



ATHLETE GUIDE

Predator Austria Open 2021

Predator Pro Billiard Series



ABOUT

WHAT IS THE PREDATOR PRO BILLIARD SERIES?

The Predator Pro Billiard Series, is a series of open/pro events held outside the United States to provide more opportunity for professional and aspiring pool players to compete in high-quality events, earn more income, sharpen their skills, and earn their way into the \$100,000 added Predator World 10-Ball Championship held in Las Vegas each year as part of the CueSports International Expo.

All Predator Pro Billiard Series events play 10-ball, the game that best allows professional pool players to showcase their talent. The format has been devised to create drama and excitement for the fans. For more detail on the format, see the FORMAT section.

We believe that synergy between amateur and professional pool players is critical to the growth of the sport. Amateur pool players want to watch the best and professional pool players need a fan base. The goal is to organize worldwide events that are combined with various amateur events to bring both worlds together.



EVENT DETAILS

Dates:	October 6-9, 2021
Discipline:	10-ball
Entry Date:	October 5, 2021, Final Date
Entry Fee:	€250, -
Prizemoney:	€42000, -
Rules:	WPA 10-Ball Rules
Bracket:	Stage 1 - 64 player Double Elimination Stage 2 - 16 Player Single Elimination

Stage 1

- 16 players based on the players' Fargo ratings. Random draw for the remaining players.
- Double elimination to the final 16 players (8 on winners' side & 8 on the one-loss side)
- Two sets, race to 4. If the set score is tied at 1-1 after two sets, a spot shot shootout will determine the winner.

Stage 2

- Final 16 players from Stage 1. A new draw will determine the bracket placement (undefeated player vs one-loss side player). The order of the undefeated and one-loss players will be random.
- Single elimination
- Two sets, race to 4. If the set score is tied at 1-1 after two sets, a spot shot shootout will determine the winner.

Breaking

- Winner breaks. Lag for the opening break of the first set. The loser of the lag breaks first in the second set.
- Rack your own using the triangle rack provided – opponents may not approach or inspect the rack
- Referee racks on the TV table using the triangle rack provided – players may not approach or inspect the rack or ask for a rerack

The standard WPA Rules & Regulations will be in use with the following exceptions:

- The 10-ball does not have to be the last ball pocketed. If the 10-ball is pocketed early as part of a legal and called shot, it is a game win.
- The 10-ball pocketed on the break, without being called and in any pocket, is a game win.

PRIZE MONEY

Prize money: €58,000 Guaranteed

Breakdown:

#	Amount		Total
1	€15000	1	€15000
2	€10000	1	€10000
3	€5500	2	€11000
5	€3000	4	€12000
9	€1250	8	€10000
Total:		16 players	€58000

The winner of the event will receive a spot for the Predator World 10-Ball Championship 2022.

BROADCAST & BRACKET INFORMATION

LIVE STREAMING

Livestreaming will be done on Kozoom & Billiard TV.

LIVE SCORING

Live scoring will be done on Kozoom & Billiardport.

ONLINE BRACKETS

Online brackets will be done on Billiardport.

COVID-19

Although it is impossible to predict exactly what COVID-19 restrictions may be in place at the time of the event, players should be prepared to adhere to all safety rules & regulations put into place by organization, the host venue, accommodations, state government or local ordinances. Face coverings, social distancing and temperature checks are just a few examples of possible safety precautions that could be in effect. Players accept this when they register and refusal to follow safety rules and regulations is not sufficient justification for a refund.

PLAYERS' MEETING

There will be a mandatory players' meeting on **Tuesday, October 5th at 6 pm** in the venue. The meeting will be conducted by the Tournament Director. Any player not present may be replaced by a player on the waiting list at the tournament's sole discretion without refund.



VENUE DETAILS

Location: Sportpark Klagenfurt
Südring 207
9020 Klagenfurt am Wörthersee
Austria

Phone: +43 463 5375310

Website: <http://sportpark-klagenfurt.at/en/>

Opening hours: 9.00 – until the last scheduled match has finished

EQUIPMENT

- Predator 9-foot pool tables
- Predator Arcadia Reserve Cloth
- Predator Arena Lights
- Predator Arcos II Balls
- Predator Bridges
- Predator 1080 Pure Chalk

SHUTTLE DETAILS

A shuttle will be available every day to transport all the participants, officials, and their companions to and from the Sportpark Klagenfurt to their hotel.

