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Boomer's Page



Timeouts are One Minute Only!

We are getting a lot of complaints about teams taking excessive time during timeouts. Timeouts are one minute only! The timeout begins as soon as it is called and ends when the coach leaves the playing area. So coaches, you need to stay close to the playing area or someone else needs to take over for you while you step outside, go to the bar or bathroom. The other team should not have to wait while your teammates go and hunt you down.

Missing Players?

If someone has been dropped from your roster, it is because they are new to the league and have not played a match. We can no longer allow non-rated players to be on a roster. Double jeopardy teams, if a new player has played in one format and not the other, the player will remain on the roster that they have played on, but will be dropped from the one that they have not played. Keep in mind that in order to advance to playoffs or tri-cups, each player on your team must play with your team a minimum of 4 times this session. Double jeopardy teams, that means 4 times in 8 ball to advance to 8 ball playoffs and/or tri cups, and 4 times in 9 ball to advance to 9 ball playoffs and/or tri cups.

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.

Vacation Time

July is the only month of the year that the office staff can take any vacation time. You should not see any delay in getting your weekly packets. Office hours will be 10 am to 5 pm, Monday-Saturday for the entire month. Please leave a name and phone number on the voice mail and someone will be back to you as soon as possible. If you need immediate assistance and are not able to reach your division rep or the office, you may try the cell phone 503-381-6725 or you may call John Blue up until 10 pm 503-481-0323, Monday-Friday.

Attention: All teams, except Masters

Breaking the 23 rule is absolutely forbidden!

Super Division Cap is 26

Both teams should be keeping an eye on this.

Conduct During League

We are a little more than half way through the session and I cannot believe the kind of behavior that is being reported to this office lately. Teams getting in each other's faces, having shouting matches that disturb the entire bar, name calling, verbal abuse, threats, pushing, shoving, cyber bullying, sharking and just plain old bad sportsmanship. Let me remind you that you are representing your teammates, your host location and the APA each and every match.

Official Team Manual, Page 44, Section 34 Sportsmanship "Good sportsmanship is essential in pocket billiards as in any sport. Repeated complaints against you can lead to cancellation of your membership in the APA. In addition, if you disrupt the League by consistently arguing and disagreeing with League rules, rulings and policies you may face loss of membership."

Please refer to pages 81-84 of the official team manual entitled "Conduct During League Play", which states in part "It is important that those ladies and gentlemen who cannot act like ladies and gentlemen adjust their behavior appropriately or they will be removed from the League"

Official Team Manual, page 5 "Relax, enjoy yourself and play within the Spirit of the Rules as well as the written rule. It is impossible to cover every situation 100% with rules. Common sense must prevail. Teams that try to gain advantage by creating their own interpretations are subject to sportsmanship violations. *Win at the table and not from the chair* is a generality that promotes harmony, camaraderie and good time. That's what this League is all about."

You don't have to like the people on the other team, but you must treat everyone, including the staff of the location that you are playing at, with respect and dignity.

We take this very seriously and as APA members, you should as well. League is supposed to be a fun night out, not full of drama and stress.

Still a lot of teams not marking defensive shots.

Every member of your team should know how to keep score properly!

Go to the national web site, www.poolplayers.com or the local web site www.pacificnw.apaleagues.com and watch the defensive shots video. It will open your eyes as to what should and should not be marked as defense. Marking defensive shots does not hurt the honest player. It catches the under rated players and gets them to the proper skill level. What could be more fun than playing a match where everyone is properly rated and anyone can win? Player's skill levels will be artificially raised for those teams consistently not keeping score properly.

A photograph of the Statue of Liberty in New York City, with a vibrant display of fireworks exploding in the background. The scene is illuminated with blue and red light from the fireworks.

Have a Safe and Happy 4th!