

BY-LAWS TREASURE COAST POOL LEAGUES

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These local bylaws are a secondary source of information created in accordance with, and in addition to, the team manual for the APA 8-Ball & 9-Ball Leagues. This document is subject to change.

TEAM CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

The home team captain will be provided an envelope each week to their host location with the evenings score-sheets (ask at the bar if the sheets are not on hand). The captain's duties include:

- Giving the other team their score sheet (hold return envelope for later).
- Be responsible for scoring the evenings matches (or assign scorekeepers).
- Informing **his/her players of any league correspondence (upcoming tournaments, events, etc.) included with score sheets**
- Review all paperwork for correctness
- **Collecting the weekly League fees from team members & other team captain. The designated weekly fee for your division is due regardless of how many players paid or how many players played. It is the Team Captain's responsibility to collect this money. Any team that allows a player to play without paying their weekly fees (ENTIRELY) or membership fees WILL NOT receive points for that player or bonus points. No player can play on any night if they owe money!**
- Use the return envelope and provide to the League Operator or his representative:
 1. Both teams' score sheets.
 2. The \$80 weekly fees/ or amount designated for each Division.
 3. Any membership applications and membership money. **ANY TEAM THAT ALLOWS A PLAYER TO PLAY WITHOUT PAYING HIS/HER MEMBERSHIP WILL RECEIVE ZERO POINTS FOR THE WEEK OR WEEKS INVOLVED. NEW PLAYERS MUST PAY THEIR MEMBERSHIP FEES BEFORE THEY PLAY. See rule 14 and 15, Page 28 & 29 in the rule book** Membership dues in the APA are \$25 per year and are due and payable January 1st. Pay host location its green fees, if any.
 4. **Drop Off Locations** Beginning in the Spring Session, it is **MANDATORY** that score sheets and weekly fees be dropped off at the following locations **NO LATER THAN 6:00 PM** the day after play. If they are not dropped off by the designated time, no bonus points will be awarded.

Drop Off Locations

St. Lucie Grill
Cruiser's

Okeechobee – Good Spirits, the night of play only. All others must be dropped off at Joey's Pizza

The Fees Section of the score sheet located at the bottom of the left of the score sheets must be filled out each league night. The envelope **must be post-marked the following day if on mail system.** In the case of score sheets being lost or not delivered in time to the host location, use blank score sheets, provided to you in captain's packets or create your own score sheets using full-sized pieces of paper (no napkins please). Mail to David LaBonte League Operator, 718 Concha Dr. Fl, 32958

BONUS POINTS – Two Bonus Points in 8-Ball (Twenty Bonus Points in 9-Ball) will be awarded to your team each week provided the score sheets are correctly filled out (including the question of the week, if any), weekly fees and any past due amounts are paid and score sheets are mailed (if you are on the mail system) or dropped off at the designated drop off locations on time. **NO POINTS MAY BE AWARDED TO TEAMS THAT ARE NOT CURRENT WITH SCORE SHEETS OR MONEY. IF ANY PAST DUE MONEYS APPEAR ON YOUR SCORE SHEET AND IS NOT PAID THAT WEEK, NO BONUS POINTS.** Scheduled byes will receive bye points and **NO** bonus points. **FORFEITING 10 BONUS POINTS IN 8-BALL OR 100 IN 9-BALL PER SESSION WILL DISQUALIFY YOUR TEAM FROM PLAY-OFFS.**

FORFEITS – Matches are considered forfeits if any team drops out after the 4th week of play. As stated in the Team Manual, the team captain must be responsible for all forfeits. **The fee is \$40 for each team or amount designated for that Division, regardless of how many matches are played.** Any uncollected money, for any reason, is the Team Captain's responsibility that night. Forfeits no longer count as a match played. Intentional

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forfeits will not be tolerated. If you deliberately forfeit, you will lose your eligibility to any Play-offs, payouts or awards.

BYES – As stated in the Team Manual: pages Rule 3, 19-20: each team that receives a scheduled Bye will receive 3 points in 8-Ball and 60 points in 9-Ball. There are **no weekly fees due for byes**.