Shuttle times will be communicated on site.

A daily fee of €5,- per person will be charged for use of the shuttle. This payment will be processed as part of the hotel invoice.

Due to COVID 19 it is mandatory to use the shuttle to your designated hotel.

COVID 19

As mentioned above, additional precautions can be taken at the venue to make sure all matches can commence. Beside additional hygiene, other precautions like face coverings, social distancing and temperature checks can be asked from everyone entering the venue.

Any additional precautions ordered by the local government will be followed and enforced by the organization.



TRAVEL DETAILS

Please reach out to us for any travel issues in terms of visa or documentation

AIRPORT

All international athletes and companions are advised to fly over the following two airports:

Ljubljana Airport (LJU) in Slovenia.

<https://www.lju-airport.si/en/>

Alternatively, Klagenfurt airport can be considered as a destination, whenever flights are available for this location.

Klagenfurt Airport (KLU) in Austria

<https://airport-klagenfurt.at/en/>

AIRPORT SHUTTLE DETAILS

There will be two shuttle services available, these will be available for travel between the airport and the city of Klagenfurt on arrival and departure.

Ljubljana Airport – Hotel - Ljubljana Airport: €90, -

Klagenfurt Airport – Hotel – Klagenfurt Airport: €25, -

Reservations can be done by following this link: [click here](#)

COVID 19

We advise all participants to be well prepared before travel. Read and follow all the precautions that are in place in the countries that you pass through.

PLAN YOUR TRAVEL CAREFULLY

We encourage you to allow plenty of time before and after the event for travel. The organization is not responsible for airline delays, lost luggage, traffic jams or any other travel-related issue that could cause you to miss the Players' Meeting and lose your spot. Matches are not delayed or accelerated to accommodate travel issues. Therefore, you are advised to arrive no later than the day before the event begins and leave no sooner than the day after the event ends.



HOTEL DETAILS

Location: Hotel Sandwirt
Pernhartgasse 9
9020 Klagenfurt am Wörthersee
Austria

Phone: +43 463 56209

Website: <https://sandwirth.at/en/>

PRICING

Double: €128, -/night/bed & breakfast

Single: €101, - /night/bed & breakfast

Halfboard (optional): €19, -/per person/per night

Tourism Tax: (mandatory) €2,10/per person/per night

Due to COVID 19 it is mandatory to stay in the designated hotel.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations can be done by sending your arrival and departure dates to the hotel:

hotel@sandwirth.at

Reservation code: **Billard 2021**

LOCAL PARTICIPANTS

Athletes staying in a 50km radius of the event can get an exemption from staying in the hotel. Please notify the organization of this while signing up for the event.

COVID 19

We advise all participants to be well prepared before they arrive at the hotel. Read and follow all the precautions that are in place in your accommodation and comply to all regulations that are in place.



REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DETAILS

Registrations are first-come, first-serve. Players must register and pay the entry fee to reserve a spot (no exceptions).

Registration is done through Billiardport:

<http://pbsaustriaopen.billiardport.com/>

PAYMENT

Payment information will be supplied to the participant after signup. Please be sure to check your mail and spam folder, to make sure the information is received properly and all instructions can be followed.

REFUNDS

When you register for a US Pro Billiard Series event, you are making a commitment to the event, the event organizers, the fans, event sponsors, your sponsors and yourself. **The refund request deadline is one week prior to the event start date.** Refunds are subject to an €20, - refund request fee.

Refunds requested prior to the refund request deadline must be emailed to agalane@predatorgroup.com and will be processed after the conclusion of the event. No refunds will be granted after the refund request deadline. **Registration for one event is not transferrable to another event.**

RULES & GUIDELINES

GENERAL

- 30-second shot clock on the feature table only. For the other tables, the referee(s) will monitor and enforce the WPA slow play rule if necessary.
 - Extended 60-second shot clock after the break
 - One (1) 30-second extension per game
 - The shot clock begins when all balls have come to rest, and the opposing player sits in his or her chair
- No open practice is allowed at all on the feature table. The two players scheduled on the feature table may shoot one rack each prior to the match.
- Between matches, players may practice with alternate racks until match time.
- If a table does not become available until match time or later, players may shoot one rack each prior to beginning the match.

