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23 Rule Violations

We are seeing an increase in 23 rule violations. Most of these are coming from teams misusing the playback rule. In order to do a playback, you must be able to prove that had all of your players been present and all 5 races been played with 5 different players, that you could have stayed at 23 or less with the line up that you put up. For example if a team has the following skill levels on their roster 7,5,5,4,3,3. On this particular night one of the skill level 3's and the skill level 4 are not present. This team would be able to play 7,5,5,3 and then the 3 would be able to play a 2nd time so that the team does not have to forfeit a match. They can do this because they have another 3 on their roster that would have kept them at 23 or less. Example 2: The team has the following skill levels on their roster 7,7,5,5,2. The lowest 5 players on the team adds up to more than 23. They can play 4 players up to 19 and have to forfeit the 5th race. They cannot play 7,5,5,2 and then have the 2 play a 2nd time thinking they are staying under the 23 rule because they do not have another player on their roster that will keep them under the 23 rule had everyone been present. You must have the players and skill levels on your roster to support your line up. Both teams should be keeping an eye on this and try to keep the 23 rule violations from occurring.

Important Tips for the Mail-In Divisions.

1. Do not send cash through the mail.

Even the US Postal Service will tell you that you are taking a big risk sending cash through the mail. 90% of all mail is processed with high speed machinery. As with all machines, occasionally a piece of mail will get ripped open. If the cash and the envelope get separated, there is no way for the postal service to reconcile the two. You will then be stuck having to pay that money again. Send a check or money order. You can purchase a money order at Winco for 25 cents. That is a lot cheaper than having to come up with \$35 or \$70 again to pay for money lost in the mail.

2. Put your return address on the envelope

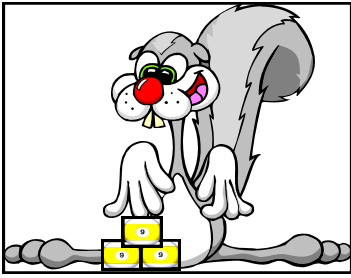
You can make up your own labels, write your address on the back of the envelope or use the free labels that you get in your junk mail. That way, if for some reason, your envelope does not get to us, it will be returned to you.

3. Thick or heavy envelopes need extra postage

We provide you with self-addressed, stamped envelopes to cover a standard letter. If you are including several membership applications, multiple Chinook entry forms or score sheets for a make up match, you may need to add additional postage. An envelope that is short postage can be delayed up to two weeks..

4. Do not mail your envelope from home or work.

Most Postal delivery personnel work from a delivery unit. In most cases, that delivery unit does not postmark the mail. The mail goes from the delivery unit to a central processing station. If your carrier's vehicle breaks down, has to deliver part of another route or gets bogged down during their route with excessive mail or packages, there is a good chance that they will not get back to their delivery unit in time for the mail to get processed that day. This means that it will sit in their station overnight and not get postmarked until the next day. Use the blue postal drop boxes or personally take to the US Post Office. Make sure that you are dropping your mail off by the pick up time. Just because you get it to the post office before they close, does not mean it will get postmarked that day. Contract stations, such as UPS stores or Postal Plus, have varying pick up times.



Chinook Winds Entry Packets
were included with the team
folders and are available on our web site at
pacificnw.apaleagues.com

Rackless Night Patches

There seems to be a lot of confusion about our new Rackless night patches. Here are the facts:

1. Rackless Night patches are awarded for 8 Ball Only.
2. You must fill out the yellow slip in order to receive the patch. Each team folder included new yellow slips that include the Rackless Night. Old forms should be disposed of.
3. Rackless means Rackless. You must win the lag, be listed first for the race on the score sheet and win all of your games without having to rack during your race. If your opponent wins a game, obviously you had to rack at least once.

The computer automatically picks up the Rackless nights based on how the match is input into the scoring system and posts it to the web. It does not alert us of the Rackless nights, so we need the yellow slip to get the patch to you. If you win the lag and are listed 2nd in the race on the score sheet, you will not get credit for a Rackless night. If a mistake is made in putting the players on the score sheet, use arrows to indicate the proper placement of the players. The winner of the lag needs to be listed first on the score sheet.

Plan Ahead For Upcoming Events

I know that for many captains this is not your strong suit, but with all of the things coming up in the next couple months, it is crucial that you start planning now. Halloween is on Wednesday, October 31. Many of our members have small children and this is a big day for them. Check with your team mates now and make sure that you will be able to field a team on that day. If not, call the opposing team **now** to make arrangements to either pre play that match or make it up by November 17. Many of you are planning on attending the Chinook Winds tournament coming up November 8-10. If your team plays on Wednesday, Thursday or Sunday you need to make arrangements **now** to either pre play that match or make it up by November 17. All divisions, except Thursday are scheduled to play Thanksgiving week which falls on week 12. If you cannot field a team for that week, you must contact the other team **now and make arrangements to pre-play that match. Thanksgiving week matches cannot be made up, they must be pre-played.** Each captain was provided a schedule that listed the team captains and their phone number back on week 5. Notify the office of any changes that you are making to your regularly scheduled matches. We can provide score sheets ahead of time for the pre-plays. If you are having trouble reaching the other captain or having trouble agreeing on a re-schedule, please contact us immediately. We will step in and try to negotiate a reasonable time and date for both teams. **Do Not Wait Until The Last Minute!** You **may** end up forfeiting your entire match and forfeiting any chance of advancing to post season play, including playoffs and/or tri-cups. You also may get stuck for both team fees. Plan ahead and make your arrangements, NOW!

2013 Calendar. We are currently working on putting the calendar of events together for 2013. We have to coordinate our schedule with the deadlines and dates that headquarters sets up. Most of those are tentative right now. I should know more and be able to get our calendar together when I return from our regional meeting next week. Please be patient. I know that many of you are getting pressured from your place of employment to get your vacation time scheduled, but I need to be more sure of the deadlines that we are under so that we don't set a calendar and then have to change it.