



3-CUSHION BILLIARDS CHALLENGE SHOT CONTEST

(For Pool Players)

Dedicated to Promoting the Sport

RULES OUTLINE

A room owner that has only one or two 3-cushion tables can now have competition and give their customers a chance to learn the game. All paperwork and diagrammed shots should be sent to the room owners in a small packet ahead of time (at least 1 month) giving their players a chance to learn the shots, giving room owners some additional time and revenue on their 3-cushion tables while the players practice the shots. The quickest way to get new players to play the game of 3-Cushion is to reach out to pool players. A small recap of how the 3-Cushion Billiards Challenge Shot Contest works:

FORMAT: This is for POOL PLAYERS ONLY. Players will shoot 8 diagrammed shots. Each player will shoot each of the 8 shots three times (24 shots total). Each shot is worth 2 points (48 pts max). After each shot attempt, a player will also attempt a straight-rail carom shot (no rails necessary) after the balls come to rest. If they make it, it will be worth 1 point. So for each shot, a player actually makes a total of 6 attempts to score. This means that the maximum possible score for the whole tournament will be 72 points if a player made every single attempt (quite an achievement for a beginner). At the end, the one with the most points wins. If there is a tie, it will be broken with one of the most important shots in the game: the opening lag.

Three small, round stick-ons (paper reinforcements) will be placed on the table, which will represent the exact placement of the diagrammed shots. All players will have the same shot and same placement of the 3 balls. After all players have completed their 3 attempts for a shot (plus the 3 straight-rail carom attempts), the dots will be removed and replaced for the next shot selection.



With a maximum of 16 players and entry fee being only \$ 5.00, players will enter and have fun while they also have a chance to win some cash. The room owner should add \$ 100.00 plus sponsors should add \$ 255.00 making it a total of \$ 355.00. The payouts, regardless of the number of players (8 player minimum) would then be:

1st Place: \$ 200.00
2nd Place: \$ 100.00
3rd Place: \$ 55.00

Whatever amount is received in entry fees goes to the room owner or tournament director, whichever the room owner decides. So the more players the room owner/tournament director gets, the better it is for them. The minimum number of players is 8 and the maximum is 16.

ROOM OWNERS/TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING ALL PLAYERS THE FOLLOW-UP MATERIAL PROVIDED AND FOR SENDING BACK THE RESULTS TO WHOMEVER IS IN CHARGE OF SPONSORSHIP MONEY. When all information is properly sent back to the person in charge of sponsorship money with the scores sheets, the list of players with their email addresses, a picture of the top 3 players and a brief story of the event, a check should be sent out to the room owner/tournament director for \$ 255. The person in charge of sponsorship money should personally call the room owner/tournament director to hear the details of how the event went. The room owner/tournament director should take a picture (digital preferred) of the three winners together in one shot which can also be emailed to the person in charge of sponsorship money. **This will be placed in Professor-Q-Ball publication along with the results and the story and it will also be on the USBA and Professor-Q-Ball websites.**

Most importantly, the Shot Contest will go far towards heightening the awareness of the game of 3-Cushion Billiards and **give the room some exposure.**

Please see the other forms necessary for the shot contest. If possible, use a color printer to print out forms, especially the 8 shots for the shot contest and the Follow-Up material for all the players.

The driving force behind the 3-Cushion Challenge Shot Contest is Paul Frankel, owner of Professor-Q-Ball's National Pool & 3-Cushion News publication and USBA Secretary/Treasurer Jim Shovak.