



**WORLD POOL-BILLIARD
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April 1, 2015

~OFFICIAL INVITATION~

2015 WPA WORLD “ARTISTIC POOL” CHAMPIONSHIP

**Ozone Billiards
890 Cobb Place Blvd Building 100 · Kennesaw, Atlanta, Ga 30144**

Event Dates: August 27 – 30, 2015

WPA Ranked Players / “Open” WC Invitation (Per WPA Approved Quota and Venue / Event Guidelines):

**BCA - 10
EPBF - 6
APBU - 2
OPBA - 2
PBC - 2
AAPA- 2**

2014 WPA World Champion

Note: Quota allowances for the 2015 WPA World Artistic Pool Championship per each federation above will be filled by the WPA approved “artistic pool” World Rankings as of September 15, 2014 – available for review at: (See chart below for original player invites)

If there are not enough players listed on the World Rankings list from a specific federation to fill their continental quota limit, then, any player(s) wanting to play...or any federation with interested player(s)...may submit their name(s) to a “waiting list”. (See list below)

SPECIAL NOTE: Since the APBU and the OPBU do not have any players on the World Ranking list, each federation will be given two “appointment” spots in the first stage of the player invite process. The AAPA will be given one player “appointment” spot and the EPBF will be given two player “appointment” spots in the first invite stage. (See list in chart below)

Invitation Note: All of these quotas will be filled by “open” invitation only until May 1, 2015 – then, entries will be accepted from waiting list.

Invitation guidelines (2015 WPA World Artistic Pool Championship):

Email for ARTISTIC POOL WORLDWIDE LLC Tournament Rules Document and ARTISTIC POOL WORLDWIDE LLC / WPA APD Players Guideline Agreement – dimickmark@aol.com

A) PHASE 1 – Initial Invitation Eligibility (4/1/2015 thru 5/1/2015)

BCA – 10 players from WPA World Rankings

EPBF – 4 players from WPA World Rankings and 2 open invitations

PBC – 2 players from WPA World Rankings

AAPA – 1 player from WPA World Rankings and 1 open invitation

APBU – 2 open invitations

OPBA – 2 open invitations

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THE INVITATION LIST BELOW IS BASED ON THE WPA WORLD RANKINGS LIST CHART AS OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

Special Note: The number in the left column of the list does not imply the ranking position of the individual listed next to it. It is intended only as a reference number for players invited in the 1st phase.

Federations should use the following chart to notify players eligible in the first phase of the invitation / entry process for the 2015 WPA World Artistic Pool Championship.

Invited Players (2015 WPA World Artistic Pool Championship)

2014 WPA World Artistic Pool Champion (Guaranteed invitation):

Nick Nikolaidis ----- 2014 WPA World Artistic Pool Champion

1	Andy Segal	BCA	2015 WC Invitation
2	Jamey Gray	BCA	2015 WC Invitation
3	Abram Diaz	BCA	2015 WC Invitation
4	Tim Chin	BCA	2015 WC Invitation
5	Steve Markle	BCA	2015 WC Invitation
6	Jamie Moody	BCA	2015 WC Invitation

7	Dave Nangle	BCA	2015 WC Invitation
8	Jason Lynch	BCA	2015 WC Invitation
9	Jimmy Glanville	BCA	2015 WC Invitation
10	Tom Kinzel	BCA	2015 WC Invitation
11	Gabi Visoiu	EPBF	2015 WC Invitation
12	Florian Kohler	EPBF	2015 WC Invitation
13	Arkadiy Loshakov	EPBF	2015 WC Invitation
14	Adam Nickels	EPBF	2015 WC Invitation
15		EPBF	2015 WC Invitation (Open)
16		EPBF	2015 WC Invitation (Open)
17	Sebastian Giumelli	PBC	2015 WC Invitation
18	Javier Gomez	PBC	2015 WC Invitation
19	Wayne Parker	AAPA	2015 WC Invitation
20		AAPA	2015 WC Invitation (Open)
21		APBU	2015 WC Invitation (Open)
22		APBU	2015 WC Invitation (Open)
23		OPBA	2015 WC Invitation (Open)
24		OPBA	2015 WC Invitation (Open)
25			Filled from waiting list on May 1, 2015
26			Filled from waiting list on May 1, 2015
27			Filled from waiting list on May 1, 2015
28			Filled from waiting list on May 1, 2015
29			Filled from waiting list on May 1, 2015
30			Filled from waiting list on May 1, 2015
31			Filled from waiting list on May 1, 2015
32			Filled from waiting list on May 1, 2015
33			Filled from waiting list on May 1, 2015
34			Filled from waiting list on May 1, 2015
35			Filled from waiting list on May 1, 2015
36			Filled from waiting list on May 1, 2015

