



**WORLD POOL-BILLIARD
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~OFFICIAL INVITATION~

2006 WPA WORLD “ARTISTIC POOL” CHAMPIONSHIP
December 8-10, 2006 Fridley, MN, USA

WPA Sanctioned International Event (7th Annual)

36 Players (Per WPA Approved Quota and Venue/Event Guidelines):

BCA – 24
EPBF – 7
APBU – 1
OPBA – 1
PBC – 2
AAPA – 1

Note: Quota allowances per each federation above will be filled by the WPA approved “artistic pool” world rankings as of July 31, 2006, which are available for review at: (See chart below for original player invites)

www.artisticpoolplayers.com

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 an interested player(s)...may submit their name(s) to a “waiting list”, which will be used for filling the 36 player field limit. (See ranking list in chart below)

SPECIAL NOTE: Since the AAPA does not have any players on the world ranking list, they will be given one “appointment” spot in the first stage of the player invitation process. (See ranking list in chart below)

Invitation guidelines:

A) PHASE 1 – Initial Invitation Eligibility (8/14/06 thru 09/14/06)

BCA – 24 players total (12 from world rankings based on quota number and 12 next in line from world ranking list due to lack of ranked players from other federations.

EPBF – 7 players from world rankings (No others listed)

APBU – 1 open invitation for player (No others listed)

OPBA – 1 open invitation for player (No others listed)

PBC – 2 players from world rankings (No others listed)

AAPA – 1 open invitation for player (No others listed)

RANKINGS LIST CHART AS OF July 31, 2006

Note: Federations should use this chart to notify players eligible in first phase of selection process for 2006 WC.

Invited Players

1	Mike Massey	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
2	Nick Nikolaidis	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
3	Andy Segal	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
4	Tom Rossman	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
5	Charles Darling	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
6	Bruce Barthelette	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
7	Mark Dimick	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
8	Jamison Neu	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
9	Matt MacPhail	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
10	Sal Conti	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
11	Steve Geller	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
12	Tom Kinzel	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
13	Luke Szywala	EPBF	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
14	Ralph Eckert	EPBF	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
15	Bogdan Wolkowski	EPBF	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
16	Michael Mossin	EPBF	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
17	Arkadiy Loshakov	EPBF	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
18	Marcell Kaiser	EPBF	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
19	Jim Sommer	EPBF	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
20	Sebastian Giumelli	PBC	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
21	Byron Ledezma	PBC	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
22	(open invitation)	APBU	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
23	(open invitation)	OPBA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
24	(open invitation)	AAPA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
25	Bill Meima	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
26	Paul Danno	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
27	David Nangle	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
28	Jason Lynch	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
29	Ken Aylesworth	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
30	Mark Kulungian	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
31	Stephane Gamache	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
32	Michael Murray	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
33	Al Relf	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
34	Rick Hawkinson	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
35	Ben Hogan	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006
36	Gerry Woodlief	BCA	Must Respond By September 14, 2006

NOTE: Deadline for player acceptance during this Phase 1 invitation process is September 14, 2006, If quota of 36 players is not fulfilled by the above guideline phase, then the remaining quota openings will be filled via an “open” invite with WPA approval per the following guidelines:

B) PHASE 2 – Waiting List (World ranked players – Invites per deadline date time schedule)

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

C) PHASE 3 – Waiting List (Non-ranked players – Invites per deadline date time schedule)

Any player not on the world ranking list, who is on the “waiting list” established to date and placed in order of signup.

NOTE: Phase 2 “waiting list” will be used 1st, followed by the “waiting list” in Phase 3.

SPECIAL NOTE: To be placed on the “waiting lists” for the 2006 WC, players and/or federations should contact Nate Bryant at your earliest convenience:

Email: okinawaslim@mindspring.com **Phone:** 678-858-7690

Federation announcements of Phase 1 players accepting should be sent to John Lewis at: jlewis@americancuesports.org and copy to Nate Bryant: okinawaslim@mindspring.com

INVITATION TIMELINE:

**August 14, 2006 to September 14, 2006 – Announce players of Phase 1
September 15, 2006 forward – Announce players for “waiting lists”**

Practice: See note below

Mandatory Player’s Meeting and Draw: See note below

Competition sessions: See note below

Note: Details as updated available at: www.artisticpoolplayers.com

Format: Per 2006 Artistic Pool Program (56 shots/challenges), which includes 8 disciplines (7 shots/challenges per discipline). All players in prelims will shoot 40 shots (1st 5 shots/challenges per in each discipline). Then a playoff format (Pre-Quarterfinals, Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Finals) will take place, which will include the 2 remaining shots/challenges in each discipline. For complete format details, please visit the artisticpoolplayers.com site.

Programs: Contact Nate Bryant: okinawaslim@mindspring.com or call 678-858-7690 or download online at the artisticpoolplayers.com site.

Venue Dates: December 8 - 10, 2006 (Friday through Sunday)
December 7, 2006 (Thursday Players meeting)

Venue Location: Two Stooges Sports Bar & Grille
7178 University Ave. N.E.
Fridley, MN 55432 USA

Venue website: www.two-stooges.com

Venue contact: TY Wilson 763-574-1399
Greg Asproth

Entry Fee: \$250.00US (Payable at venue site prior to player's meeting)

Prize Fund/Awards: Two Stooges Sports Bar & Grille will be adding \$5000, Dr. Cue Promotions will be add \$1000 to this tournament. The WPA will be adding \$4000 via the WPA Artistic Pool Division. In addition, all entry fees from players will be added to the prize fund (\$250 per player). Position percentage payouts to be determined.

The WPA will provide medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd "artistic pool" overall positions of finish, plus 8 discipline medals and a player sportsmanship award will be provided by Dr. Cue Promotions.

Dress Requirements/Code of Conduct – Per note below*
Lodging, Airport, and Car Rental Information – Per note below*
WPA Invitation for Visa – Contact John Lewis at
jlewis@americancuesports.org

*Note: This information and further updates available online at:

www.artisticpoolplayers.com

Nearest Airport: Minneapolis / St. Paul International (MSP)

www.mspairport.com

Hotels Accommodations: (You must book your own reservations)

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| 1. Days Inn | 763-566-4140 |
| 2. Comfort Inn | 763-560-7464 |
| 3. America Inn | 763-566-7500 |
| 4. Country Inn & Suites | 763-561-0900 |
| 5. Motel 6 | 763-560-9789 |
| 6. Extended Stay | 763-549-5571 |
| 7. Baymont Inn & Suites | 763-561-8400 |
| 8. Super 8 | 763-566-9810 |

Championship Direction and Event Coordination provided by:

Two Stooges Sports Bar & Grille

WPA Artistic Pool Division

DR. Cue Promotions

Volunteer Staff and Players

World Pool - Billiard Association (Invitation Mailing)

Equipment:

- 4 – 9' competition tables and 3 – 9' practice tables (All Gabriels).
- Cloth type to be determined and updated online when sponsor known
- Ball sets, cue ball and other accessories will be posted online at the artisticpoolplayers.com site.

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

**Nate Bryant, President
WPA Artistic Pool Division**