



## **Greater Scranton APA Local League Bylaws**

### **8-Ball, 9-Ball, & Scotch Doubles**

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#### **Weekly Team Fees (23 Point Teams):**

Weekly Team Fees are **\$40 per week**, regardless of the number of matches played. Full Weekly Team Fees must be paid for Playoff matches and Forfeits. \*

#### **Weekly Team Fees (Scotch Doubles Teams):**

Weekly Team Fees are **\$20 per week**, regardless of the number of matches played. Full Weekly Team Fees must be paid for Playoff matches and Forfeits. \*

\* If you are paying by check, please make your check payable to **Greater Scranton APA**. Please note that the "Weekly Team Fees" are set by the APA League Office and may be subject to change.

### **Bonus Points:**

The **Bonus Points** will be awarded as follows:

#### 8-Ball (23 Point Teams and Doubles)

- 1 point will be awarded for payment of the entire Weekly Team Fee.
- 1 point will be awarded for proper submission of your Score Sheet.

#### 9-Ball (23 Point Teams and Doubles)

- 6 points will be awarded for payment of the entire Weekly Team Fee.
- 6 points will be awarded for proper submission of your Score Sheet.

Teams will receive the same amount of Bonus Points for forfeits and BYE weeks. The team that forfeits will receive NO BONUS POINTS! Teams DO NOT need to submit their score sheet or team fee for BYE weeks.

Remember, these Bonus Points that are awarded at the sole discretion of the APA League Office. Keeping current with your Weekly Team Fees is important. If you fall behind in payments, you may lose your place in the playoffs and/or the opportunity to compete in tournaments.

### **Past Due Team Fee Procedure:**

- If the Team Fees are not brought to **current status** by the third week, the team will be dropped from the League for non-payment.
- All players on the team will become equally responsible for their share of the fees that are due, including those for the remainder of the session and will not be able to rejoin the APA League until they have paid their portion.
- The League Office will not be responsible for fees or money paid to a Team Captain or other team member not ultimately paid to the APA League. Teams having rosters with players who owe money to the League will not be able to participate in any matches until such money are paid.
- Teams that are habitually late may be required to replace their Team Captain with another more responsible player.

### **Rescheduling Matches:**

On occasion, usually due to inclement weather, a match may need to be rescheduled. If you wish to reschedule a match, you must make a request to the League Office. Upon receiving approval from the League Office, please employ the following policy and procedure:

- Contact the Team Captain of the team you are scheduled to play and notify them of your intent to reschedule.
- If requested to do so, Team Captains must reschedule matches if the team has other pre-qualified League obligations, such as a National Tournament.
- Rescheduled matches must be played within two weeks of the original scheduled match date.
- No make-up matches will be allowed in the last two weeks of the session.
- Exceptions with special conditions may be made by the League Office.
- Teams must pay for all matches by the scheduled match date or they will lose bonus points.

**Inclement Weather Policy:**

Rescheduling for inclement weather is generally a result of snow or icy conditions, but can result from any conditions that makes it dangerous for players to travel to their match locations. The APA League Office will use school closings and state warnings to determine whether it is appropriate to reschedule matches due to inclement weather.

If you feel that weather conditions may interfere with you or your team's ability to get to your scheduled match location, please contact the APA League Office for additional instructions. The Greater Scranton APA is firm on applying a safety-first policy. We want our players around for a long time to enjoy what the APA Pool League has to offer!

**Teams in Default Status:**

Any team that does not show up for its match for two consecutive weeks will be deemed to be in default status and will be dropped from the Division schedule.

Additionally, any team that has not paid their Weekly Team Fees for two consecutive weeks can be dropped from the Division schedule as well. Teams who have failed to pay their Weekly Team Fees for two consecutive weeks will be notified of the past due status and amounts owed. If their account is not made current in a timely manner, the team will be deemed in default and may be dropped from the Division schedule.

Teams that are in default are still responsible for paying their Weekly Team Fees for the remainder of the session. Each member of the defaulting team will be responsible for paying his/her share of the Weekly Team Fees owed. The defaulting team's players will be suspended from the League until their portion of the fees is paid.

