCEPTIONS" given to any player.

TOURNAMENT ENTRIES: ----- "No SHOWS"

All tournaments must be pre-entered by the Thursday before each event but can pay their entry fee on day of tournament but if it happens that any player enters any tournament on the tour and for whatever reason can't make it they must pay the outstanding entry fee for that tournament if they don't CANCEL their entry before the TIME-SLOTS are drawn out which is a Thursday before each tournament.....**NOTE:** there is still a number of players from last season who owes outstanding entry fees and these players will not be allowed to enter any other event until there paid.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

The tour hopes to have all tournaments played in a round robin or maybe double elimination format (**depending on entries**) except all the All Ireland 8-Ball, 9-Ball and 10-ball Championships which will be played in a straight knockout format.

GRAND SLAM SHOOT-OUT: ----- Prize-Money

Listed below is the format used to select the 10 players to compete in the Grand Slam Shoot-Out with the prize-money also highlighted.

- 1** Top 6 players in the rankings after 7 events are played..... (**only open to players who has their £20 membership paid before second event 2**)
- 2** Two players from one day qualifiers only open to players who have played in four or more ranking tournaments and is a tour member.
- 3** Two players from members list after all events are finished.(must be paid tour member by 2nd event and have played in 4 or more ranking events ----- check full details with organisers)
- 4** £500 added to Grand Slam Shoot-Out prize-pot
- 5** All £20 membership fees added to Grand Slam Shoot-Out prize pot
- 6** All £5 taken from each player's entry fee from each tournament added to Grand Slam Shoot-Out prize pot.
- 7** We hope to hold a fundraising event this year with profits also going to Grand Slam Shoot-Out.

ENTRY FEES:

This year (2014 season) will see two kinds of entry fees which the organisers has introduced to the tour trying to increase numbers by attracting new players..... **(a):** All Ranking Tournaments will be £25 or €30 with the breakdown being (**£5 registration per player which goes to cover all costs of the running and the up keeping of the tour ----- £5 per player comes out of each entry for each tournament and bees added to the Grand Slam Shoot-Out Prize-Money**)..... **(b):** The second kind of entry fee will see beginners & selected juniors paying £15 entry fee with £5 registration per player which also goes to cover all costs of the running and the up keeping of the tour and all £10 paid on the day of each event.

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