



BOOMER'S PAGE

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. 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.

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.

A forfeit in 9-ball is scored 15-0, A forfeit in 8 ball is scored 2-0

During regular league play

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 & Ladies 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 will be attached to your score sheet(s) or respond to my email (electronic divisions) \$100 will be deducted from your payback money. 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 and must have completed all make-up matches. All Super, Masters, Ladies 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. **All Sunday divisions will be doing a double header on August 7. You have the opportunity to vote for the host location on the playoff option slip or email.**

ATTENTION: ALL DIVISIONS Allowances will be made for 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.

Alternate Formats

Along with our traditional Open 8 Ball and 9 Ball divisions, we offer a variety of alternate formats. All it takes is a minimum of 4 teams to get a division started. Divisions can decide what day of the week they would like to play. What time of day. Since the alternate formats take less time to complete than the Open 8 or 9 Ball divisions, they can be set up for play every week or set up to play double matches every other week, whatever the division decides. We have a lot of flexibility. All of the following formats also have a National event to play towards

MASTERS-Designed for skill levels 5 and above looking for a more competitive format and an opportunity to improve their game. Straight race to 7 using the US Amateur format, which is a combination of 8 ball and 9 ball. We currently have a division playing in the Beaverton area on Tuesday nights, Vancouver area on Wednesday nights and Southeast Portland/Milwaukie area on Wednesday nights. Since there is no coaching, each match is played on two tables and is done in 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

All rules are the same with the following exceptions: May have up to 4 players on a roster, 3 play in a match. Teams fees are \$30 per match or \$10 per player. There is no skill level cap. There is no coaching. Jump cues are allowed. 9 Ball is straight 9 ball, not by points. Roll outs are allowed in 9 ball. There is point money for each game won for 100% of the division at the end of the session. No trophies until you reach the regional and/or national level. National tournament is in August at the World Pool Championships. Playing in this format does not make you eligible to play in qualifiers. A portion of the weekly team fees is set aside as a travel assistance fund for the teams that advance to the National tournament.

LADIES ONLY-8 BALL-As the name suggests, this is for female players only. Up to 5 players on a team, 3 play in a match. Skill level cap of 13. All Open 8 ball rules apply. National Tournament is held in August during the World Pool Championships. We currently have a division playing on Saturdays starting at 11 am in the Vancouver/North Portland area and a division playing in-house at the River Rd House starting at 3 pm. These divisions play double headers, on two tables, approximately every other Saturday. At this time, there are trophies for 1st place only and no payback fund, but if we can get another division going, we can start adding more benefits. Team fees are \$24 per match, \$8 per player. This format also allows you to participate in Singles qualifiers. A portion of the weekly team fees is set aside as a travel assistance fund for the teams that advance to the National tournament.

DOUBLES-NEW!!!!- New this Fall session. I suggest that we start with in-house divisions. Divisions can be 8 Ball only, 9 Ball only, Double Jeopardy (team fees doubled) or Jack N Jill 8 Ball. The division can be set up to play every week or double headers, every other week. This type of division will eventually eliminate the need to run doubles qualifiers. 8 Ball and 9 Ball Nationals are held in April/May. Jack N Jill Nationals are held in August.

There will be no session end trophies or payback money until we have at least 20 teams participating in a format. This format allows you to play in Singles qualifiers. All Open 8 ball and 9 Ball rules apply.

Two person teams, combined skill level cap of 10. Each match will consist of a singles race for each player, plus a Scotch Doubles race. Each match should last no more than 1 1/2-2 hours. Team fees \$16 per match, \$8 per player. A portion of the weekly team fees will be set aside as a travel assistance fund for the teams that advance to the National tournament.

For more information on how to get a division started,

please contact the league office at

503-243-6725