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## Boomer's Page

### Regional Scores Are In

The scores from 9-Ball and 8-Ball Regionals have been averaged into the permanent player records of the participants. You may see a player's skill level has changed even though they did not play with your team last week.

### Makeup Matches Need To Be Completed By July 21

All makeup matches, including the reschedules for the 4th of July, need to be completed by July 21. 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. If the two teams are having trouble coming to an agreement, call the league office by no later than July 5th. We will set the date and the time, which may not be convenient for either team. We would rather the two teams come to an agreement on their own. 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 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.

### Number of Times You Must Play

In order to participate with your team in playoffs or tri-cups, a player must have played with your team a minimum of 4 times in the format you are advancing in. Double jeopardy teams, that means 4 times in 8-ball to go to 8-ball playoffs/tri-cups and 4 times in 9-ball to go to 9-ball playoffs/tri-cups. Forfeits and byes do not count as a match played.

### 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.

### Know Your Rule Book!

Official Team Manual Page 99. "LAG: Method used to start a match. Players simultaneously shoot a ball from behind the head string, banking it off the foot rail and back to the head of the table. Failure to strike the head rail, or striking the side rails or any pocket results in loss of the lag. The closest ball to the head rail wins. It is permissible to strike the head rail. If the lagged balls make contact with each other or both players fail to strike the foot rail, re-lag."

## The Road to Vegas! Part 1

Once you have an established skill level, 10 or more scores in a format, you are eligible to start competing for chances to make it to the national tournaments in Las Vegas. APA runs national tournaments for 8 ball and 9 ball singles, 8 ball and 9 ball teams, Scotch doubles (Jack N Jill 8 ball, Open 8 ball and 9 ball) and Masters (for the higher skilled players). Today, we will talk about how to get qualified for 8 ball and 9 ball teams.

The national 8 ball and 9 ball team championships are in Las Vegas each August. We set aside a portion of each week's team fees to assist the teams advancing with their entry fee, lodging and travel. This year we were able to award \$4000 to each team advancing. Our league year begins with Summer session and ends with the following year's Spring session. There are four stages that teams go through to advance to the national tournament: Regular league play, playoffs, tri cups and regionals. Each session, the top point winner in each division of 7 teams or more has the option to buy-in to tri-cups, skipping playoffs. The \$100 buy in is taken out of the payback fund at the end of the session. If the top team chooses to buy in to tri-cups, then we take the 2nd, 3rd and 4th place teams and one wild card team to go through playoffs. Divisions of 15 or 16 teams, get double playoffs with four teams advancing to tri cups. Divisions of 6 or less teams do not get the buy in option and must win playoffs in order to advance to tri cups. Playoffs are single elimination and the winner of playoffs advances to tri-cups for free. Trophies are awarded to the first and second place teams in divisions of 7 or more teams. Only first place trophies are awarded to the winner of playoffs in divisions of 6 or less teams. In order to participate in playoffs or tri cups, each member of the team must have played a minimum of four times with that team during regular league play. Byes and forfeits do not count as a match played.

Tri cups in each format, 8 ball and 9 ball, are held three times a year. Once after each session. Generally the tri cups are held after the next session has already started. The dates for each tri cup are set up in November and posted on our web site at [pacificnw.apaleagues.com](http://pacificnw.apaleagues.com). One weekend is reserved for 9 ball tri cups and another for 8 ball tri cups for each session. Depending on the number of divisions and teams we have for that session determines how many teams are in each tri cup. Every team that participates in tri cups receives a minimum of \$150 back, no matter how they finish in the tournament. The amount of money in the purse for each tri cup is determined by the number of teams that have participated in the previous session. \$5 per team per week is set aside for the tri cup fund. The farther a team gets in tri cups the more money they receive.

The format for tri cups is modified, single elimination, which means that each team is guaranteed to play twice, not necessarily lose twice. The top eight teams from each tri cup then advance to regionals, which are held each June. The top eight teams also receive medallions for their accomplishment. Places 5-8th receive bronze, 3rd and 4th receive silver, 2nd receives gold and the first place team receives platinum. In order to keep their eligibility for regionals, the team must continue playing through each subsequent session, as a team, through spring session. For example, a team that qualifies in the Summer session tri cups, must play together as a team through the Fall and Spring sessions with a minimum of four original players on that team. The teams may add or delete players, if they wish, up until the 4th week of Spring session, however, it is the Spring roster that will advance to the regional and national tournament. (continued next week)