



Boomer's Page

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New-To-The League Players

If you have players on your team that are playing APA for the first time or are playing a new format, keep in mind that they must have a skill level based on a minimum of 10 scores in order to play with your team in regionals and/or nationals. This applies to all regular 8-ball and 9-ball teams that are already qualified, as well as those who will become qualified at the tri-cups at the end of this session. The only scores that count are those played during this current session, playoffs at the end of this session and the Spring session tri-cups. The scores from next session, which starts before regionals DO NOT COUNT! Byes and Forfeits DO NOT COUNT!

Every year, we have teams going into regionals that are at a disadvantage because they did not make sure that their players played the required number of times during the session. Get the plays in for your new players early, do not wait until the last minute and risk not being able to use them for regionals.

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. Masters divisions do not have a skill level cap.

All Non-Rated Players Must play this week

All non-rated players, those that have 0 as their skill level, must play this week or they will be dropped from your roster. Double jeopardy teams, if the player is on both rosters, they must play 8 ball and 9 ball to earn a skill level. If your team is qualified for regionals and we have to drop a player, you will not be able to replace them.

Matches you may need to pre-play

If you will not be able to field a team on **Easter, March 31** or the week of **Chinook Winds, April 11-14**, you need to make arrangements **now** with your opponent to pre-play it. You will not be allowed to make it up after the fact. Talk with your team, contact the opposing team, set a date for the pre-play, then notify the league office 503-243-6725 so we can get the score sheets to you. If you are having trouble agreeing on a date or are having trouble reaching the other team, contact us asap and we will help you out. Failure to complete a match could result in your team having to pay both teams fees and getting knocked out of a chance for playoffs or tri-cups.

Singles Qualifiers

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. *Playing Masters only does not make you eligible for Singles.*

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. *Playing Masters only does not make you eligible for Singles.*

Local level-In order to qualify for the national tournament, you must first qualify by entering into a qualifier board. There are several formats that we use, and depending on your budget and how good you want the odds, will determine which format that you want to participate in. There is no cash payout at this level.

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 slated for October 5-6 in Salem.

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 regional winners receive a trophy/plaque and a trip to Las Vegas to compete in the national tournament around the end of April 2014. Runners-up in each tier receive a plaque.

National level-Players advancing to the national level receive a travel allowance for airfare, a room at the tournament location, a commemorative jacket and a minimum of \$100 cash 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 Qualifiers

Entry fee \$40, plus table fees to play on as many 4 person, single elimination boards as you need to get qualified or we run out of time.

8 Ball Saturday, March 16 Rodder's 10 am

9 Ball Saturday, March 23 KC's Midway 10 am

**Please pre-register with the league office by the Friday
before 503-243-6725**

DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR CHANCE TO BE THE NEXT NATIONAL CHAMPION!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE LEAGUE OFFICE AT (503) 243-6725.