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8 Ball Regional Scores Are In

The scores from last weekend's 8 ball regionals have been 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.

NON-RATED PLAYERS MUST PLAY BY WEEK 7

All non-rated players, those without a skill level, must play week 7 or they will be dropped from your roster. Non-rated players are those who have not played an APA match, they show up with 0 under skill level on your score sheet. Double jeopardy teams, your non-rated players must play in both 8-ball and 9-ball to get a skill level in each. If they only play in one or the other, they will be dropped from the roster in which they have not played. Please see page 31 of the official team manual.

Time Outs

This has been coming up a lot lately. If anyone (captain, coach or team mate) asks the shooter if they want or need a timeout, a timeout is charged. Asking a player if they need a timeout, can be construed as getting an extra coaching in.

If the shooter asks for a timeout, the coach does have the right to refuse and no timeout is charged. Could be that the shooter is in a position that the coach cannot help them with, thus a timeout is useless. Some players do not understand when it is best to take a timeout. The coach is usually better suited for that decision.

Who Can Rack?

Answer: Anyone on the team. There is nothing in the rule book that says only the opposing player can rack. Anyone on the team can rack. Some people have difficulty racking or bending over. It makes sense, rather than delaying the match, to have someone else rack the balls. The shooting player may inspect the rack before breaking and request a re-rack if needed.

\$\$\$ 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. In some cases, players have made arrangements with the league office to pay off this amount.

Teams That Drop Out

The Summer session is always a rough time of year for teams. We started the session with several teams that had registered, only to find that they had several of their teammates decide they did not want to play. In nearly every case we were able to save those teams. So now that the regional tournaments are over, your team doesn't make it to nationals, the weather is starting to get better, your team is at the bottom of the standings and you really just don't want to play during the Summer session. A word to the wise. **Official team manual page 27, section 6** "Because it is particularly disruptive to the League to drop out during the session, the following policy will be observed. A team that drops out during a session **will be required to pay** all past dues, the balance of all dues they would have owed had they completed the session, plus two weeks fees deposit (which will be applied to the final weeks of the session) before they would be allowed to rejoin the League. A player who is on such a team and who wishes to rejoin the League as an individual must first pay his share before being reinstated." It is not about the money, it is about making a commitment and sticking to it. Without severe penalties, we would have teams dropping out left and right, causing multiple schedule changes. Byes being given and taken away. Funds for payback, tri-cups and the teams that travel to Vegas are all affected. So dropping your team is not all about you, the entire division is affected. If your team is struggling, you need to let us know as soon as possible, we actually may be able to help. You will never know until you try.

Sunday and Monday Divisions

July 4th falls on a Friday this year. This means that for the lucky ones, they will have a 4 day weekend. Many make plans to enjoy the festivities of the day or spend time with friends and family. You need to talk with your team and see if you will be able to field a team for your regularly scheduled match. If you cannot, you will need to call the opposing team captain to get that match completed. We strongly urge you to pre-play that match, if possible. Captain phone lists were included in the week 5 packets and emails along with the permanent schedules. Take care of this right away! Do not wait until the last minute. Once you have agreed to a reschedule, you need to notify us at the office so we can mark it in the books and let the host location know that you will not be playing your match on your regular day. If you are not able to agree on a time or place to get the rescheduled match completed or you are not able to reach the captain, give us a call and we will get the two of you hooked up. Do not put this off! Take care of it now!

Makeup Matches Need To Be Completed By July 12

All makeup matches, including the reschedules for the 4th of July week, need to be completed by July 12. If you have not gotten hold of your opponent or have not agreed on a date to complete your makeup, you need to do so now. Do not wait for the last minute. Once you have agreed on a date and time, call the league office to let us know. That way if the other team doesn't show up, you are covered. Envelopes for makeup matches need to be turned in with your next scheduled league match, even if you have a bye that week, to be counted as on time. Failure to complete a makeup match may lead to your team not being eligible for the wild card or post-season play, including playoffs and tri-cups.

Have A Great Week!