



# NORTHERN COLORADO APA POOL LEAGUE LOCAL BY-LAWS

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1. To reduce the number of forfeits, this League is doing two things different than stated in the National Team Manual:

A. Most players are in the League to play pool, not to receive forfeits. Teams will be allowed to add or change players on the roster through the 10<sup>th</sup> week of the Summer and Fall Sessions. (Through week 7 without pre-approval, and from weeks 8-10 with League Operator approval). This supersedes rule 12 on page 27 of the Official Team Manual. During the Spring Session, national rules apply for qualified teams and qualified teams WILL be required to adhere to the Official Team Manual concerning roster changes and number of plays required to qualify for playoffs and upper level play.

B. If (and ONLY if) the team is short a player/players, the team may shoot one or more players twice during a match as long as the skill levels can still conform to the "23 Rule". This supersedes rule 20 on page 30 of the National Team Manual. Every player who is present must shoot before anyone will be allowed to shoot a second time. No one will be allowed to shoot 3 times. If 5 or more team members are available at any time during the night, one player cannot leave and have a second player shoot twice, even if the 5 players present cannot conform to the "23 Rule". This procedure is limited to 5 times during the session. This rule change is not intended for a team to work around their weak players and play their strong players twice. If in the opinion of the League Operator, a team is unethically abusing this rule; the team may lose a point or points and be declared ineligible for the Wild Card or playoffs. The team is still responsible for the full team fee, regardless of the total number of team members who played. Double plays will not be allowed during the last 2 weeks of a session, in the post season playoffs or any upper level play. Like the "23 Rule", it is the team's responsibility to stop the opponent, once a team has allowed double play in excess of the number allowed per session or during the prohibited period, it is too late.

2. FORFEITS—if a team does not show up at all or in time and nobody plays, an 8-ball team receiving the forfeit will receive three points, not all five points. This conforms to National APA rules. Teams can only receive a maximum of 3 unearned points in a night. Ex: If 1 player shows for a team and plays then forfeits the next 4 match's the team receiving the forfeit will get the 1<sup>st</sup> match point only if they won the match, then 3 forfeits points for a total of 4 match points for the night. In 9-Ball, 60 points are awarded for a complete team forfeit or a bye instead of the APA suggested 75. That is 12 points per match, not 15. Teams are encouraged to try to get the matches in or make them up rather than take the forfeit. The Official Team Manual requires both teams to still pay full weekly fees (page 21).

3. "23 Rule" violation: If a team violates the "23 rule", they will lose all match points for the night. Their opponent will receive all points actually won, plus "1" point (12 points in the case of 9-Ball) for each match which violated the 23 rule. (Teams will not automatically receive all 5 points).

4. A "bonus point" system will be used in the Northern Colorado APA league. Two (2) bonus points (ten (10) in 9-Ball) are available for each night of regular session play, including playoff matches, to be awarded as follows:

A. One point (five in 9-Ball) will be awarded to the team if the full amount of weekly fees due are included in the pay envelope.

B. One point (five in 9-Ball) will be awarded to the team if the score sheet is completely filled out. A score sheet will be considered complete if 1.) the player number is recorded for each player in each match; 2.) the total innings for each match are recorded in the Total Innings box; 3.) the number of games won by each player in each match is recorded in the Score column; 4.) the winner and loser of the match are recorded in the W-L column; and 5.) the total team wins are recorded in the appropriate box at the bottom of the sheet. The League Operator will be the sole arbiter in determining the completeness of a score sheet.

All teams will receive a warning on the first offence for either bonus point prior to the points not being awarded. Although the team captain has a major part of the responsibility for proper payment of fees and completion of the score sheet, it is the **ENTIRE** team's responsibility as members of the league to complete all team obligations regarding payment of fees and proper scorekeeping.

#### 5. Playoff Structure:

In Division's with 5 teams or less, playoffs will be 1 week with 1<sup>st</sup> place team playing vs. the Wildcard team. This winner will also receive the Trophies and Bonus money at the Higher Level Tournament (HLT). Only the winner of this round of playoffs will advance to the Tri-Cup Tournament (8-Ball) or Regional Tournament (9-Ball).

Divisions with 6-11 teams, playoffs will consist of 2 weeks. The 1<sup>st</sup> weeks match ups will be 1<sup>st</sup> place vs. The Wildcard team and 2<sup>nd</sup> place vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The 2 winners will meet in the final round of playoffs and compete for the Division Championship. The winner will receive the Trophies and Bonus money at the Higher Level Tournament (HLT). The high point's team during the session will also qualify in divisions of 6 or more teams. If the team winning the playoff is also the high point's team, then the runner up in playoffs will be qualified. Two (2) teams will advance to the Tri-Cup Tournament (8-Ball) or Regional Tournament (9-Ball).

Divisions with 12-15 teams, playoffs will consist of 2 weeks. The 1<sup>st</sup> weeks match ups will be 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams receiving BYE weeks. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place team vs. The Wildcard team and 4<sup>th</sup> place team vs. 5<sup>th</sup> place team. The 2 winners will advance to the final round of playoffs and compete for the Division Championships. The 1<sup>st</sup> place team will compete against the lowest seeded team and 2<sup>nd</sup> place will play the next highest seeded team. Both winners will receive Trophies and Bonus money at the Higher Level Tournament (HLT). The high point's team during the session will also qualify in divisions of 6 or more teams. If the team winning the playoffs is also the high point's team, then the runner up in that playoff match will be qualified. Three (3) teams will advance to the Tri-Cup Tournament (8-Ball) or Regional Tournament (9-Ball).