NOTE: Deadline for player acceptance during this Phase 1 invitational process is May 1, 2015

The remaining openings will be filled via an “open” invite with WPA-APD approval per the following guidelines:

B) PHASE 2 – Waiting List – WPA World Ranked players will fill the remaining slots first; then any non-ranked players will be used to fill the remaining positions

This phase focuses on any player on the WPA World Ranking list not getting an original invite, who is on the “waiting list” established to date and placed in order of rank.

Any player not on the WPA World Ranking list, who is on the “waiting list” established will be placed in order of signup.

SPECIAL NOTE: To be placed on the “waiting lists” for the 2015 WPA World Artistic Pool Championship, players and / or federations should contact Mark Dimick at your earliest convenience:

Email: dimickmark@aol.com Phone: 405.642.5641

Invited players in Phase 1 must fax his or her signed copy of the Entry form to Mark Dimick (Fax: 405.794.9575) no later than 5/1/2015.

Phase 1 Note: If fax is not received from invited players in Phase 1 by the deadline date of 5/1/2015, he or she will be removed from the confirmed player list, and he or she will be placed on the bottom of the “waiting list”.

Invited players in Phase 2 must fax his or her signed copy of the entry form to Mark Dimick (Fax: 405.794.9575) within 2 weeks of his or her “intent to enter”.

Phase 2 Note: If fax is not received from invited players in Phase 2 within 2 weeks of their “intent to enter”, he or she will be removed from the confirmed player list, and he or she will be placed on the bottom of the “waiting list”.

Federation announcements of Phase 1 players accepting should send “intent to enter” to:

Mark Dimick: dimickmark@aol.com

Copy To: Jim Sommer: jimsommer@me.com

INVITATION TIMELINE (For 2015 WPA World Artistic Pool Championship):

April 1, 2015 to May 1, 2015 – Announce players of Phase 1

May 1, 2015 forward – Players signed up from “waiting lists” for 2015 WPA WC event

August 1, 2015 is the dead line for all entry forms to be sent in.

Mandatory Player’s Meeting: See note below

Practice: Reviewed at players meeting

2015 WPA World “Artistic Pool” Championship Shot / Challenge Program will be available May 1, 2015. For an approved copy of the 2015 WPA World “Artistic Pool” Championship Shot / Challenge Program, please email Mark Dimick: dimickmark@aol.com

Format:

40 shots / challenges chosen for 2015 WPA WC from 120 shot / challenge program

WPA / WPA APD 8 Disciplines for Artistic Pool will be used.

2015 WPA World Artistic Pool Championship players will shoot 5 shots / challenges (all DOD levels) from each discipline as follows:

Shot / Challenge #1; Shot / Challenge #2; Shot / Challenge #3; Shot / Challenge #4; and Shot / Challenge #5

Each shot / challenge # will have 3 individual shots / challenges to choose from – A, B or C.

In other words:

Each discipline will have:

Shot / challenge #1 ----- choice A, B or C.

Shot / challenge #2 ----- choice A, B or C.

Shot / challenge #3 ----- choice A, B or C.

Shot / challenge #4 ----- choice A, B or C.

Shot / challenge #5 ----- choice A, B or C.

The 40 shots / challenges done by each 2015 WPA World Artistic Pool Championship player will determine his/her “final” position of finish.

Venue Dates: August 27 - 30, 2015 (Thursday through Sunday)

August 27, 2015 (Thursday) – Players meeting (exact time TBD)

Venue Location:

890 Cobb Place Blvd Building 100 · Kennesaw, Atlanta, GA 30144

Sponsor Website: ozonebilliards.com

Venue Contact: ozonebilliards.com

Entry Fees: \$350.00 for the 2015 WPA WC (Entry Fees must be sent to Mark Dimick)

All monies should be made payable to ARTISTIC POOL WORLDWIDE, LLC via Money Order or Cashier's Check by August 1, 2015)

Mail to:

Mark Dimick
13301 SE 99th St.
Oklahoma City, Ok 73165

Fax: 405-794-9575

Phone: 405-642-5641

Prize Fund/Awards:

- Ozone Billiards is adding \$3000.00 to the 2015 WPA WC
- Dr. Cue Promotions / Tom and Marty Rossman is adding \$1000.00 to the 2015 WPA WC

In addition, all entry fees from players will be added to the prize fund for the 2015 WPA WC event (\$350 per player). Note: ARTISTIC POOL WORLDWIDE LLC, acting as the legal entity in association with the WPA APD will withhold an administrative fee from each entry fee.