The League Office has the right to assign different portions of the outstanding fees to individual players as it deems appropriate. If your team has a player that is past due on your roster, you will receive no points for that person's match even if they win and no bonus points for any week they play while their fees are past due.

**Host Location Banned Players:**

If a Host Location has banned a player from entering their establishment, the team must play without him/her when playing at that location. The League does not have the right to require a Host Location to permit access to a banned person for a League match.

**Suspended Players:**

The Greater Scranton APA will honor any and all suspensions from any neighboring APA Pool League area.

### Session Playoffs:

During the last two weeks of a session's regular weekly play, a team cannot forfeit more than **two individual matches**. Teams who do not adhere to this rule will forfeit their eligibility in the Playoffs. During each session, the first and second round of Playoffs will be scheduled on the same day of the week as your regular League play. The next session will begin the week following the second round of Playoffs.

### Session Playoffs – Player Eligibility:

Players must have played at least **4** times with the team during the session to be eligible to play in the Session Playoffs.

### Session Playoff Structure (Both 8-Ball & 9-Ball)

At the end of each APA Pool League session, playoffs will occur. Playoffs may consist of one or two weeks of play. The teams that are eligible to participate in the playoffs as well as what teams are automatically qualified for the Tri-Annual in each division is dependent upon the number of teams in your division (BYE teams do NOT count towards the total number of teams in a Division).

The playoff structure is as follows:

<b>Number Of Teams In The Division (last week of regular play)</b>	<b>World Qualifier (WQ) Qualification Playoff Structure</b>	<b>Session Award Structure</b>
<b><u>4-5</u></b>  One Team Qualifies For Tri-Annual	1 <sup>st</sup> Place vs Wild Card Winner Advances To Tri-Annual  In a 4-team division, eligibility will not be passed to teams finishing directly behind an already qualified team in the Playoffs	Awards:  Top Point Finisher will receive the 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Session trophies
<b><u>6-7</u></b>  One Team Qualifies For Tri-Annual	<b><u>Week One</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Bye 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place vs Wild Card <b><u>Week Two</u></b> 1st Place vs Winner of 2 <sup>nd</sup> vs Wild Card Winner advances to Tri-Annual	Awards:  Top Point Finisher will receive the 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Session trophies
<b><u>8-11</u></b>  Two Teams Qualify For Tri-Annual	<b><u>Week One</u></b> Division Point Leader advances directly to Tri-Annual  2 <sup>nd</sup> Place vs Wild Card 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place vs 4 <sup>th</sup> Place  <b><u>Week Two</u></b> Winners of Week one playoffs Winner advances to Tri-Annual	Awards:  Top Point Finisher will receive the 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Session trophies

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>12-16</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Three Teams Qualify For Tri-Annual</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Week One</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Division Point Leader advances directly to Tri-Annual 2<sup>nd</sup> Place advances directly to Tri-Annual</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3<sup>rd</sup> Place vs Wild Card 4<sup>th</sup> Place vs 5<sup>th</sup> Place</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Week Two</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winners of Week One Playoffs Winner advances to Tri-Annual</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Awards:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Top Point Finisher will receive the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Session trophies</p>
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### **World Qualifier (if using Tri-Annuals)**

The World Qualifier is an annual tournament that takes place at the end of the League year. The winning team(s) win Travel Assistance to Las Vegas and the opportunity to represent Greater Scranton APA in the APA World Pool Championships.

\*A MAXIMUM of 12 teams will participate in the 8-Ball World Qualifier:

\***Summer** – 4 Teams from the Tri-Annual

\***Fall** - 4 Teams from the Tri-Annual

\***Spring** – 4 Teams from the Tri-Annual

\*A MAXIMUM of 12 teams will participate in the 9-Ball World Qualifier:

\***Summer** - 4 Teams from the Tri-Annual

\***Fall** - 4 Teams from the Tri-Annual

\***Spring** -4 Teams from the Tri-Annual

\*subject to change based on team count

- Teams that qualify for a World Qualifier slot more than once during a League year will be the first teams eligible for a random draw into any bye slots, if available, that occur on the World Qualifier boards.
- Teams that qualify for the Tri-Annual, World Qualifier and World Pool Championships must remain active in the Greater Scranton APA to retain their qualified status.
- All qualified teams must finish in the top half of their division in all sessions following qualification prior to the World Qualifier or risk the loss of their qualified status.
- The Travel Assistance Fund will be used to provide travel assistance to those teams advancing to the APA World Pool Championships. If a team chooses not to go to this event, the slot and the Travel Assistance will be given to the team they last eliminated on their World Qualifier board.

