

July 8, 2015

OPAL: Putting The Fun Back Into Playing League



Boomers Page



National Web Site Will Be Down

As I mentioned at the Player Information Meeting, Headquarters will be shutting down the national web site on July 23rd while they change servers. While it is down, we will not have access to our scoring system and our local web site will also be shut down. They are expecting the sites to be down for at least 4 days. When we send out the week 10 score sheets, we will also be sending out the week 11 score sheets. We will not be able to update skill levels during this time nor will we be able to access our database. Electronic divisions will need to download both weeks score sheets as soon as you get my email. As long as this migration only takes 4 days, we should be fine for wild cards that week. If it takes longer than 4 days we may have to delay the wild card draws. There is nothing we can do about this. There is no good time for this to happen, but headquarters has chosen a time that should have the least impact on the majority of the league activity and we will just have to roll with it. You still need to send your paperwork and payments in on your regularly scheduled day, so we can update as soon as the web site is back up.

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.

New Divisions for Fall Session

Masters-Downtown Tuesdays See flyer for more information

Ladies-West Side-Tuesdays East side-Wednesdays See flyer for more information

Evergreen Double Jeopardy-Vancouver-Saturdays-1 pm

Have a Great Week!

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 you want to buy-in, you must declare that fact on the play off option slip(s) that will be attached to your score sheet(s) next week and the \$100 will be deducted from your payback money at the wild card draw. 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 next week's Boomer's Page. The representative must be a member of your team. 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 9. You will have the opportunity to vote for the playoff location next week.**

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.

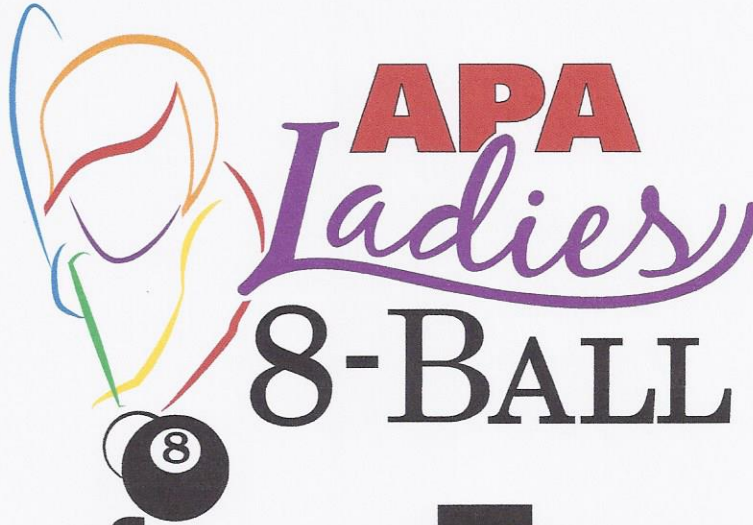
A forfeit in 9-ball is scored 15-0, A forfeit in 8 ball is scored 2-0

During regular league play

Makeup Matches Need To Be Completed By July 19

All makeup matches, including the reschedules for the 4th of July week, need to be completed by July 19. 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. Remember to use the most current skill levels when completing a makeup.

NEW!



League Format

- Maximum of 5 players allowed on roster.
- Teams may choose any 3 of the 5 team members to participate in each match.
- The total of the skill levels of the 3 players fielded in any team match cannot exceed 13.
- Standard coaching rules apply.
- 8-Ball Format using a games must win chart.
- 3-Point Scoring System.

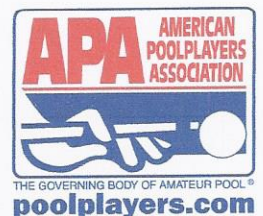
Match Points Earned	Winner	Opponent
Shutout	3	0
Losing player made it to the Hill	2	1
Losing player won at least 1 game but was not on Hill	2	0

- Full team forfeits and Byes receive 4 points.
- Individual forfeits receive 2 points in the regular session and 3 points in playoffs.



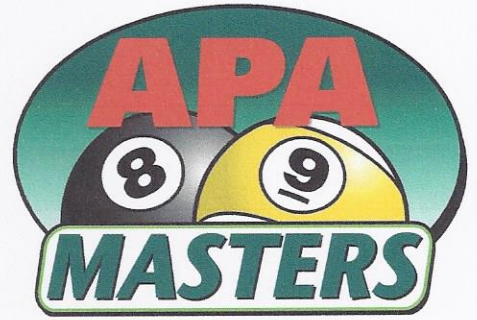
For More Information:

Two New Divisions forming for Fall
West side-Tuesdays East Side-Wednesday
Contact: Boomer 503-243-6725
apaboomer@aol.com



** For information about the Ladies PreRegistered Championship contact your APA Local League Operator.

APA MASTERS DIVISION



You've Got the Game - *Are you Up for the Challenge?*

The League: No handicaps.

Maximum four players per roster.

Three team members participate in each match.

The Game: Race to 7.

U.S. Amateur rules and format.

Eight games of 9-Ball & Five games of 8-Ball.

Points earned for games won; teams can earn
a maximum of 21 points per night.

Lag winner has choice of game format or break;
the entire set of that format must be completed
before playing the other format.

For More Information Contact:
Boomer Humphreys 503-243-6725
West side-Tuesday
Vancouver-Wednesday
New Downtown Division for Fall-Tuesday