LEAGUE TIME – League time is 7:30 PM some divisions begin at earlier times. There is a 15 minute grace period before the first match must be started. If the opposing team does not have a least one player present, the other team has the option of claiming **5 POINTS (3 PLUS 2 BONUS)**. You may begin play with only one player present, however, play must be continuous after the the first match is played. Occasionally teams misread or misunderstand the schedules. **You join to play pool, not receive forfeits. Good sportsmanship is always expected. Please be on time!**

SPLITTING MATCHES – If the fourth match is not started by Official League time plus two and one half hours, then the matches will be split, provided a table is available at the host location. This is easy to avoid if you don't take needless delays at the table.

PLAYING A PLAYER TWICE – **You may not play a player twice in the last two weeks of play or in the playoffs.** The league will allow players to play twice in one night **ONLY 5 times** per session as long as they stay within the 23 Rule. You must notify the opposing team captain that you intend to play a player twice as soon as possible. You must always play all players present first before you play again, as long as it doesn't put you over the 23 rule. **YOU CAN ONLY PLAY A PLAYER EQUIVALENT TO OR LESS THAN THE HANDICAP RANKING OF THE PLAYER(S) THAT IS MISSING.**

RULE REVISIONS

1. **Rule 5 Page 84 of the Team Manual** – Once team gains eligibility to a higher level tournament play, the team and all players must remain active continually through all sessions and higher level play. If a team qualifies during the summer Tri-Cup, this team and all players must remain active in the Fall and Spring sessions to retain eligibility for the Regional Championship. Any team and all players that gains eligibility into the Regional Championships must remain continuously active during the Summer Session. If a team and all players gains eligibility to the National Championship in Las Vegas, this team and all players must also remain continuously active during the next Summer session.
2. **Rule 11a Page 25 of the Team Manual (Coaching)** – Any member of the team can be a coach. The coach does not have to be designated until a time-out is called. A different coach can be designated for each time-out.
3. **Rule 12 Page 26 of the Team Manual (Adding New Players)** – New players may be added anytime during the first **four** weeks of the session. For an added player to participate in a League match the opposing team captain must be notified of adding or dropping of that player prior to the match. This is both team captains' responsibility prior to the beginning of the match.
4. **Rule 13 Page 27 of the Team Manual (Adding Players)** – No player may join a team after the fourth week **WITHOUT PRIOR LEAGUE OPERATOR APPROVAL!** We are always happy to work with you to help you fill a team. You must, however, work with us after the fourth week in order to add players. **EXCEPTION Regional qualified teams MAY NOT, during the Spring Session, drop players from their roster after the fourth week of play. Eligible Team's Rosters are locked and may not be altered unless the team elects to give up their eligibility.**
5. **Rule 31 page 39** – For a player to participate in the Division Playoffs, he must have played at least four times with that team during that session. **(AFTER COMPLETION OF MINIMUM REQUIRED MATCHES FOR NEW PLAYER TOTAL 10 SCORE BEFORE REGIONAL LTC.)**

RULE CLARIFICATION AND BYLAW ADDENDUM'S

1. Any team qualified for the Regional Championships **must finish in the top half of their division** (based on points earned) each session after they qualify. Qualified teams that finish the session in the bottom half of their division may be subject to the loss of their qualification to the Regional. Loss of qualification can be appealed in writing to the League Operator along with a \$30 appeal fee. Appeals that are upheld will have the appeal fee returned to the team.

