



The Governing Body of Amateur Pool
Everyone Can Play, Anyone Can Win!

8 Ball and 9 Ball

5 to 8 Person Teams, Doubles, 3 Person Teams, Singles
Please Save this Booklet it contains Playoff Information, Local Bylaws, and
General Information.

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We are the World's Largest Pool League with the most Guaranteed Prize Money.

APA Pool Leagues now have over \$1,000,000 (1 Million!) in National Prizes, this doesn't include our Local Prize Money of over \$150,000 in cash, trophies and prizes.

We have one of the lowest rates of all APA Pool Leagues in the Country. It is actually lower than that recommended by the APA. Most leagues have fees higher than \$35 and don't offer the prize money and travel benefits we do.

The APA offers more:

- Double Jeopardy Leagues (Both 8 and 9 Ball)
- 8 Ball and 9 Ball National Singles Tournaments with travel assistance
- National Doubles Tournaments
- National Masters Divisions (No Skill Level, 3 Person)
- Plaque for Placing 1st in your Division (Even if you don't win playoffs)
- US Amateurs Tournament with discounted Entry Fees for APA Members

Members:

- March Madness Tournament
- Discounts on Local and National companies
- Captains Appreciation Tournament
- Northeast Challenge
- Jack and Jill Tournament / Local and National Las Vegas

Local Bylaws

1. Please make all checks payable to the APA pool league there is a \$20.00 charge for all returned checks, plus the team will be a "rule 16" team until fees are paid.
2. The full team fee is due for all scheduled matches regardless of forfeits including playoffs. There is no charge for byes.
3. There will be a \$5.00 fine for score sheets and/or fees received more than 7 business days late.
4. Any team that falls behind in sending in score sheets, players fees, membership fees, etc., for whatever reason will be classified as a "Rule 16 team". Any team classified as "Rule 16" will be required to pay their opponent in cash whatever money is due before the match begins. Matches played against "Rule 16" teams will be sent in by their opponent and must include both teams fees or the matches will be considered not played. **Note: any team with two "Rule 16's" in a session can be penalized by loss of points, suspension and subject to a captain change.**
5. A maximum of 3 points free points will be awarded in any given week when byes or forfeits are involved. 9 ball, maximum of 60 for byes, and 15 for individual forfeit matches (20 points in playoffs), (45 points max.).
6. No player is allowed to play without being a paid APA member. (\$20.00 **going to \$25 in 2009**) Membership Fee is sent to the National Office. New Player's Membership Fee must be included with the Score sheet if no Membership Application is available please write send Name, Full Address, Date of Birth and Phone number with \$20 (**\$25 in 2009**) membership fee.
7. Teams must play and be current with all dues for at least 4 weeks to start a session in order to be considered an official team. Teams that play other teams that drop out in the first 4 weeks will only receive 3 points for that match even if they won more.

Ghost Rule:

1. You may allow a player to play twice in a match to avoid forfeits. This rule may only be used 4 times each session by any one team. Obviously, only the league office can verify this. We will monitor all score sheets to assure all teams comply.
2. Teams must notify their opponents **before** the match begins that they will have less than 5 players. The opposing team may choose any player who is available to play that night, 2's 3's or 4's only, (1's in 9 Ball). Once that player is chosen, he/she cannot leave or will forfeit the match. Repeating players may play only the last match or matches.
3. If a player becomes available unexpectedly, he/she must play before allowing a player to play twice.
4. If a match has begun using a player that has already played, that match must be completed and will count even if a player shows up while it's being played.
5. You may not exceed the "23 rule" under any circumstances. In other words, if you have at least 5 people present but the 5th player puts you over the 23 rule; you cannot play a player twice to meet the 23 rule.

Playoff Structure

The following is the Official Playoff Policy of the APA Pool League.

When 8 or more teams are involved in playoffs: Top 4 in first chance playoffs where 4th plays at 1st and 3rd plays at 2nd. NOTE: It is possible for an eight team division to have only 7 teams eligible at playoff time due to penalties.

When 7 teams are in playoffs: Top 4 are in first chance playoffs. 4th plays at 1st and 3rd plays at 2nd. 7th plays at 6th and 5th gets a first round bye in the second chance playoff.

When 6 teams are in playoffs: Top 4 in first chance playoffs. 4th plays at 1st and 3rd plays at 2nd. 6th plays 5th for second chance championship.

When 5 teams are in playoffs: Top 3 teams are in first chance playoffs. 1st place receives a first round bye. 3rd plays at 2nd. 5th plays 4th for second chance championship.

When 4 teams are in playoffs: 4th plays at 1st, 3rd plays at 2nd. Winners play for first chance championship and losers play for second chance championship.

NOTE: Prize money is based on Divisions with 6 or more teams.

PENALTIES

We have had serious problems receiving final week and playoff score sheets on time due to late mailing by team captain. Needless to say, these are the most important sheets of the session. You risk missing your true playoff spot if score sheets are not sent on time during this critical period!!!!

*NOTE: Playoff structure may change at anytime due to team disqualifications or penalties.

Trophy policy for six or more teams: first place team trophy and eight first place individual awards. Second place: team trophy. First place team plaque for finishing first in regular session.

The winning team in all playoff matches is responsible for sending in both teams score sheets and full team fees. Note: each team collects their own team fees and gives it to the winner to send in.

PRIZE MONEY AND TEAM FEES

The large amount of prize money, (over \$150,000.00 in cash and prizes locally) is based upon **\$35.00 (Effective with Fall Session 2008)** per team, this is a team fee and is due even if forfeits are involved. It is strongly suggested that teams collect a slush fund of some kind to use when forfeits are involved. Teams can be disqualified for failure to pay the full team fee on time.

A WORD ABOUT SCORESHEETS, BOTH 8-BALL AND 9-BALL

Score sheets must be filled out completely and correctly. Always include the correct player numbers, innings, safeties, wins and losses and final score box. We cannot send correct information with incorrect score sheets. You could be risking skill level mistakes if your score sheets are filled out incorrectly or not completely. Also, we process the first score sheets we receive, if yours is late we use your opponents score sheet and information. Please send score sheets in on time, completely and correctly filled out.

SCHEDULES

We reserve the right to change the schedule at any time, due to the situations beyond our control, such as teams being dropped. Makeup matches are mandatory, refusal to make up matches will result in zero points. Always go by your score sheet for your play the schedule does change with adds and drops.

HANDICAPS

Handicap reviews must be done in writing only, no phone calls concerning handicaps. Handicaps reviews will first be done in our office, then forwarded to the Handicap Review Board for final review. Handicap complaints will be forwarded to the Handicap Review Board for recommendation. Forms are available for reviews.

NOTICE!

All **new** players must have played at least 10 times before they will be eligible for higher level tournament play, (Qualifiers Cups and State Cup) 4 times for local playoffs.

