



## Billiard Education Foundation **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **JUNIOR BILLIARD CHAMPIONS TO COMPETE FOR WORLD TITLE**

The **Billiard Education Foundation (BEF)** is pleased to announce that seven (7) junior players will be representing the United States in the **XVIII World Junior 9-Ball Championships**, November 3-8, 2009, in Managua, Nicaragua.

The World Junior 9-Ball Championships will comprise over fifty (50) of the world's best junior players from six (6) continents and over twenty (20) countries. The Billiard Congress of America (BCA), as the North America member of the World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA), is granted the invitations that make it possible for North American players to participate in this prestigious event.

The U.S. junior delegates earned an entry by virtue of their performance in the 2009 BEF Junior National 9-Ball Championships. In addition to prizes and scholarships, players received an expense-paid trip to the World Junior 9-Ball Championships and an opportunity to compete for the world title. The U.S. contingent is as follows:

Landon Shuffett of Greensburg, KY – 2009 BEF Junior Nationals Champion, 19-and-under boys' division

Liz Lovely of Centerville, OH – 2009 BEF Junior Nationals Champion, 19-and-under girls' division

Brendan Crockett of Bell Canyon, CA – 2009 BEF Junior Nationals Champion, 14-and-under boys' division

Briana Miller of Allentown, PA – 2009 BEF Junior Nationals Champion, 14-and-under girls' division

Jesse Engel of Columbia Heights, MN – 2009 BEF Junior Nationals, runner-up, 19-and-under boys' division

Nick Tafoya of Albuquerque, NM - 2009 Junior Nationals, 19-and-under boys' division

Nicole Jaynes of Albuquerque, NM – 2009 Junior Nationals, 19-and-under girl's division

In addition to the U.S. junior players representing North America, the Canadian Billiards & Snooker Association (CBSA) has named three (3) players to represent Canada. Attending the event will be the defending world champion of the girls' division, Brittany Bryant, as well as McEarl Bucais and Ryan Spence.

#### **World Pool-Billiard Association**

Formed in 1987, the World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA) is the international governing body for pocket billiards. For more information, visit [www.wpa-pool.com](http://www.wpa-pool.com).

#### **Billiard Congress of America**

Founded in 1948, the Billiard Congress of America (BCA) is a non-profit trade organization dedicated to growing a united, prosperous and highly regarded billiard industry through BCA leadership. For more information, visit [www.bca-pool.com](http://www.bca-pool.com) or call 303.243.5070.

**Canadian Billiards & Snooker Association**

The Canadian Billiards & Snooker Association (CBSA) is the governing body of cue sports for Canada. For more information, visit [www.cbsa.ca](http://www.cbsa.ca).

**Billiard Education Foundation**

The Billiard Education Foundation (BEF) was formed in 1993 as a 501(c) (3) non-profit charitable organization and is committed to the growth and promotion of billiards among youth. The BEF supports youth billiard programs by funding academic scholarships, produces the Junior National 9-Ball Championships and sponsors billiard athletes to attend the WPA World Junior 9-Ball Championships. The BEF encourages youth to stay in school and further their education while building and maintaining a lifelong love of billiards through the "Pool In School" program, which promotes billiard clubs, teams and billiards as part of the physical education "Lifetime Sports" class. For more information, visit [www.BilliardEducation.org](http://www.BilliardEducation.org) or call 303.926.1039.