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OPAL: Putting The Fun Back Into Playing League

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## PLAYOFFS AND TRI-CUPS

We are closing in on the end of the session very rapidly. Those of you that are in the top position, in divisions of 7 teams or more (except for Super & Masters divisions), will have the option to either buy-in to the tri-cup or to go through playoffs. If want to you buy-in, you must declare that fact on the play off option slip(s) that were attached to your score sheet(s) last week and the \$100 will be deducted from your payback money at the wild card draw and you will not be eligible for trophies, but will receive high point team pins. If the first place team chooses to buy-in, then the 2nd, 3rd and 4th place teams will go through playoffs along with one wild card team. In order to be eligible for the wild card, your team must have all fees paid, must have completed all make-up matches and must have a representative present at the wild card draw, except as noted in the following pages. The representative must be a member of your team. All Super, Masters and divisions of 6 teams or less will go through playoffs as described in the team manual. In order, to participate in the playoffs a player must have played at least 4 times with your team this session and cannot owe the league any money. Teams in open 8-ball or 9-ball divisions, the top 2 teams will have home table advantage. Double jeopardy divisions, playoffs will be held in a location that has enough tables for all teams in the playoffs. If a team qualifies for both 8-ball and 9-ball and happens to be playing two different teams, they cannot be in two places at once, therefore there is no guaranteed home table advantage for double jeopardy divisions. For more information about the tri-cup and playoffs, please refer to page 4 of your by-laws or talk to your division representative. **PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR WILD CARD DRAW. THERE ARE SOME MAJOR CHANGES FOR THIS SESSION.** Team fees are to be paid for playoffs. **Please fill in and return your playoff options forms this week. Double Jeopardy divisions, we need an option slip for 8-ball and an option slip for 9-ball. Please turn in both. Electronic divisions, we just need an email stating your option(s) for playoffs.**

**ATTENTION: ALL DIVISIONS** Allowances will be made for all teams that will be participating in the National Team Championships. Opposing teams are required to work with these teams to get the 2nd week of playoffs completed. It may be that the match may have to be played on a different night. If you are having difficulty coming to an agreement, please give the office a call 503-243-6725 and we will try to work out an amicable solution for both teams.

**A Forfeit in 9 Ball is scored 15-0, 8 Ball is scored 2-0**  
**During regular league play**



**Whatever plans you may have  
for the great weather we are having,  
please be safe and have a wonderful time!**

## Everything you need to know about playoffs

Playoffs are played the same as in regular league with a few minor exceptions. In 8-ball, the match is over when it becomes mathematically impossible for one team to win. If the match ends up tied, the tiebreaker will go to the team that won 3 races. A forfeit is scored 3-0 **In 9-ball, the match is over when one team has earned 51 match points or it becomes mathematically impossible for one team to win. In 9-ball, if the match ends up 50/50 then the team that wins 3 races will advance. In 9-ball, if the magical 51 points is achieved in the middle of a race, the match is over. Stop play! In 9-ball, for playoffs, a forfeit is scored 20-0.**

As in regular league play, you must be able to prove had all 5 races been played that you could have met the 23 rule with the line up you use. For example, a team with skill levels 7, 6, 5, 5, 4, 4, 2 cannot play 7, 6, 5 hoping to win in the first 3 races, because they cannot meet the 23 rule had all 5 races been played. In this case the only combinations where the 7 could play is 7, 5, 4, 4, 2 or 7, 5, 5, 4, 2 or 7, 6, 4, 4, 2. Any other combination would break the 23 rule.

If a team is short players, the team must play a combination that may include the skill level of a player who is not present and forfeit the 5th race. In the above example, the skill level 2 is not present. The team could play 4 players up to 21 and forfeit the 5th race and still make the 23 rule. There are no playbacks. Horizon Super Division, skill level cap is 26.

**Players that do not have a minimum of 4 scores played with a team are not eligible for playoffs and may not participate.** They may keep score, but they may not coach. You may use their skill level, however, towards the 23 rule, 26 for Super division. The number of times that a person has played is listed under "MP" (matches played) on your score sheet.

\$\$\$\$ next to a player's name means that player owes the league office money. These players are not eligible to play in playoffs and will not advance to tri-cups, regionals or nationals until that money is paid. In some cases, the money is paid after the score sheets are printed or the player has made arrangements with us to pay off the balance. If a player has made a payment arrangement with us and stuck to the agreement, they will be allowed to play. Please check with the league office before playing one of these players or you may forfeit that race.

**In Triple Play Masters, the match is over when it becomes mathematically impossible for one team to win. If one team reaches that magical number in the middle of a race, the match is over. No need to finish the race. A forfeit is scored 7-0.**

Team fees need to be collected and the money and score sheets need to be turned in as you normally do. Drop off divisions need to drop at their drop location by 11:30 pm Monday night. Mail in divisions need to get their score sheets postmarked by the day after play. If you have a credit on your team that covers the team fee, you may fax in your score sheet at 503-243-6725 or 503-378-1555 or scan and email to apaboomer@aol.com the next day. The entire team fee must be paid even if all the races are not played.

