



American Poolplayers Local Bylaws

effective Summer Session 2011

THE RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE TEAM MANUAL ARE IN EFFECT UNLESS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THESE BYLAWS.

These are the bylaws for the divisions run by Rob and Mary.

These bylaws and approved by the American Poolplayers Association.

TEAM DUES: Nightly dues are \$35. Shortages of dues may penalize teams from the playoffs. **FORFEITS MUST BE PAID.** The bonus point system is in effect. Each team that pays their full dues and turns in the envelope/s correctly will receive one bonus point for that week. Bonus points are not returned after the late payment is paid. Checks are recommended for all league fees, but NSF checks will carry a bank penalty. Money that is missing or stolen must be replaced by the team, so please use checks.

Make checks payable to: **AMERICAN POOLPLAYERS or APA**

RULE BOOK EXCEPTIONS:

A) The cue stick may NOT be used to maneuver the cue ball when in "ball in hand".

B) When there's a BYE because of a team dropping out, each team will receive equal points for the half of the session that the team dropped out in only. If the session is not a complete double round robin, then the teams that receive the second BYE will receive 4 points (8ball). All other BYES are zero points.

C) 1st and 2nd place teams have home advantage in the playoffs and finals. The higher finishing team gets home advantage in all matches. If the table is not legal, home team has pick of location.

D) A coach may not get a team consensus from the team during the time out period. The coach calling too many time outs, is a foul. (Not the player). The 'Time Out Period' of one minute, starts when 'time out' is called and ends when the coach leaves the table. Penalties may be assessed for constant slow play and time outs.

E) No wildcard in main playoff (8Ball). Top teams playoff. See **Playoffs** for more details.

F) Any team that forfeits two full weeks, will be dropped, and points distributed equally.

G) Top Gun and Top Gal AWARD. The highest performing player\ s will receive the Top Gun award\ s. Runner up to a previous Top Gun winner within the current league year, would also win. In the case of unequal byes, the player with the bye will receive their average points won minus 1 pt. In the case of a tie, both players win. If more than two players tie, the two with the best winning percentage, would win. Top Gal: The top female player in the top 10 of the list will receive an award. If no one is top 10, then the top female in the top 20 will be recognized, but no award given. In the case of a tie, winning percentage would be the tiebreaker. All Top Guns and Top Gals are invited to the Annual Top Gun\Gal tournament held in June, provided they're on an active roster at that time.

H) The coaster must be on or within the first diamond of the designated pocket.

I) All players, regardless of handicap, get ONE TIME OUT (coaching).

J) Men can only play as a 2 handicap after they have a handicap based on 20 matches, but must play as a 3 in all post season play and tournaments.

K) If a player breaks their cue stick in anger (not to be confused with breaking down their stick), he could forfeit the match and/or the entire night's points.

L) We restrict play to adults, 21 years of age, or older.

M) 8Ball: An Extra bonus point is awarded to the team that wins 3 or more points. In the case of a full forfeit, teams will receive 6 points. 9Ball teams will receive 65 points for a full forfeit.

MASSE'S AND JUMP SHOTS are only legal if the house rules allow them. Check with the bar owner or bartender. No restrictions by handicaps.

PLAYOFFS & FINALS: All tables are acceptable for league night play. But, for playoffs and finals, tables must be a 7 or 8 foot tables. (Unless entire division plays on 9 foot tables). A legal playoff table, has no hindrances around the table, i.e.; poles, short walls or other obstructions that interfere with the shooter. The legality of the table must be protested prior to the night of play. The home team has choice of table within their division area. Trophies are awarded to players listed on the Top Point, 1st and 2nd place teams' playoff roster, where applicable.

Handicaps: It is the player's responsibility to notify League Management, if they're playing in another APA league, and when they're a higher handicap. Failure to do so, could result in lost points or other penalties. Entering post season play at a lower handicap could disqualify you, or your team from participation.

OPEN DIVISIONS: Playoff of the top 4 teams, 1st vs. 4th and 2nd vs. 3rd. (unless announced otherwise). Secondary playoffs *: In divisions of 6 teams: 5th vs. 6th; with 8 teams, 5th vs. 8th and 6th vs. 7th; with more than 8 teams, 5th vs. wildcard and 6th vs. 7th. When there is a tie for the last playoff position, the loser of the tie replaces the wildcard team. Only teams ineligible for the Citywide are eligible for secondary play. The winner of the secondary playoff will advance to the Secondary Tournament at the end of the session. Teams with more than 6 forfeits, shortages or sportsmanship violations, will not be allowed to participate. Any team that forfeits any points the last night of play could be ineligible for playoffs or wildcard draw.

9BALL PLAYOFFS: 1st vs. wildcard and 2nd vs. 3rd. If there's a tie for the last playoff position, then the loser of the tiebreaker would replace the wildcard. Any team that forfeits any points the last night of play could be ineligible for the wildcard draw. Citywide teams are not eligible for wildcard.

SECONDARY TOURNAMENT: * This tournament is single elimination, race to one game. Rule 23 in effect. Two teams per session will advance into the Challenge of Champions Tournament. League Management reserves the right to determine eligibility for the Secondary format and to deny participation.

CHALLENGE OF CHAMPIONS: All division champion teams and Top Point teams (where applicable) advance to the end of the session Challenge of Champions Tournament. All qualified teams receive cash prizes, from the Players Fund. Occasionally, league management may advance more than one team from a division. Once qualified, teams must remain active through the spring session. Check team manual for list of APA requirements. League operator reserves the right to advance teams directly to Citywide, if bracketing is not a favorable option.

CITYWIDE TOURNAMENTS: The Annual Citywide Tournament is a modified double elimination tournament with the qualified teams advancing to Las Vegas with travel and lodging paid from the Players Travel Fund. Teams can be bracketed by area. A further appeal process is available through the APA, in the case of disqualification, as the APA is the highest authority.

COACHING: Coaches may not mark the table in any way. Once the coach leaves the table, coaching has been completed. (See 2D) The coach calling for a time out, counts as a coaching, whether the coaching occurs or not. All coaching fouls are 'ball in hand' fouls. Coaching is described as telling a player what and/or how to play.

START TIME: If at least one player is present at 7:00, play begins. Forfeit #1 is at 7:16 pm if no player is present. Forfeit #2 is at 7:30 if no one is available to play. Forfeit #3 at 7:45, and at 8:00, all 5 points are forfeited. Remember, you joined to play pool, not to collect forfeits. Full dues are still due to receive the forfeit points and bonus point. In the case of **inclement weather**, the league office will not allow any forfeits. Make up matches will be allowed when approved by the League Office. **NOTE:** All points must be claimed and issued no later than 2 weeks from the end of the session. NO EXCEPTIONS.

BARRED MEMBERS: Any player barred from a location will be allowed to play only with the permission of the owner or manager. League Management, through the board of governors, reserves the right to disqualify or refuse participation, to an individual or team.

LEAGUE OFFICE: The league office will close at 9pm, except the last week of play and during playoffs. Anyone calling and being abusive at any time, could lose their bonus point. The APA National office number is 636-625-8611. Website: www.Chicago-pool.com and email at Mary@Chicago-pool.com

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