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2. Any team that forfeits more than nine matches during a session may be subject to being dropped from the schedule and forfeiting eligibility to the wild card draw, Single's, All-Star Cup, Division Cup, Tri-Cup Qualifier and the Regional Championship Cup. There are a total of 5 matches per night.
3. Any team that withdraws from a division prior to the last night of play forfeits eligibility to the Single's Division Play-off, Tri-Cup and the Regional Championship and any prizes and money awards.
4. Any teams and/or players owing money at the end of the session will not be allowed to participate in the wild card draw or any of the following tournaments: Single All-Star, Play-Offs, Tri-Cup or the Regional Championship.
5. Five points will be deducted and a \$10 fine applied to teams whose score sheets appear to be altered.
6. Table size, choice of cue ball and table selection is the home team's choice. **3 1/2 X 7 and 4 X 8 tables only. 9 ft. tables are for 9 ft Leagues only.**
7. No trophies will be awarded for divisions finishing with four teams or less, or to players ineligible to play in the playoffs.
8. A \$25 per person per team reprocessing penalty (in addition to the pro-rated past due amount, if any- see page 24 rule 6) may be assessed for quitting mid-session when a player tries to rejoin the league.
9. If a team quits in the first four weeks of a session, the League Operator will try to find a replacement team and a rematch will be scheduled between the teams that would have played the team that dropped out.
10. If both Team Captains agree, a team match may be rescheduled for a different night (forfeit rule not in effect). **The League Operator must be notified and give permission.** It is the Team Captains' responsibility to schedule the match. This match must be made up no later than 2 weeks after the original scheduled date or in advance of the scheduled date. No team will be allowed to makeup the matches of the last 2 weeks of a session. If the match is not rescheduled with the criteria mentioned, there will not be any points given to either team. If it is a replacement team, they will have 2 weeks from the time they start.
11. If neither team has a player present for a match, neither team will receive any points.
12. **WITHIN THE FIRST 4 WEEKS.** Because new players do not have a skill level established, a standard starting method has been devised for new players. **Open division 8-Ball** – Men begin at skill level 4; Ladies begin at skill level 3; **9-Ball Division** – Men begin at skill level 4' Ladies begin at skill level 2. Established 8-Ball players start with current 8-Ball rating in 9-Ball. **AFTER THE FIRST 4 WEEKS AND ONLY WITH THE LEAGUE OPERATOR'S APPROVAL, YOU WILL ADD ONE SKILL LEVEL (Open 4=5, 3=4 9-Ball 4=5, 2=3).**
13. Time outs per Game – Players with a skill level 4 and higher receive 1 time out per game. Players with a skill level of 3 and under **AND ALL NON RATED PLAYERS** receive 2 per game. Time outs must be recorded on score sheet (see score sheet example).
14. 9-Ball – If a player does not reach the minimum ball count for his handicap, then 20 points will be awarded to the winning player. In example, Bob is a 5 and only pocketed 3 balls during his match. Because the minimum points are 7 for a 5 handicap, then the match points earned would be 20 to Bob's opponent.
15. If you wish to discuss handicaps, please call the League Office or write your complaints or comments down on the Request for Handicap Review form and forward it to the League Office.

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16. Both team captains should ask if there are any changes on the roster before league play begins. **This is both team captains' responsibility.**
17. Team points must be current and updated in the last 2 weeks of session to be eligible for the wild card draw for the playoffs. All missing paperwork (score sheets or make up matches) must be sent to the league office prior to the last 2 weeks of play.
18. a. **Weekly League Fee Breakdown** – League fees are \$40.00 per team per week for both 8-Ball and 9-Ball teams. (See pages 11-13 of the Team Manual). The breakdown of the fees are as follows:
 - \$40.00 Basic Weekly Fee
 - Prize Fund, Combination of the following: cash, trophies, Las Vegas Travel Package, shirts & patches. Bracket Boards for Singles Program
 - Some Formats have a different fee structure. Doubles, Ladies, Masters, etc. \$? (depending on format) Pay Back Fund, for pay back division only, this money is 100% paid within that division only after basic week fee and royalties are paid.

ANY TEAM OR PLAYER NOT FINISHING THE SESSION WILL FORFEIT ANY CLAIM TO PRIZE FUND OR PAY BACK FUND.

