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National Scores Are In

The scores from last month's National Team Championships has been input and averaged into each participant's permanent player record. You may find that a player's skill level has changed even though they did not play last week.

Going to Two Tables

This is not an option, you will go to a 2nd table even if only one team wants to do so. Please refer to the Official Team Manual, page 28, section 10. "Normally a team match is played on only one table. Occasionally, lengthy matches makes it logical to put a second table in action, if one is available. So, if the fourth match has not started by **official League start time plus two hours**, then it would begin on the second table. The fifth match would then be played on whichever table becomes available first. A team is subject to penalty if an *available* table is made *unavailable* for a **splitting matches** situation and it is later determined that they, in any way, caused it to be *unavailable* or resisted using the second table. **Splitting matches** is waived if both teams want to continue on one table." We are seeing way too many matches go into the wee hours of the morning. **If your team is consistently running over the 3 1/2 to 4 hour mark to complete your match, there is time being wasted somewhere. Remember, you are on a 20 second shot clock, 1 minute timeouts and 2 minutes to get the next match started.** Double jeopardy teams may need to put a 3rd table into play if the match is lagging. Let's all work hard to keep the matches moving along at a reasonable pace.

Moving The Cue Ball In Ball In Hand Situation

In a Ball In Hand situation, the shooter may readjust the cue ball with any part of their cue stick that they want, even the tip or the ferrule. Note: If the cue ball makes contact with any other ball on the table while you are readjusting, it is a foul.

You May Not Change Host Locations During the Session

Official team manual, page 34 section 21 "TEAMS MAY NOT CHANGE HOME LOCATIONS DURING A SESSION unless the location closes or the location requests it..." We have an obligation to the host locations as well as the players. Once you have played a home match at your location, you are locked into that location for the rest of the session. If you want to move locations, you need to do so in between sessions.

If You Want To Change Your Team Name, You Need To Do So By Week 4

To make the change, write the new name next to your old one on the score sheet. Double Jeopardy teams, you need to make the change on both score sheets.

Captains Must Sometimes Prepare For The Worst

Submitted by Randy "Griz" Heim

As captains we have to wear many hats; player, scorekeeper, referee, babysitter, cat herder... You may want to consider training someone on your team to help try your hat on for size.

If your team is like many, the captain and co-captain are married or may as well be. This leaves our teams in a dangerous situation. For those that know me, I have had two heart attacks and where was my co-captain? In the hospital making sure that I behaved myself (while she was present) and healed up so I could return for the next week. Since I was the one who handled the after match duties, she had no idea how to take care for the scoresheets, etc. (Thank you Becky Chandler for helping her)

The OPAL staff is always willing to help where they can, but you know that with around 60 divisions, that is too many people to babysit. It is time to share all of those seasons of experience. Even if you only share it all with one team member, it will pay off. Some night that you are too sick to play and you need your loved one to care for you....Your team can play with six players. Yes, we like to keep a full roster of eight for just this kind of situation.

This season some of my team will be going through captain training. They will be learning the entire process of running the team in case for whatever reason the captain and co-captain cannot be there.

While it is good to be needed, please don't leave your team stranded. Yes, they will still be worried about you, but they will need to go on while you are out of action. You wouldn't want them to forfeit matches, miss out on playing or earn those patches you have been coveting would you? No! Teach them how to do those tasks that we handle each week. Besides, you may help them mature enough in the league to spin off a new team and increase the competition within our league with growth.

Changes To The Scotch Doubles Program

Starting 2014, the Open 8 ball Doubles and the Open 9 ball Doubles will now be held during the National Singles Championship. Open 8 ball Doubles will be held April 30*-May 2* Open 9 ball Doubles will be held May 1*-3*. The Jack N Jill Doubles will now be held during the National Team Championships. Jack N Jill National tournament will be held August 17*-19*. Qualifiers for all of these events have been scheduled and are on the calendar that was in your team folder at the beginning of the session. They are also posted on our web site pacificnw.apaleagues.com. More information about the Doubles Program and eligibility requirements will be in next week's Boomer's Page

*dates subject to change.

Please make sure that the Captain of your team is listed first on your roster and the Co-captain is listed 2nd. Any changes need to be indicated on your score sheet (s). Only the players that are listed first and second on your roster will be invited to the capt/co-capt tournament at the end of the session. Double jeopardy teams may have a different captain and/or co-captain on each team.