



# Boomer's Page

## Tri Cup Scores Are In

The 8 ball tri cup scores have been entered and average into each participant's permanent record. You may find that a player's skill level has changed even though they did not play last week.

## 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, returning players who have been out of the league more than 2 years or players that are playing in a format they have never played before 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 players qualified.

## 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. Please read the Higher Level Tournament section of your official team manual starting with page 85. 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 9-11. 8-Ball regionals will be held June 16-18. Dates for Nationals: 9-Ball Team-August 10-14 and 8-Ball Team-August 14-19. Schedule your vacation time now! **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. Any team that is not marking defensive shots, qualified or not, will have players arbitrarily raised in skill level.**

## 23 RULE

Breaking the 23 rule is absolutely forbidden. The skill levels of the players that play must add up to 23 or less. The 23 rule must be met even if all 5 races are not played. You cannot play 4 races to 23 and forfeit the 5th race. You must be able to prove had all 5 races been played, that you could have stayed at 23 or less with the line up that you play. For the Super divisions the cap is 26, Ladies the cap is 13. Breaking the 23 (26 rule for Super divisions, 13 for Ladies) may result in your team losing all points won for the match.

## 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.

### Permanent Schedules and Captain's Lists

All divisions, except Saturday and Sunday, have permanent schedules and a captain's list in their packets this week. Saturday and 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 25. 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, Ladies byes are worth 7 pts (4 plus 3 bonus), 8 ball doubles byes are worth 11 (8 plus 3 bonus). 9 ball doubles byes are worth 63 (60 plus 3 bonus)

**Dates you may need to reschedule: March 11-19-BCA Chinook** Notify your opponent well in advance and to reschedule that match if your team has a conflict.

### Playoff Weeks & Chinook Winds

Some of you have noticed that playoffs run into Chinook Winds week. Please note that we are aware of that. We have added an additional week in between sessions. All Monday and Tuesday divisions will play their playoff weeks as scheduled. Wednesday and Thursday divisions will skip a week then have playoffs the following two weeks. Ladies, 8 ball doubles and 9 ball doubles will be done with playoffs prior to that time. Berry Hill will have a double header on Saturday April 29. All Sunday divisions will have a double header on April 30.



**Chinook Winds Entry Packets Will Be Out Next Week!**

**Make Your Plans Now**

## ABOUT THE SINGLES PROGRAM

**This is a singles event. There are no timeouts and coaching is not allowed.**

**8-Ball-**In order to participate, you must be an active APA member, on an active 8-ball team, with an 8-ball skill level based on at least 10 league scores. The 10 league scores must have been earned in the last two years. You must play on an open 8 ball, Ladies or 8 ball doubles team to earn scores and keep your eligibility, once qualified. *Playing only on a Master's team does not count.*

**9-Ball-**In order to participate, you must be an active APA member, on an active 9-ball team, with a 9-ball skill level based on at least 10 league scores. The 10 scores must have been earned in the last two years. You must play on an open 9 ball or 9 ball doubles team to earn scores and keep your eligibility, once qualified. *Playing only on a Master's team does not count.*

**Local level-**In order to qualify for the national tournament, you must first qualify by entering into a qualifier board. There are several ways to run qualifiers. The following are the ones that we have had the most success with.

**Play Till You Win-Odds of Qualifying one in four per board. Approximately 80% of the players get qualified, Cost \$40 or 62 incentive points, plus a \$3 greens fee (Good for all day)**

4 person boards, grouped by skill level whenever possible. Single elimination, win two matches on a board and get qualified. 1 person per board advances to regionals. Play on as many boards as it takes to get qualified for one entry fee. Because of the cost of running these types of qualifiers, only one will be held for each format per qualifying season.

**Splash Boards-Odds of winning are 1 in 3.5. Double Elimination. Maximum 16 players. Cost is \$40 person or 62 incentive points, plus table fees.**

16 person board, grouped by skill level whenever possible. 5 players out of 16 qualify for regionals. This type of board pays for itself, so multiple Splash boards can be run in a qualifying period.

**Regional Level-**Once you have qualified at the local level, you are now eligible to compete at the regional level. Both 8-Ball and 9-Ball have two regional tournaments, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. In order to participate in the Fall regional, you must win a qualifier board between December 1 and June 15. In order to participate in the Spring regional, you must win a qualifier board between June 16 and November 30. As long as you are on both an 8-ball and 9-ball team, you may qualify and play in both 8-ball and 9-ball formats. Once qualified you must remain active in the format that you qualified in. The Fall regionals are generally the first weekend in October in Salem, the Spring regionals are generally the last weekend in February in Oregon City. Both the regionals and national tournaments are Modified-Single elimination. You are guaranteed to play at least twice, not necessarily lose twice. Just like we run our tri-cups.

At the regional and national level you will only play against players of similar skill levels. 8-ball is broken into 5 tiers: Skill level 7, Skill level 6, Skill level 5, Skill level 4 and Skill levels 2-3. In 9-ball there are 3 tiers: Skill levels 6-9, Skill levels 4-5 and Skill levels 1-3. At least one player from each tier will advance to the national tournament. The brackets at the regional and national levels are seeded so that you will be playing other players of like ability. If you are a low skill level 4, you will be seeded against other skill level 4's that are low in their skill level to start the tournament.

The regional winners receive a trophy/plaque and a trip to Las Vegas to compete in the national tournament around the end of April, first of May 2018. Runners-up in each tier receive a plaque.

**National level-**Players advancing to the national level receive a travel allowance for airfare, their own room at the Westgate and a special selected prize upon registration in Las Vegas. 8-ball and 9-ball tournaments are broken into the same skill level brackets as regionals, with a national winner in each tier. 8-ball tier winners receive \$15,000 in cash and prizes with at least half being paid in cash. 9-ball tier winners receive \$10,000 in cash and prizes with at least half being paid in cash. If you are eligible to qualify in both 8 & 9-ball you may compete in both events at the national level.

**Think you are not good enough to compete? Think again!**

# Play Till You Win Singles Qualifiers

## **ONE ENTRY FEE—PLAY TILL YOU WIN!**

*In order to participate must be on an active 9-ball team and have an 9-ball skill level based on a minimum of 10 scores. (10 scores must have been earned in the last 2 years) Once qualified for regionals, you must remain on an active 9-Ball team.*

**Saturday, February 11 starting at 9 am**

All skill levels—9-Ball Only (boards will be grouped by skill levels whenever possible)

**Midway Public House, 1003 7th St, Oregon City 503-656-9501**

\$40 entry fee plus \$3 greens fee

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*In order to participate, you must be on an active 8-ball team and have a 8-ball skill level based on a minimum of 10 scores. (10 scores must have been earned in the last 2 years) Once qualified for regionals, you must remain on an active 8-Ball team.*

**Saturday, March 18 starting at 9 am**

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

**Rodder's, 19195 S Molalla, Oregon City 503-650-2363**

\$40 entry fee plus \$3 per person greens fee

## **Stay all day or arrive when you can!**

For one \$40 entry fee or 62 incentive points, you can play on as many 4 person-single elimination boards as we have time to run, until you win.

Win two races on a board and you qualify for the 2017 Fall Regionals which will be held in Salem, October 7-8

**Please pre-register with the league office by no later than 5 pm on the Friday before the qualifier you wish to participate in. 503-243-6725 or [apaboomer@aol.com](mailto:apaboomer@aol.com)**

**We will draw the last boards of the day at 6 pm**

**Think You Are Not Good Enough? Think Again!**

**We are sending a record number of players to the National tournament in May 2017. Let's try to beat that for 2018**