

OPAL: Putting The Fun Back Into Playing League

Boomer's Page





In Last Place? There is always the Wild Card!

Even if your team is currently in last place in the division, you can still make it to playoffs and possibly go on to become division champion for a chance to win a trip to play in the National Tournament in Las Vegas in August 2014. At least one wild card team is chosen from each division of five teams or more to compete in playoffs. Many of those teams end up becoming division champions and some of them have even make it to Vegas. Don't despair, there is still hope.

You Must Play All Of Your Matches

We have had several instances in the sessions past of teams wanting to forfeit entire matches. That is absolutely forbidden as stated in your by laws. Teams that forfeit entire matches are responsible for both team fees and risk losing the chance to advance to playoffs or tri-cups no matter what position they hold in the standings. Even if you only have a couple people show up for a match, play what you can and let the opposing team earn what points that they can. Forfeiting entire matches screws up the entire division and could be construed as manipulating the standings. People want to play, not receive forfeits.

PLAYOFFS AND TRI-CUPS

We are closing in on the end of the session very rapidly. Those of you that are in the top position, in divisions of 7 teams or more (except for Super & Masters divisions), will have the option to either buy-in to the tri-cup or to go through playoffs. If want to you buy-in, you must declare that fact on the play off option slip(s) that will be attached to your score sheet(s) next week and the \$100 will be deducted from your payback money at the wild card draw and you will not be eligible for trophies, but will receive high point team pins. If the first place team chooses to buy-in, then the 2nd, 3rd and 4th place teams will go through playoffs along with one wild card team. In order to be eligible for the wild card, your team must have all fees paid, must have completed all make-up matches and must have a representative present at the wild card draw. The representative must be a member of your team. Note: All electronic, Thursday and Sunday divisions will have their draws done in the office. You will be notified by either phone or email of the results. All Super, Masters and divisions of 6 teams or less will go through playoffs as described in the team manual. In order, to participate in the playoffs a player must have played at least 4 times with your team this session and cannot owe the league any money. Teams in open 8-ball or 9-ball divisions, the top 2 teams will have home table advantage. Double jeopardy divisions, playoffs will be held in a location that has enough tables for all teams in the playoffs. If a team qualifies for both 8-ball and 9-ball and happens to be playing two different teams, they cannot be in two places at once, therefore there is no guaranteed home table advantage for double jeopardy divisions. For more information about the tri-cup and playoffs, please refer to page 4 of your by-laws or talk to your division representative. All Sunday divisions, we will be doing a double header on Sunday, December 15 so every one is done by Christmas. Team fees are to be paid for playoffs. More information about playoffs and tri-cups will be in next week's Boomer's Page.

NUMBER OF TIMES YOU MUST PLAY

In order to advance to playoffs and tri-cups, you must play at least 4 times with your team this session. For double jeopardy, that means that each player has to play at least 4 times in 8 ball and 4 times in 9 ball.

\$\$\$ NEXT TO A PLAYER'S NAME

\$\$\$ next to a player's name means that player owes us money. It could be from a returned check or money owed from a previous session. That money needs to be paid or that person will not be allowed to play in playoffs or tri-cups and may not be allowed to return next session. Encourage your players to call the office to make arrangements to get this taken care of, if they have not already done so. Always check with the office before playing these players in playoffs.

Just a Few More Scotch Qualifiers Left for the Year

We have just a few more chances left to get qualified for the Scotch Doubles this year. Each player must have a skill level, in the format they wish to participate in, based on at least 20 scores and must be on an active team in that format. Entry fee is \$40 per team, plus \$6 per team table fees. Combined skill level cap of 10.

All are at

Wichita Town Pub, 6106 King Rd, Milwaukie

The remaining dates for this year are November 16 and 30, December 7 Jack and Jill 8 ball at 10 am, Open 8 ball at 1 pm, Open 9 ball at 10 am

Please call the league office by 5 pm the Friday before the qualifier you wish to participate in to pre-register 503-243-6725

SINGLES QUALIFIER

Get qualified for the 2014 Spring Regionals. This is what we have scheduled so far, there will be more coming.

ONE ENTRY FEE—PLAY TIL YOU WIN!

In order to participate must be on an active 8-ball team and have an 8-ball skill level based on a minimum of 10 scores. (Playing only in a Masters division does not make you eligible, you must be on an active Open 8 Ball Team)

Once qualified for regionals, you must remain on an active Open 8-Ball team.

Saturday, November 30 starting at 10 am

All skill levels—8-Ball Only (boards will be grouped by skill levels whenever possible)

Entry fee \$35 or 54 incentive points, plus a \$3 greens fee (good for all day)

Rodder's, 19195 S Molalla, Oregon City

Please pre-register with the league office by 5 pm by Friday, November 29 Office number 503-243-6725 or by email apaboomer@aol.com

Regionals will be held in Oregon City February 22-23, 2014