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8-Ball Tri-Cups Scores Are In

The scores from last weekend's 8-Ball Tri-Cups have been input and averaged in to each participant's player record. You may find that a player's skill level has changed, even though they did not play last week.

Permanent Schedules and Captain's Lists

All divisions, except Sunday, have permanent schedules and a captain's list in their packets this week. Sunday divisions will get theirs next week. **There is one copy of the schedule specifically for the captain, which includes the phone numbers of all the captains in your division.** There is also a copy of the schedule for each member of the team, minus captain phone numbers. Please note that we have included a copy of the schedule marked specifically for your host location. Please make sure they get a copy of your schedule so they can staff properly for league night. If you need to reschedule a match, please call the opposing captain well in advance, that does not mean the night of play, so they have time to notify their teammates. Also enclosed, you will find score sheets for any make up matches that you may need to complete. Please contact the opposing captain to schedule a date and time to play your make up, then call the league office so that we can notate the make up date on our records. All make up matches must be completed by Mar 29. Completed makeup matches need to be turned in with your next regularly scheduled league match, do not hold them until the due date or you will lose your bonus points and be marked past due. Failure to complete a make up match will disqualify your team for post season play no matter what position you hold in the standings. If you are having trouble agreeing on a time to complete your make up match, notify the league office as soon as possible and we will set a date that may not be the best for either team. You must call the league office prior to starting your make up match to get the most recent skill levels. The skill levels that are on the make up sheets may not be correct. Protect yourself, schedule early and call to get the most current skill levels. Remember the office is closed on Sunday.

All "to be announced" in a schedule that have not been filled have been replaced with byes. All bye points have been awarded for weeks 1-4 and are reflected in the total team points. For 8-ball a bye is worth 11 points (8 plus 3), in 9-ball a bye is worth 90 points (60 plus 30). Master Divisions byes are worth 15 pts.

Anyone planning to go to the Chinook Winds tournament in April must **preplay** that match.. Other dates you may need to reschedule: Monday, March 17-St Patrick's Day, March 10-16-BCA Chinook and Sunday, April 20-Easter. Notify your opponent well in advance and to reschedule that match if your team has a conflict.

PLAYERS MISSING FROM YOUR ROSTER?

If you have a player missing from your roster, it is because we have not received their membership dues and/or membership application. We can no longer allow unpaid members to be on a roster. If someone has paid their dues and still has been removed, please call us immediately so that we can get this corrected.

ATTENTION: QUALIFIED TEAMS

The roster you have right now will be the one that you will take to regionals with you in June. You may make no changes to your roster for the remainder of the session. This is a national rule, not ours. Please read the Higher Level Tournament section of your official team manual starting with page 81. It is imperative that all of the requirements be met in order to participate at the regional and national level. Failure to meet these requirements may put your team at a disadvantage going into the regional tournament and may disqualify your team members from the national tournament. If you have any questions, let's get them cleared up now. 9-Ball regionals will be held June 6-8. 8-Ball regionals will be held June 13-15 and yes, we know that is Father's Day weekend. Dates for Nationals: 9-Ball Team-August 14-18 and 8-Ball Team-August 17-23. Schedule your vacation time now. We will need to know all of the players that will be attending the national tournament immediately upon qualifying.

There has been talk that some of the teams or individuals that are qualified for regionals are laying down and sand-bagging to try to keep their skill levels down. Let me caution you, that any team found to be trying to manipulate skill levels will be disqualified from advancing to regionals and nationals. If anyone on your team is considering this, there are a few things you need to know. First of all, a player will advance to regionals at their tri-cup ending skill level or the highest skill level since qualifying even if they go down during regular league play. **Second, any qualified team that finishes in the lower half of the standings this session will be under extra scrutiny when it comes time to set up the regional tournament.** **Third, any team that is not marking defensive shots, qualified or not, will have players arbitrarily raised in skill level.** We, as league operators, have the authority to raise the skill level of any player we feel is under rated. We also have the obligation to the league as a whole to make sure that the teams advancing to regionals and nationals are properly rated. Don't take the chance. Play honestly, keep score properly. The integrity of the league and the scoring system are things we take very seriously.

NON-RATED PLAYERS MUST PLAY

All non-rated players, those without a skill level, must play at least once by week 7 or they will be removed from your roster, even if you have a "bye" that week. Double jeopardy teams, the non-rated players must play at least one 8-ball match and one 9-ball match if they are on both rosters. Players that are playing their first session ever must have a skill level based on at least 10 scores this session in order to advance to the regional and/or national level. The only scores that count are Spring session play, Spring session playoffs and Spring session tri-cups. Summer session scores will not count towards the 10. Every year, we have members going into tri-cups needing 5 or 6 scores. This drastically hinders strategy and if your team does well chances are your player will not get the required number of scores in. Don't dilly dally, get the 10 scores in during regular league play. We purposely make the Spring session the longest session to allow you to get your new players qualified.

Breaking The 23 Rule is Forbidden

Breaking the 23 rule (26 for Super, No Cap for Masters) is absolutely forbidden. This is the last session to get qualified for the June regionals, don't jeopardize your chances by breaking the 23 rule and possibly losing all points won for the evening. It is up to both teams to help keep this from happening. When adding a new player, you must call the league office prior to match time to get that person's correct skill level. **Remember, the office is closed on Sunday.** Playing a player at the incorrect skill level is automatic forfeiture of that race. Please read the section of the Official Team Manual, pages 37-39 concerning the 23 rule and see that your team does not violate that rule. The 23 rule is what makes us unique from any other league and must be followed. We really hate taking points away, because teams are not paying attention.