Note: Percentages for payouts will be determined later for the 2015 WPA WC event; however, all finish positions will receive payouts in a fair distribution manner. Federal taxes may be withheld depending on the player's country of residence and amount the player may receive.

- Ozone Billiards will provide 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards.
- Dr. Cue Promotions will provide discipline awards and the sportsmanship award.
- Tim Chin will provide a special award for the Rising Star Award.

Equipment (More information later):

- 9' Diamond Tables.
- Simonis 860 Cloth or similar.
- Aramith Pro Cup Cue Balls.

Dress Requirements:

- The recommended wear for any WPA World Artistic Pool Championship is tuxedo pants, tuxedo shirt, dress shoes, dress socks, bow tie, and a tuxedo vest
- No caps / hats or tennis / sneaker type shoes are allowed, except for medical reasons – requests for this must be submitted / approved by APD by August 1, 2015
- Players have the option of replacing the tuxedo pants with any color dress slacks
- Players have the option of replacing the tuxedo shirt with a dress shirt. A bow tie or matching tie is optional
- Vests are required to be worn during competition and for awards ceremony.
- Any exemptions or changes to the dress requirements must be approved and confirmed by e-mail no later than August 1, 2015.
- All questions on dress requirements should be sent to WPA APD president at dimickmark@aol.com

Sponsor Logos and Patches and General League Guidelines:

- Players will be entitled to wear approved logos on his or her playing apparel at the event. Each logo must not exceed 3” x 2” or 6 square inches. The player shall submit to WPA and Ozone Billiards before his first match examples of all player or player sponsor logos for approval. Ozone Billiards / or WPA APD will have authority to disallow any player or player sponsor logos should they not comply with the policy or conflict with any sponsor or broadcaster of the event.

PLAYER REMINDER:

In order to play in the 2015 WPA World Artistic Pool Championship all players must review the WPA APD Players Agreement & Tournament Rules Document.

**Mark Dimick, WPA APD President
Fax: 405.794.9575**

Full WPA APD Players Agreement / Guidelines are available by email – dimickmark@aol.com

******Event Programs******

If an event program is done, we will need a bio and photo by email attachment no later than June 15, 2015. The promoter will not be responsible for late submissions. Players will be updated on this no later than 6/1/15.

Submission email: dimickmark@aol.com

Video and Photo Rights / Waiver of Liability:

By participating in the 2015 WPA World Artistic Pool Championship, I have read and agree to abide by the following & all rules & regulations for this tournament entry and all other regulations implemented by ARTISTIC POOL WORLDWIDE LLC. ARTISTIC POOL WORLDWIDE LLC has the right to determine a player's eligibility or to refuse entry. Event completion times are approximate. ARTISTIC POOL WORLDWIDE LLC may refuse entry if fields are full and field sizes are subject to change. ARTISTIC POOL WORLDWIDE LLC has the right to change any / all schedules and payouts based on, but not limited to inclement weather, acts of God, or terrorism. ARTISTIC POOL WORLDWIDE LLC, and all event representatives, agents, sponsors and affiliates are released and to be held harmless of and from any injury, illness, losses, damages, liability or expenses of any kind accrued by me, my heirs, or personal representatives either caused or alleged to be caused during or surrounding this event. Disqualification from any ARTISTIC POOL WORLDWIDE LLC event for unsportsmanlike conduct shall result in forfeiture of any prize money or award won by that player with possible suspension from all ARTISTIC POOL WORLDWIDE LLC produced events. ARTISTIC POOL WORLDWIDE LLC and / or WPA APD may use my photograph, image, likeness, or name for information, reporting or promotional purposes via print, video and other media.

Championship Direction and Event Coordination provided by:

WPA Artistic Pool Division (WPA APD)

Ozone Billiards

Dr. Cue Promotions

Volunteer Staff and Players

Thank you for cooperating in sending your players to this prestigious event.

Mark Dimick, President

WPA Artistic Pool Division

ARTISTIC POOL WORLDWIDE LLC (legal entity in association with WPA APD)