

Master By Laws

Playoffs

The high point winner in each division of 8 teams or more, each session, at the end of regular session play will skip playoffs and be eligible for regionals.

If the high point team is already qualified for regionals the slot will go to the 2nd high point team. If the 2nd place team is already qualified for regionals, the slot will go to the 3rd point winner and so forth until an eligible team gets a berth to regionals.

Of the remaining eligible teams, one out of every 4 teams will go through playoffs to earn a spot at regionals.

Once a team is qualified for regionals, they must remain active as a team in a Masters division with at least 2 original members in each subsequent session.

For example, if a team qualifies for regionals in Summer session, they must remain active as a team in the Fall and Spring sessions to keep their eligibility.

Exception: If an already qualified team splits, by Spring session, both teams will advance to regionals. The league office must be notified by week 3 of Spring session if a qualified team splits.

Headquarters awards our slots to the National tournament. The slot assignments are based on either the previous Spring session or the current Fall session Masters team count, whichever is higher. Slot assignments are as follows:

10-19 teams=1 slot, 20-29 teams=2 slots, 30-39 teams=3 slots, 40-49 teams=4 slots, 50-59 teams=5 slots

We now have a new classification of Master player at the local level. Those players that have exhibited skill far and above the average APA skill level 7/9, will be given Elite Masters status. Elite status will be awarded at the sole discretion of the league office and will be based on proven ability from our observations, performance and ratings in other leagues and participation in local, regional or national tournaments.

A player that is new to the league may be given Elite status, even though they have never played an APA match.

Teams that have at two or more Elite players on it will be placed in a separate bracket (provided there are at least 2 Elite teams qualified for regionals) and

will play for one slot to the national tournament. The remaining teams will play off for the additional slot(s).

In order to receive the maximum amount of travel assistance to the National tournament, teams must play at least two sessions as a Masters team in a league year (Summer to Spring) with one of them being Spring session.

Minimum amount to be awarded is \$1500 to each team that meets this requirement. Amount to be awarded to each team advancing to Nationals will be based on a 4 person team and 2 rooms per team at the Westgate for the duration of the National event.

If a team plays only Spring session, they will be awarded partial travel assistance. Minimum \$500.

Exception: If an already qualified team splits into two teams, the new team will get credit for the same number of sessions played as the original team. The league office must be notified by week 3 of Spring session that an already qualified team has split.

The Travel Assistance fund will now be known as the Master's Regional Fund. \$7.50 per team who plays, per week is put into this fund over the course of the league year. Any money left over from unearned travel funds will be distributed to the top finishing teams in the regional tournament who do not advance to the National tournament. Consideration will be given for airline costs, room rates and the amount that has accrued in the Master's Regional Fund over the course of the league year.