Cue Ball Network Cookie Policy

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§ 1. General information

1. This Cookie Policy explains how the **Cue Ball Network** website and application (https://cueball.network) use cookies and similar technologies (including local storage and session storage).
2. The administrator of the website is **CUE BALL NETWORK SP. Z O.O.**, ul. Żurawia 6/12 lok. 745, 00-503 Warsaw, KRS 0001128460. Contact: **contact@cueball.network**.
3. The rules for processing personal data, including data collected via cookies, are additionally set out in the **Privacy Policy**.

§ 2. What cookies and similar technologies are

1. Cookies are small text files saved on the User's device while using the Service. They may be read on subsequent visits.
2. The Service also uses technologies with similar functionality (**local storage**, **session storage**), to which this Policy applies accordingly. For example, diagnostic session recording (Sentry Session Replay) uses *session storage*, not cookies.
3. Cookies may originate from the Administrator (**first-party cookies**, set server-side) or from third parties (**third-party cookies**), e.g. an analytics provider or embedded content.

§ 3. Legal basis

1. Storing and accessing information on the end device is based on the User's consent, in accordance with the electronic communications regulations, except for technologies **necessary** to provide the service requested by the User.
2. To the extent that cookies involve the processing of personal data, the basis is consent (Article 6(1)(a) GDPR) or the Administrator's legitimate interest with respect to necessary and functional technologies (Article 6(1)(f) GDPR).

§ 4. Categories of technologies used

The Service uses three categories:

1. **Necessary** – required for the operation and security of the Service (login and session maintenance, protection against abuse, the authentication flow, remembering the cookie choice). They do not require consent.
2. **Functional / preferences** – remember the User's choices that improve the use of the Service (e.g. interface language). They are not used for tracking and do not require analytics consent.
3. **Analytics and diagnostics** – require consent, are disabled by default and activated only after consent is given. They include: a) statistics and analysis of Service use based on **Google Analytics 4**, loaded via **Google Tag Manager** (scripts are loaded only after consent is given); b) **session recording (Sentry Session Replay)** for diagnostic purposes – with content masking (data minimization), using *session storage*; it is not necessary to provide the Service, therefore it requires consent.

Error monitoring (Sentry) operates independently of consent to ensure the stability and security of the Service (legitimate interest) and **does not save cookies or data on the device**. For traffic statistics the Administrator also uses **Vercel Analytics**, which operates **without cookies** and does not store information on the device. The Administrator **does not use its own marketing or advertising cookies** (remarketing, advertising pixels).

Detailed list of cookies and similar technologies

Name	Category	Provider	Purpose	Retention
`authjs.session-token` (`__Secure-…` over HTTPS)	Necessary	Administrator	maintaining login after sign-in (OAuth or a one-time link from an email)	up to approx. 30 days
`authjs.csrf-token` (`__Host-…`)	Necessary	Administrator	protection against abuse (CSRF token for authentication operations)	session
`authjs.callback-url` (`__Secure-…`)	Necessary	Administrator	remembering the return address after sign-in	session
`authjs.pkce.code_verifier` / `authjs.state` / `authjs.nonce` (`__Secure-…`)	Necessary	Administrator	securing the OAuth/OIDC sign-in flow (one-time, for the duration of sign-in)	up to approx. 15 min
`cookie-consent`	Necessary	Administrator	remembering the cookie-consent choice (also read on the browser side)	up to approx. 180 days
`language`	Functional / preferences	Administrator	remembering the selected interface language	session

`blog_viewed`	Functional / preferences	Administrator	limiting repeated counting of blog post views in a given browser (without identifying the person)	up to 12 hours
`_ga`, `_ga_<identifier>` (possibly `_gid`, `_gat`)	Analytics and diagnostics	Google	distinguishing users and maintaining session state for statistics	up to 2 years
Session recording (Session Replay)	Analytics and diagnostics	Sentry	associating the session recording for diagnostics (*session storage* mechanism, not a cookie)	duration of the browser session

Names and retention times may change on the provider's side; the current list is presented in the consent-management tool in the Service. Google Tag Manager does not itself save cookies – it serves only to manage the loading of tags (see § 6).

§ 5. Managing consent

1. On the first visit to the Service, a banner is displayed allowing the User to **give or refuse** consent to technologies other than necessary ones, with two equivalent options: **"Accept"** and **"Only necessary"**. Until consent is given, analytics scripts (GA/GTM) and session recording are not activated.
2. Consent is voluntary and can be changed or withdrawn at any time via the "Cookie settings" option in the Service and at the browser level.
3. Withdrawing consent does not affect the lawfulness of processing carried out before its withdrawal.
4. Restricting the use of cookies may affect some functionalities of the Service.
5. **Presentation views.** Some views of the Service are intended solely for displaying content on a screen (e.g. the screen presenting the course of a tournament, made available at a separate address and displayed at a venue). In these views **no technologies requiring consent are activated** — in particular no analytics scripts (GA/GTM) and no diagnostic session recording — and therefore no consent banner is displayed there; only technologies necessary to display the content are used. This also applies to the Controller's informational and promotional content presented in such views, which does not involve profiling or the use of marketing or advertising cookies.
6. **Other pages available without logging in.** The exception referred to in paragraph 5 applies **only** to presentation views. On the remaining pages of the Service available without logging in — including the home page, the blog, the Places database, public Tournament pages and **public User profiles** — the consent banner is displayed under the rules set out in paragraph 1, and technologies requiring consent are not activated until consent has been given.

§ 6. Third-party cookies, embedded content and data transfers

1. **Analytics and diagnostics.** Analytics and diagnostic cookies are handled by third parties: **Google** (Google Analytics, Google Tag Manager) and **Sentry** (session recording – Session Replay). The rules for processing data by these providers are set out in their documents.
2. **Payments (Stripe).** Payment for the Premium Plan takes place via a redirect to a payment page hosted by **Stripe**. Stripe may save its own cookies (e.g. `__stripe_mid`, `__stripe_sid`) **on its own domain** (checkout.stripe.com) — these are not the Service's cookies.
3. **Embedded Google map (Place page).** A Google map (Google Maps Embed) may be embedded on Place pages. Displaying the map may cause Google to save cookies **on the google.com domain** (e.g. `NID`, `CONSENT`) under the rules set by Google; these are not the Service's cookies.
4. **Sign-in (OAuth).** Signing in via Google or Facebook involves those providers saving cookies **on their domains** during authentication.
5. **Transfers outside the EEA.** In connection with the use of Google and Sentry services, data may be transferred outside the European Economic Area; transfers take place on the basis of the safeguards referred to in Chapter V of the GDPR (including standard contractual clauses or the EU–U.S. Data Privacy Framework). More information is in the Privacy Policy.

§ 7. Changes to the Cookie Policy

The Administrator may update this Policy. The current version, together with the effective date, is published in the Service.