



# *The Future of Billiards*™

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### Purpose

The purpose of this document is to present the concept of 6 Pocket™ in an organized manner.

### What is 6 Pocket™

6 Pocket™ (6 POCKET) is a vertically integrated product offering for the billiards industry which comprises a novel game and scoring system, and creates a new future for billiards. There are four (4) major components to this dynamic, summarized here, and explained in detail in the following sections.

- **A New Billiards Game** – A patent pending pocket billiards game, 6 POCKET eliminates the defensive “safety” shot and is the first ever game in billiards where you compete against a field rather than a competitor.
- **A New Way to Score** – 6 POCKET’s patent pending scoring system is similar to that used in other individual sports like golf and bowling, and is the key to our ability to develop individual handicaps that are consistent throughout the billiards industry.
- **A New Billiards Company** – Incorporated in the State of Alabama, 6 Pocket, Inc. (6PI) is the parent company under which 6 POCKET and its associated recreational competitors, its league, its amateur and professional associations, and its professional tour will be developed.
- **A New Billiards Environment** – Deployment of the 6 POCKET concept, including its new scoring and handicapping method, provides a canvas for achieving an unprecedented social acceptance of billiards as a legitimate sport unencumbered by social stigmas.....and for identifying and ranking the best amateur and professional billiards players in the world.

Simply put, 6 POCKET is...

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## A New Billiards Game

In today's world of billiards, there is no one game that provides for a truly level playing field at both the amateur and professional levels, much less one that allows for an equitable handicapping system for recreational and league players.

Further, since the historic games of the amateur and professional circuit (8 ball and 9 ball) allow for defensive play and are organized around "bracket elimination" style tournaments, there has to this date not truly been a way to identify and rank the best billiards players in the world.

Enter 6 POCKET, a completely new playing and scoring format for billiards competition at all levels. Because 6 POCKET provides no reward for the defensive "safety" shot – it ushers in a completely new way to compete and score. More specifically, each player now competes against a field rather than another individual.

One positive result of this is that there is no need for the formation, and more importantly, organization, of teams at the recreational and/or league levels.

Equally importantly, "premature" elimination of any player(s) in a given competition is avoided because everyone gets the same number of turns and there are no bracket elimination style tournaments.

## A New Way To Score

6 POCKET's patent pending scoring system is similar to other individual sports like golf and bowling for both one-on-one competitions, and multiple player (field) competitions. Just like in these other sports, the 6 POCKET competitor is awarded points for accomplishing specific goals, and penalized points for specific rules violations. In this case the goal is for the individual to pocket as many balls from a single rack of 15 balls as possible. Points are awarded for each ball legally pocketed, and in some rare instances, penalties points are subtracted from the total points awarded. As a result, 6 POCKET can be played in multiple formats:

- **Turns** – eligible individuals and/or teams can compete by playing single racks of 15 object balls which, when netted with a handicap, comprise – a 6 POCKET **turn**; the winner of which is determined using a universally defined scoring and handicapping system, and only after all of the individuals/teams have had their chance to play one (1) rack of 15 object balls.

- **Games** – a pre-defined/agreed-upon number of **turns** can be taken in rotation, consecutively, or over time – a 6 POCKET **game**; the winner of which is determined by aggregating the **turn** scores.
- **Tournaments** – a pre-defined/agreed-upon number of **games** can be played consecutively, or over time – a **tournament**; the winner of which is determined by aggregating the **game** scores.

In much the same way eliminating the need for teams at the recreational and/or league level allows for significant new flexibility in organizing recreational and league competitions; playing against a field rather than an individual allows for several new formats of, and venues for, competition at both amateur and professional 6 POCKET events.

Last, but by no means least, the inherent fairness of the 6 POCKET scoring and ranking method allows for the first ever, purely numerical, billiards handicapping system – Level Play™ – at the recreational, league, and amateur levels. This also fosters an “every shot is sudden death” excitement level during tie breakers and play-offs to ultimately determine the best competitor(s) at every level.

Please refer to the document 6PI-002; “6 Pocket™ Description and Definition” for a complete definition of the game and how it is played and scored.

## A New Billiards Company

6 Pocket, Inc. is a privately held start-up company founded by Mr. Richard E. Clark. Mr. Clark, along with his partner Mr. Sam Goodrich of Cymatech International Marketing Inc., have over 50 years combined experience in building and managing companies in a variety of industries – and comprise the current 6 Pocket, Inc. Board of Directors.

In addition to the formation of 6PI, we have also established the Alabama equivalent of four (4) Doing Business As (DBA) entities which are discussed in more detail below.

Our mission is to elevate the billiards industry to a never before seen level of social acceptability and professional competition by:

- Using 6PI to manage a grass roots movement among the nation’s 56,000,000 recreational players to play 6 POCKET at home.
- Introducing the 6 POCKET concept to the nation’s league players through the deployment of a network of 6PL Sanctioned Facilities. The 6 Pocket League™ – 6PL.

- Developing a “farm system” for the professional ranks through a bonafide amateur association which is separate from the 6PL. The Amateur 6 Pocket Association™ – A6PA.
- Developing a methodology by which the professional competitors are identified and ranked through the establishment of a professional association with rigorous qualification criteria. The Professional 6 Pocket Association™ – P6PA.
- Creating a “big money” tour for the professional association through a series of events featuring the best billiards competitors from around the world. The 6 Pocket Tour™ – 6PT.

As we move forward we may see the need to add to this list and will do so as appropriate. For now however, it appears that these four DBAs provide satisfactory coverage under which to organize the many initiatives that will be launched to achieve our mission.

## **A New Billiards Environment**

6 POCKET is ushering in a completely new methodology for scoring, handicapping, and establishing world rankings for both professional and amateur billiards players:

- 6 POCKET’s scoring system eliminates the defensive shot and creates an environment where the individual player is no longer penalized for their opponent’s mistakes or lack of shot making skills and/or opportunities.
- 6 POCKET’s standardized, easy to understand, and purely quantitative system of handicapping – Level Play™ provides for a complete “leveling” of the playing field. This unique handicapping system is controlled by 6PI and deployed to each playing level independently. A complete definition of the handicapping system can be found in the document 6PI-004; “*The 6 Pocket™ Level Play™ Handicapping System*”.
- 6 POCKET’s unique approach to conducting professional tournaments through existing promoters and sponsors will result in an extremely rapid development of 6 Pocket Tour™ events. These events, including mini-events, tour stops, tour qualifies, and majors, are controlled and managed by our professional association using the rules and regulations set forth in the document P6PA-001; “*Conducting the Professional 6 Pocket Association™ Event*”.

While each of these new methodologies can be said to have an immediate and beneficial impact on the legitimacy of the sport – and the competitive environment – it is their aggregate long term impact that produces:

- A higher level of adoption at the recreational level as fun and friendly neighborhood 6 POCKET competitions develop in house-hold game rooms across the nation,
- A higher level of social acceptability for the 6 Pocket League™ by eliminating the opportunity for the more highly skilled player to “hustle” and transitioning “league night” to individual competitions held in family friendly Sanctioned Facilities,
- A meaningful separation of amateur players from the league such that the amateur association is truly developing new professional players, and
- A rigorous and exacting progression of sanctioned tour events that will identify and rank the best professional billiards players in the world.

History will show that 6 POCKET has delivered on its promise of being the future of billiards when, in addition to league players convening more often and in more Sanctioned Facilities:

- On the average weekend hundreds of thousands of recreational players gather around their own tables to compete in friendly competitions, and
- Still more millions cheer on their favorite amateurs and professionals competing in internationally televised tour events.

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