



# Boomer's Page



## But The Rules Say.....

See if you can spot the similarities...

The posted speed limit is 65 miles per hour. You are cruising down the freeway at 67 miles per hour. You are fully aware of what the speed limit is. You get pulled over and receive a ticket for exceeding the speed limit. Did you break the law? Technically, yes! Did you deserve the ticket? Technically, yes! What are your thoughts as you are writing the check to pay the \$150 fine? How would you feel if you were just given a warning, instead?

A player legally shoots in the 8-ball. Nobody in the room has any doubt where the 8-ball is going in, however the player fails to mark the pocket. The player has been around for a long time and knows that they must mark the pocket for the 8-ball shot. Did the player break the rules? Technically, yes! Does the player deserve to lose that game? Technically, yes! How do you think the mood will be for the rest of the evening if you take that win from the player? How do you think things would go, if you just let him keep the win for that game?

Play within the spirit of the rules! Winning on a technicality is poor sportsmanship and will come back to bite you on the butt some day.

## Lowballing

For some odd reason, even though it is not in the rules, we have been getting a lot of complaints on this. The complaints are mostly coming from the higher skilled players who are getting put up blind and get mad when the opposing team puts a low skilled player up against them, when there was a higher skilled player that could have played. So, what? Several of you are under the impression that when you put up a player, that the other team has a moral obligation to try to match up to your player as closely as possible. Don't know where you are getting that one from. The other team can put up whomever they want as long as they can meet the skill level cap. You can always return the favor when they put up their higher skilled player. Yes, it is more fun when teams are more evenly matched, however, if you have a heavy hitter on your team, sometimes it makes strategic sense to put up a sacrificial lamb to get that match over with and move on to possibly save their stronger player for a match up that is more in their favor. There is nothing wrong with that. To lower a team's sportsmanship rating, based solely on that is absolutely ridiculous. If you have a higher skilled player that is constantly getting lowballed, QUIT PUTTING THEM UP BLIND! Let the other team put up first if you have that option. That way you can control the match ups for 3 out of the 5 races. Your strategy will change with each team that you play. It will also change when you get to tri-cups and regionals. Don't fault the opposing team for their strategy in matchups. They are trying to win, just like you are.

**Chinook Winds Entries Need to Be Postmarked by April 1st.**

**Get your entry forms on the web site: [pacificnw.apaleagues.com](http://pacificnw.apaleagues.com)**

## Play Till You Win Singles Qualifiers

March is “Get Qualified for Singles Month” With our hectic Spring Schedule, This will probably be your only opportunity to get qualified for the 2012 Fall Regionals

### ONE ENTRY FEE—PLAY TIL YOU WIN!

In order to participate, you must be on an active 8-ball team and have an 8-ball skill level based on a minimum of 10 scores. Once qualified for regionals, you must remain on an active 8-Ball team. All skill levels are invited. Boards will be grouped by skill level whenever possible.

**Saturday, March 17, 8-Ball starting at 10 am Rodder’s**  
**Saturday, March 31, 8-Ball starting at 10 am KC’s Midway**

In order to participate, you must be on an active 9-ball team and have a 9-ball skill level based on a minimum of 10 scores. Once qualified for regionals, you must remain on an active 9-Ball team. All skill levels are invited. Boards will be grouped by skill level whenever possible.

**Sunday, March 18, 9-Ball starting at 10 am KC’s Midway**  
**Saturday, March 24, 9-Ball starting at 10 am KC’s Midway**  
**Sunday, March 25, 9-Ball starting at 10 am Rodder’s**

Stay all day or arrive when you can!

For one \$30 entry fee or 46 incentive points, you can play on as many 4 person-single elimination boards as we have time to run, until you win. Win two races on a board and you qualify for the 2012 Fall Regionals which will be held in Salem.

## Open Scotch Qualifiers

On the calendar on our web site [pacificnw.apaleagues.com](http://pacificnw.apaleagues.com), we have listed multiple opportunities for players with 20 or more scores to qualify for the regionals, which is June 23. Teams from the regionals will then advance to the Open 8-ball and/or 9-Ball Scotch events in Las Vegas this August. We have qualifier dates scheduled for March-June on the West side and the East Side. Please remember to pre-register by 5 pm on the Friday before the qualifier you wish to participate in. If we do not have enough signed up by that time, the qualifier will be cancelled. Don’t wait until the last minute. Eligibility requirements and pertinent information was in the Boomer’s page dated 2 29 12.



**May the Luck of the Irish  
Be with You!  
Have a Safe St Patrick’s Day!**