- b. **A Team Deposit of \$80.00 (? division with pay back)** is required at the start of the session for all regular 5-person teams. Other formats such as 3-person teams and Doubles Teams will be required to prepay their last 2 weeks of regular team fees). This deposit will be applied to your last 2 weeks of regular session play prior to playoffs or rolled over to the next session. **If the team does not complete the session, they forfeit the deposit. This money collected will be added to tournaments throughout the session.**

PLAYOFFS AND OTHER TOURNAMENTS

How the Wild Card Team is Selected for the Division Cup Playoffs – The wild card teams will be drawn by the Division Representative (DR) at the selected host location. Teams vying for the wild card slot are encouraged to go to the location of the draw. This information will be provided to team captains during the last week of regular session play. The League Operator will contact the DR prior to the wild card draw and inform him/her of the eligible teams.

Treasure Coast Pool League is divided into Divisions by area. A group of 4 to 16 teams in an area compete for approximately 14-16 week sessions. At the end of the session, the team that had the most victories during the session (The Session High Point Team) receives Individual and Host Location Trophies, is invited to attend the Tri-Cup Tournament and receives \$100 spending money at the Tri-Cup Tournament.

At the first round of the Division Playoffs, any Division with 1-4 teams will play as follows: 2nd Place team plays the Wild Card team. The winner of the Play-off moves on to the Tri-Cup.

Divisions with 5-7 teams play as follows: 2nd place receives a Bye, 3rd plays the Wild Card. The winner of this match then plays 2nd place. The winner of the Play-off moves on to the Tri Cup.

Division with 8-13 teams will have 2 Wild Cards and plays as follows: 2nd plays first W/C, 3rd plays the 2nd W/C. The winners play for the berth to go to the Tri Cup.

Division with 14-16 teams will get 3 Wild Cards and play as follows: 2nd & 3rd will receive a Bye. 4th place will play 1st W/C, 2nd W/C will play 3rd W/C. The winners of these matches will play 2nd & 3rd place. The winners will receive a berth to the Tri Cup.

This format will determine the Division Playoff Winners. The Division Playoff Winners receive a Host Location Trophy, is invited to attend the Tri-Cup Tournament and receives \$50 spending money at the Tri-Cup. To receive this spending money, your team must register and attend the Tri-Cup.

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The Tri-Cup is a weekend modified single elimination team tournament. Payouts at the Tri-Cup will be based on participation in the League. There are 3 sessions a year and you may play in any or all of them. In reality, the more teams participating in the league, the more money will be paid out. Payouts will be announced at each Tri-Cup. The top 6 finishers in 8-Ball and the top 4 in 9-Ball in each of three Tri-Cups qualify for the Regional Tournament held each June. All Tri-Cups will be governed by APA's Local Team Championship Tournament Rules.

At the Regional Tournament (a weekend modified single elimination team tournament), the two 8-Ball Teams finishing on top of the winners bracket receive \$4000. \$1000 paid at the finish of the Tournament and \$3000 paid upon arrival in Las Vegas. In 9-Ball, the winner of the tournament will be paid \$4000. \$1000 paid at the tournament and \$3000 paid upon arrival in Las Vegas. All three teams are invited to attend the National Team Tournament in Las Vegas at the Riviera Hotel and Casino in August, where over \$600,000 in prize money is paid out.

Single's All-Star Cup- This is a single's tournament for all APA Players. This is a one day event (total of two days if you play in both tournaments) for each format (8-Ball and 9-Ball). There is a \$15 registration fee for each participant per tournament. In order for a player to participate in this tournament, players must have a least 10 scores and be current and active members. If the player has less than 10 scores, they can play at the highest skill level for the format being played. There will be no score keeping. Payouts will depend on number of players participating.

SPORTSMANSHIP – Good sportsmanship is essential in pocket billiards as in any sport. Repeated complaints against you can lead to cancellation of your membership in the APA. In addition, if you disrupt the League by consistently arguing and disagreeing with League rules, rulings and policies, you may face loss of membership. Each incident will be handled on an individual basis.

Masters Division At the request of many players who shoot in this division. They would like to make this division more competitive and see it grow. As of October 21st 2009 the start of the session all players who want to shoot in this format called the **Masters** must be playing 8-Ball or 9-Ball in regular league play. This would make weaker or stronger fives or sixes move up or down to their actual skill level set up through the Equalizer Handicap System.
(No exceptions).

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