Divisions with 16 teams, playoffs will consist of 2 weeks. The 1<sup>st</sup> weeks match ups will be 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams receiving BYE weeks. The 4<sup>th</sup> place team vs. The Wildcard team, 5<sup>th</sup> place team vs. 6<sup>th</sup> place team, and 7<sup>th</sup> place team vs. 8<sup>th</sup> place team. The 3 winners will advance to the final round of playoffs and compete for the Division Championships. The 1<sup>st</sup> place team will compete against the lowest seeded team and 2<sup>nd</sup> place will play the next highest seeded team and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team the next highest seeded team. All three winners will receive Trophies and Bonus money at the Higher Level Tournament (HLT). The high point's team during the session will also qualify in divisions of 6 or more teams. If the team winning the playoffs is also the high point's team, then the runner up in that playoff match will be qualified. Four (4) teams will advance to the Tri-Cup Tournament (8-Ball) or Regional Tournament (9-Ball).

6. The Northern Colorado APA Pool League concludes each session (Summer, Fall and Spring) with a Tri-Cup Tournament in 8-Ball. (Currently, because 9-ball is not as large as 8-ball, teams advance directly to Regional's). The teams who qualify are the winners of the post session playoffs from each Division. The team winning the playoff in each division will receive \$100 at the Tri-Cup when the team registers and plays in the first round. The high point's team during the session will also qualify in divisions of 6 or more teams. The Tri-Cup Tournament is single elimination, the top 8 teams at the Tri-Cup Tournament will advance to the 8 Ball Regional Tournament. The winning team is awarded \$1,000, second place is awarded \$750.00 and the two teams tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> are awarded \$400.00 each.

7. Regional 8-Ball Tournament—Eight teams are taken from each of the three Tri-Cup Tournaments to compete in the annual Regional Tournament. The qualifiers from Summer and Fall sessions must stay active in the League to retain eligibility. During the Spring session each year the National office determines the number of teams we can send to the National Team Championships based on the number of local teams playing in both 8-ball and 9-ball formats. This information is determined in March of each year. This office will communicate the team slots we receive at that time. The Regional Tournament is currently a double elimination event. Any teams qualifying on the "No Loss" side of the bracket will receive \$4,000 towards travel expenses. Any teams who qualify from the "One Loss" bracket will receive \$3,000 towards travel expenses. \$250.00 of this award will be used towards the Teams entry fee to into the National Team Championships. Individual trophies and a Host Location trophy are also awarded to each of the teams advancing to Las Vegas.

8. Regional 9-Ball Tournament: The number of teams is not predetermined because there are no Tri-Cups. The team that wins the playoff in each division will receive \$100 at the Regional when the team registers and plays in the first round. Because of the number of 9-Ball teams and time constraints, the Regional 9-Ball Tournament is Modified Single Elimination, not Double. Payouts for any 9-Ball slots will mirror closely what is done in 8-Ball.

9. If a team does not play all 5 matches during the last two weeks of the session, they **may** not be included in the Wild Card drawing. If a team has a total team forfeit the last two weeks, that team will not be allowed in the playoffs. If a team owes any weekly fees or memberships, they will not be allowed to participate in playoffs. See "Weekly Fee" on page 12 and subparagraph 4-g on page 21 of the Official Team Manual.

10. If, in the opinion of the League Operator, teams are not marking defensive shots, they will be heavily scrutinized and are subject to having any or all players on their roster raised one or more skill levels prior to or during Tri-Annual and/or Regional Tournaments to equalize their skill level with the teams that are marking defensive shots.

11. If a Division has mixed table sizes, playoffs will only be played on a bar size (3 ½ by 7) table. If the home team host location does not have a bar size (3 ½ by 7) table, that team will be required to pick a different location for the playoffs. If a division plays completely on oversized tables, this rule does not apply. All Tri-Annual, Regional, Top Gun and Singles Regional Tournaments will be played on bar size (3 ½ by 7) tables.

12. Weather –Because this area experiences bad weather and is very spread out, it is impossible for the League Office to know local weather conditions. Therefore, our official policy is as follows: With rare exception, the League Office will not cancel League night. If, however, a Team Captain determines it is unsafe for the team to travel, he/she may reschedule the match with the opponent. It is the responsibility of the two Captains to reschedule the match within 2 weeks. All matches must be made up prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last scheduled week of play. No makeups will be allowed during the last 2 scheduled weeks of play. **If the match does not get rescheduled, each team will receive zero points for the week.**

13. APA National allows 18-20 year olds. This office wishes not to exclude these players but due to the nature of where we play many Host Locations may not allow them to participate at their location. Any team that chooses to have members under the age of 21 will be required to call any Host Location you are scheduled to play at prior to arriving at that location to verify if they will allow players under 21 to compete. If so, those underage players must announce to the bar staff upon arrival at the location who they are. This office also cannot guarantee entrance to any Higher Level Tournaments in our local area so Captains should plan accordingly when forming their teams.

14. The best way for the Northern Colorado APA office to communicate with you is electronically. We maintain a web site ([www.apapoolleague.com](http://www.apapoolleague.com)). The latest schedules, individual and team stats, playoff information, tri-annual draws, and much more is updated at a minimum of twice a week to keep you informed. E-Mail is a great way to communicate with the APA office. Our E-mail address is [NorthernColorado@APALeagues.com](mailto:NorthernColorado@APALeagues.com) . Every Team Captain is highly encouraged to check the web site often. If the Captain does not have access to the web, please assign a teammate the responsibility. If you have an Email address and don't think we have it, E-Mail us and ask to be added to our address book.

15. All checks written for payment of weekly team fees or annual APA membership should be made out to: APA of Northern Colorado. Bounced checks returned to the office will incur a \$20.00 handling fee. The office does not submit post-dated checks.