STAGE 1

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STAGE 2

- Final 16 players from Stage 1. A new draw will determine the bracket placement (undefeated player vs one-loss side player). The order of the undefeated and one-loss players will be random.
- Single elimination
- Two sets, race to 4. If the set score is tied at 1-1 after two sets, a spot shot shootout will determine the winner.

BREAKING

- Winner breaks. Lag for the opening break of the first set. The loser of the lag breaks first in the second set.
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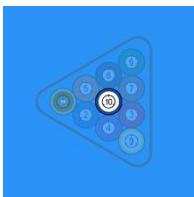
SHOOTOUT

If a set score is tied at 1-1 after two sets, a shootout will determine the winner. The goal is to pocket the object ball in its designated pocket. To determine a winner the following system will be used:

- The winner of the lag at the start of the match decides the starting player of the shootout, alternating turns thereafter. One turn by each player is an inning.
- The starting player determines the starting side from which the shootout will begin. Sides will alternate thereafter for each inning.
- Players will shoot four (4) innings in alternating turns. Both players get an equal number of turns.
- The player with the most points (i.e. balls pocketed) after four innings wins.
- If both players are tied after four innings, the order of play will remain until a player reaches a score that cannot be tied by his opponent in the same inning. This is called “Sudden Death.”
 - In Sudden Death, the cue ball must be moved one diamond behind the head string.
- Shot clock extensions may not be used during a shootout.

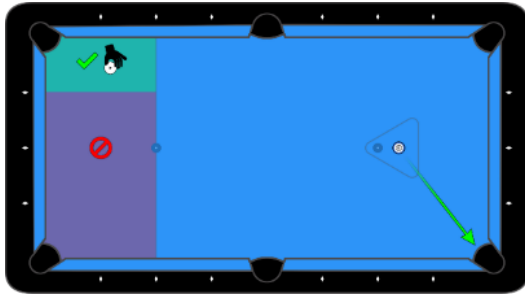
For a shot to be considered legal, the following rules in terms of position and placement must be executed:

- The 10-Ball will be used as the object ball during the entire shootout. The position of the object ball corresponds to its original position in a standard 10-Ball rack.

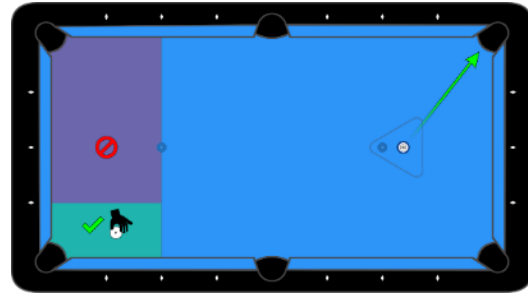


- The same rules of racking apply to the spotting of the 10-ball during the shootout:
 - Players spot their own 10-ball. Opponents may not approach or inspect the ball.
 - Referee spots the 10-ball on the TV table – players may not approach or inspect the object ball or ask for a re-spot.
- There are two zones designated for the shootout, the left and right side, shown below. The player must place the cue ball within the designated zone and pocket the 10-ball in the opposite corner pocket as shown below.
- Players must alternate the zone after each inning.
- The zones can be recognized according to the following parameters:
 - The left side is on the left side of the table while facing the object ball.
 - The right side is on the right side of the table while facing the object ball.

