

Dear Fellow Billiards Player,

Welcome to the 2014 Gay Games being held in Cleveland, Ohio. We would like to thank you for choosing billiards as your event. This email is being sent to give you some specific information about what will be happening at this event.

David Steeves and I are the co-directors of this event. We are working on making it a fun, yet competitive event. We will begin playing Eight Ball promptly at 9a.m. on Monday Aug. 11th. We will have everyone playing three different, one hour matches at the level you signed up for. The scores from these matches will be used to set up the actual tournament matches. Everyone will have an hour break between matches.

If Dave, myself and our referee, Butch, feel that you may have signed up for the wrong tournament level; that is : you signed up for recreational but play at a competitive level or vice versa, we will move you into the correct playing field. The actual tournament will then start around 3p.m. Each match will be a race to 3 with single elimination. We will be following the World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA) rules. You can find a copy of the rules at www.wpa-pool.com. Feel free to email me if you have any questions.

At the end of the final match medals will be awarded for each of the four tournaments - Men's Competitive, Women's Competitive, Women's Recreational, and Men's Recreational. The winners will then be announced at the Wednesday Night Awards Presentations from the GG9's Main Stage, Festival Village.

The 9 Ball matches will follow the same procedures on Tuesday Aug. 12. 9 Ball games will be races to 5. We are hoping that some of you that only signed up for 8 Ball or just 9 Ball will join us in playing both days. There is no extra fee to play both. If you wish to add a game, please let us know no later than August 4th.

We will be playing at Dave & Busters in Westlake, Ohio. GG9, volunteers will be on hand to help you with transportation and directions at the accreditation tables. Dave & Busters is offering all participants a 30% discount on food, this does not include alcohol.

The doors will open at 8a.m., which will give you a chance to warm up a little. There are 11 professional tables, all in great shape. There are bar sticks to use for breaking, chalk, an area for observers, and plenty of other things to do during your off time.

We are looking forward to meeting and making new friends this summer. Please feel free to email us with any questions you may have.

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