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#### AMERICAN POOLPLAYERS ASSOCIATION



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## Teams That Drop Out

The Summer session is always a rough time of year for teams. We started the session with several teams that had registered, only to find that they had several of their teammates decide they did not want to play. In nearly every case we were able to save those teams. So now that the regional tournaments are over, your team didn't make it to nationals, the weather is starting to get better, your team is at the bottom of the standings and you really just don't want to play during the Summer session. A word to the wise. Official team manual page 23, section 6 "Because it is particularly disruptive to the League to drop out during the session, the following policy will be observed. A team that drops out during a session will be required to pay all past dues, the balance of all dues they would have owed had they completed the session, plus two weeks fees deposit (which will be applied to the final weeks of the session) before they would be allowed to rejoin the League. A player who is on such a team and who wishes to rejoin the League as an individual must first pay his share before being reinstated." It is not about the money, it is about making a commitment and sticking to it. Without severe penalties, we would have teams dropping out left and right, causing multiple schedule changes. Byes being given and taken away. Funds for payback, tri-cups and the teams that travel to Vegas are all affected. So dropping your team is not all about you, the entire division is affected. If your team is struggling, you need to let us know as soon as possible, we actually may be able to help. You will never know until you try.

### **\$\$\$ 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 some cases, players have made arrangements with the league office to pay off this amount.

Attention: All teams, except Masters

Breaking the 23 rule is absolutely forbidden!

Super Division Cap is 26

Both teams should be keeping an eye on this.

### Timeouts are One Minute Only!

We are getting a lot of complaints about teams taking excessive time during timeouts. Timeouts are one minute only! The timeout begins as soon as it is called and ends when the coach leaves the playing area. So coaches, you need to stay close to the playing area or someone else needs to take over for you while you step outside, go to the bar or bathroom. The other team should not have to wait while your teammates go and hunt you down.

#### **Missing Players?**

If someone has been dropped from your roster, it is because they are new to the league and have not played a match. We can no longer allow non-rated players to be on a roster. Double jeopardy teams, if a new player has played in one format and not the other, the player will remain on the roster that they have played on, but will be dropped from the one that they have not played. Keep in mind that in order to advance to playoffs or tri-cups, each player on your team must play with your team a minimum of 4 times this session. Double jeopardy teams, that means 4 times in 8 ball to advance to 8 ball playoffs and/or tri cups, and 4 times in 9 ball to advance to 9 ball playoffs and/or tri cups.

### Vacation Time

July is the only month of the year that the office staff can take any vacation time. At least one of us will be out of the office during the upcoming weeks. You should not see any delay in getting your weekly packets. Office hours will be 10 am to 5 pm, Monday-Saturday for the entire month. Please leave a name and phone number on the voice mail and someone will be back to you as soon as possible. If you need immediate assistance and are not able to reach your division rep or the office, you may try the cell phone 503-381-6725 or you may call John Blue up until 10 pm 503-481-0323, Monday-Friday.

#### Makeup Matches Need To Be Completed By July 13

All makeup matches, including the reschedules for the 4th of July week, need to be completed by July 13. 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 tricups.

