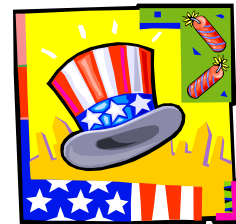




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Boomer's Page

Correction to Last Week's Boomer's Page

Under the heading of "Know Your Rule Book" Instead of "Failure to strike the head rail...", it should read "Failure to strike the foot rail..." Thanks to many of you that pointed it out to us. At least we know you are reading. :0)

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 23, 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.

\$\$\$ 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.

Know Your Rule Book

Official Team Manual Page 69 section 8 POCKETED BALLS "Balls must remain in a pocket to be legal. If a ball goes in a pocket but bounces back onto the playing surface, it is not considered pocketed."

It is explained further in the Official Team Manual Page 51, section 7 For 8-ball "...If it is the 8-ball, it is not to be considered as either a win or a loss."

"If it is the cue ball, it is not to be considered a scratch. "

The Road To Vegas Part 1 cont'd

The next step for 8 ball and 9 ball teams is regionals. Regionals are held every June. One weekend is reserved for 9 ball regionals and one weekend is reserved for 8 ball regionals. The top eight teams from each tri-cup are the only teams that participate in the regional tournament. Generally there are 24 teams, 8 from each tri cup, in regionals. Occasionally, a team will split, making both teams qualified and we may have 25 or 26 teams in a regional tournament. The number of slots that we are awarded for the national tournament is based on the number of 8 ball and 9 ball teams that we have participating in the Spring session. For example, of the 24 teams that participated in this last 9 ball regionals, we were able to send 6 teams to the national tournament. In 8 ball, we were able to send 7 teams Vegas. So, once a team makes it to regionals, they have approximately a 1 in 4 chance of advancing to the national tournament. Regionals is a full double elimination tournament, which means a team must lose two matches before being eliminated. Teams enter the regional tournament with the players that were on their Spring roster. Each team must have a minimum of 4 original members on their Spring roster. Each player on the team must have a skill level based on a minimum of 10 scores and must have played with that team a minimum of 4 times in the Spring session in order to participate in regionals. Teams must finish in the top 50% in the standings of their division each session since qualifying. Failure to do so puts the team at risk of either losing their eligibility, having players on their team arbitrarily raised in skill level and/or being heavily scrutinized prior to be allowed to play at regionals. Each player must also sign a Skill Level Verification Form, stating their true skill level prior to playing in the tournament. Skill levels for regionals are based on when the team qualified or their highest skill level set since getting qualified. For example, if a player is a skill level 5 when their team qualifies for regionals, he will play at regionals as a skill level 5 even if his skill level has dropped to a 4 during regular league play. This is one of the many ways to try to ensure that players or teams don't "sandbag" to get their skill levels reduced, putting them at an unfair advantage going into regional and national play. If you are playing honestly and keeping score properly, you have nothing to worry about. The number of teams that play throughout the league year determines how much travel assistance we are able to provide each team that advances to the national tournament. For the last few years, we have been able to pay every team's entry fee and provide \$3750 for each team to use for travel and lodging. This is not prize money. If an individual cannot go to the national tournament, they forfeit their right to any portion of the travel assistance money. If the entire team cannot go to the national tournament, the spot and the travel assistance money is passed on to the next eligible team. (Next week, Doubles)

Attention: All teams, except Masters

Breaking the 23 rule is absolutely forbidden!

Both teams should be keeping an eye on this.

Have a Safe Holiday!