Double Jeopardy divisions will have their playoffs in a location that has enough tables to host all of the teams. Playoff teams will have the opportunity to vote on that location at the wild card draw for the first week. The office will pick the playoff location for the 2nd week. If your team makes it in both 8-ball and 9-ball and you are playing two different teams, you cannot be in two locations at once. So there is no guarantee of home table advantage. Sunday Divisions will be doing a double header on August 11.

**Allowances and flexibility will need to be made for those teams that have players participating in the National Team Tournaments!**

**Team fees for week 1 are as follows:**

8-Ball and 9-Ball teams \$30. Super division teams \$35 Triple Play Masters \$30

**Team fees for week 2 are as follows: (Only the teams that win their match on week 1 advance to week 2)**

8-Ball and 9-Ball teams \$25 Super division teams \$35 Triple Play Masters \$30

**MUST READ: DO NOT IGNORE**  
**IMPORTANT WILD CARD DRAW INFORMATION**

**ALL ELECTRONIC DIVISIONS**

**All Electronic Divisions: Sunset, Skyline DJ, Farside DJ, Western 9, River City 9, Masters-West, Gateway DJ, Sunrise DJ Divisions, Southwest, Northwest DJ, Midwest DJ, Columbia DJ, Mt St Helens DJ and Horizon Super DJ. Your draws will be done in the office. No need to attend the wild card draw. We will email you the results and let you know when the score sheets are ready by email. Payback money for the eligible teams will be mailed to the captains.**

**TPM-VANCOUVER** Since there are only 4 teams in the division. there will be no need to attend the wild card draws. All eligible teams will advance to playoffs. Must have all matches played and be current in team fees. Score sheets and payback money will be mailed.

**MONDAY AND TUESDAY DIVISIONS**

**Friday, August 2**

**Rodder's, 19195 S Molalla, Oregon City, 503-650-2363**

**Starting at 7 pm**

**In order to be eligible for the wild card draw in the following divisions, you must have completed all makeup matches, you must be current in your team fees and you must have a representative from your team present at the wild card draw. Payback money (see the OPAL By-Laws) and playoff score sheets will be given out at the draw. Even if you are sure that you are in the playoffs, please have someone come by and pick up your playoff score sheets. Using the mail service will not get them to you in time.**

**7:00 Outback DJ, Southeast DJ, Willamette DJ, Midnight**

**7:15 Parkrose DJ, Clark Co, OCDJ Double Jeopardy**

**7:30 Lombard, No-Po, MidTown, Downtown**

**Wednesday Divisions**

**\*\*Please read very carefully and make sure you are in the correct location at the proper time\*\***

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**Sunday, August 4**

**12:30 pm**

**Mousetrap**

**2305 N Lombard**

**Portland**

**Central 9-Ball and North Port 9-Ball**

## MT HOOD DIVISION

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**In order to be eligible for the wild card draw in the following divisions, you must have completed all makeup matches, you must be current in your team fees and you must have a representative from your team present at the wild card draw. Payback money (see the OPAL By-Laws) and playoff score sheets will be given out at the draw. Even if you are sure that you are in the playoffs, please have someone come by and pick up your playoff score sheets. Using the mail service will not get them to you in time.**

**Sunday, August 4 2 pm **\*\*New Time\*\*****

**KC's Midway, 1003 7th St, Oregon City 503-650-9501**

**Mt Hood Double Jeopardy Division**

## Thursday Divisions

We are having a terrible time with the postal service getting your packets delivered to us on Saturday. So for River City and Mt St Helens divisions. You will mail, scan and email or fax your information to us, whatever you normally do. We will do your wild cards in the office on Tuesday and you will be notified by phone of the results. It is imperative that everyone get their packets in on time. Score sheets will be mailed to you or you will be able to download them off the poolplayers.com web site as soon as they have been posted. Payback checks will be mailed to the eligible teams.

## **New\*\*\*\*\*Sunday Divisions\*\*\*\*\*New**

Because there always seems to be at least one team that holds up the wild card by an hour or more, we are making a change to the Sunday divisions wild card draws. We will try it this way to see how it works out. On the last week of play, you will drop off, mail, scan and email or fax, whatever you normally do, your score sheets for the last week of play. It is imperative that everyone get their packets to us on time. We will then do the wild card draws in the office by Wednesday. You will all then be notified by phone of the results, the day of the playoffs and what location the playoffs will be at. The score sheets will be mailed to the participating teams and be posted on the web site at poolplayers.com. Payback checks to the eligible teams will be mailed to the captain. All Sunday divisions will do a double header on August 11.

## **\$\$\$ 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 Last Place? There is always the Wild Card!**

Even if your team is currently in last place in the division, you can still make it to playoffs and possibly go on to become division champion for a chance to win a trip to play in the National Tournament in Las Vegas in August 2014. At least one wild card team is chosen from each division of five teams or more to compete in playoffs. Many of those teams end up becoming division champions and some of them have even made it to Vegas. Don't despair, there is still hope.