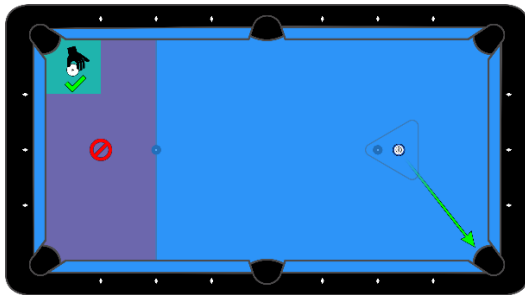
Regulation Shootout (Left Side)



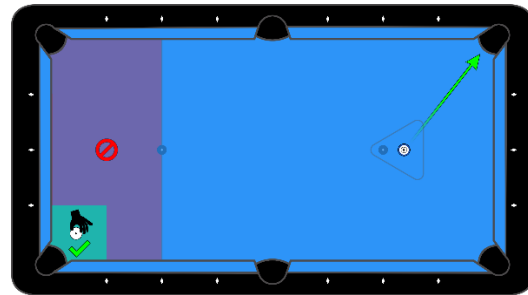
Regulation Shootout (Right Side)



Sudden Death Shootout (Left Side)



Sudden Death Shootout (Right Side)



In addition to the standard WPA rules and regulations, additional rules that are in place that determine whether a shot is considered legal are as following:

- The execution of the shot must be done within the timeframe that has been determined. This can be based on a shot clock ruling or the decision of the acting referee.
- The object ball must be pocketed in its designated pocket. If the object ball is pocketed in any other pocket, it will be considered as a miss.
- A shot that includes the rails, being or resembling a bank or a kick, will be considered a miss.



DRESS CODE

Approved Clothing

- Dress pants or casual slacks.
- Polo or button-down style shirt with sleeves, fold over or vertical collar. Button-down shirts may be worn unbuttoned if they are worn with a neat and tasteful undergarment. Button-down shirts worn without an undergarment may only be unbuttoned one button below the neck button or as deemed appropriate by the Tournament Director. Shirts should not be excessively loose or revealing.
- All footwear must be dark color, close-toed and normal in style and wear. Shoes with laces must have the laces properly tied. Dark color tennis or walking shoes are acceptable but must be clean and neat

Prohibited 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 medically needed – written medical proof required)

LOGOS & PATCHES

Players may wear a maximum of three (3) logos on playing apparel (“player’s logos”). All logos, including apparel brand logos, are included in this maximum of three (3) restriction. Logos may not exceed forty (40) square centimeters. The player must submit to the organization, before his or her first match, samples of all sponsor logos for approval. 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. Additionally, the organization reserves the right to require any player to display event sponsor logos on the player’s apparel in addition to the three (3) logos allowed.



BROADCAST INFORMATION

This event will be broadcast live by Kozoom on Billiard TV.



Beside internet websites publishing news, results or selling billiards equipment, Kozoom has built its reputation producing high quality streaming of many major Carom and Pool events worldwide. Kozoom developed a unique skill in billiards production with hundred hours of Live programs delivered to Eurosport and other major networks since 2005.



Billiard TV is the first and only 24/7 free television channel dedicated solely to billiards. It will feature full-length matches, trick shots, instruction, commentary, news and more. Billiard TV is currently available in 12 countries and to 30 million viewers.



SCHEDULE

		Main	One Loss
Day 1	10:00 AM	R1 1-8	
Day 1	12:00 PM	R1 9-16	
Day 1	2:00 PM	R1 17-24	
Day 1	4:00 PM	R1 25-32	
Day 1	6:00 PM	WR1 1-8	
Day 1	8:00 PM	WR1 9-16	
Day 1	10:00 PM	End of Day 1	
Day 2	10:00 AM		LR1 1-8
Day 2	12:00 PM		LR1 9-16
Day 2	2:00 PM	WR2 1-2	
Day 2	4:00 PM	WR2 3-4	
Day 2	6:00 PM	WR2 5-6	LR2 1-8
Day 2	8:00 PM	WR2 7-8	LR2 9-16
Day 2	10:00 PM	End of Day 2	
Day 3	10:00 AM		LR3 1-8
Day 3	12:00 PM		LR4 1-2
Day 3	2:00 PM		LR4 3-4
Day 3	4:00 PM		LR4 5-8
Day 3	6:00 PM	L16 1-4	
Day 3	8:00 PM	L16 5-8	
Day 3	10:00 PM	End of Day 3	
Day 4	10:00 AM	Quarter Final 1-2	
Day 4	12:00 PM	Quarter Final 3-4	
Day 4	2:00 PM	Semi Final 1	
Day 4	4:00 PM	Semi Final 2	
Day 4	6:00 PM		
Day 4	8:00 PM	Final	
Day 4	10:00 PM	End of Event	