## **Trophies and Plaques:**

End of the session awards will be given at the Tri-Annual (League-Wide Playoffs). Each member of the first-place team will receive an award. In addition, each first-place team will also receive a team plaque that can be put on display at their Host Location to show off their accomplishment.

## **2xPlay (Double Play Rule):**

Please follow the criteria below for ensuring smooth implementation of the Double Play Rule on APA League nights:

- Team rosters must still be able to naturally field a team without a 23-Point violation.
- The Double Play team's need to invoke the Double Play Rule is NOT the result of a player being forcibly sent home and/or made unavailable! Attempts to take advantage of the Double Play Rule in this manner should be reported to the APA League Office and may result in the forfeit of the Double Play match and loss of Bonus Points.
- The Double Play team MUST notify the opposing team as early as possible and no later than the start of the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) match that they intend on using the Double Play Rule.
- In any instance, if the team requesting the Double Play Rule has an un-played player show up before the start of the last match, and playing that player does not cause a 23-Point Rule violation, that team requesting the Double Play MUST revoke their intended Double Play request and play the un-played player in the last match.
- The opposing team MUST allow the Double Play Rule when requested and CANNOT demand that the Double Play team forfeit the match as long as all members who have played remain selectable.
- The Double Play Rule can only be used ONCE during an APA League night and should be scheduled for the LAST MATCH played.
- If, in any instance, the Double Play MUST be played prior to the last match of the APA League night, please contact the Greater Scranton APA League office.
- The OPPOSING TEAM selects the Double Play player from the Double Play team.
- The OPPOSING TEAM can choose ANY player PRESENT except a player that would cause the Double Play team to violate the 23-Point Rule.
- The OPPOSING TEAM should select the Double Play player AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and inform the Double Play team of the player they have selected.
- Selection of the Double Play player is FINAL.
- Both teams may utilize the Double Play Rule on the same APA League night if necessary.
  - In this situation, both teams put up their own Double Play player.
  - The team scheduled to put up a player in the 5<sup>th</sup> match designates their Double Play player FIRST.
- Each team is allowed to use the Double Play Rule up to **3 times per session** as long as the above criteria are met in each instance.
- The Double Play Rule CANNOT be used during:
  - The last 2 weeks of regular weekly APA Pool League play

- End of Session Playoffs
- Tri-Annual (League-Wide Playoffs)
- World Qualifiers
- World Pool Championship
- Local Team Tournaments
- The Double Play Rule may periodically be subject to change.

### **Scotch Doubles Team Rosters**

A team roster MUST consist of at least two (2) Greater Scranton APA players. A MAXIMUM of three (3) players are permitted on a Doubles roster. Two player teams must subscribe to the APA Scotch Doubles League with a combined Skill Level of TEN (10) or LESS during the start of each NEW LEAGUE YEAR. A team's combined skill level can increase to twelve (12) during the League Year and still remain competitive and in contention. No team will be allowed to advance to the POOLPLAYER CHAMPIONSHIP event held in Las Vegas with a combined skill level of THIRTEEN (13). If a team's combined skill level reaches THIRTEEN (13), ONE (1) player MUST BE REPLACED, reducing the team's combined skill level back to TEN (10) or below.

### **Scotch Doubles Fees**

All Doubles League matches are to be PAID IN FULL on the original night of League play. Team fees for Scotch Doubles matches are \$10 per person (\$20 for the team). Full team fees are due regardless of how many players actually play (i.e. if there is a forfeit in a match or full team forfeit).

### **Scotch Doubles Make-up Matches**

Make-up matches are LIMITED to two (2) per session, unless pre-approved by the Greater Scranton APA League Office. You must notify the Greater Scranton APA League Office in ALL INSTANCES of re-scheduling a match. The 2xPLAY RULE is NOT ALLOWED during Doubles League play. Make-up matches MUST BE COMPLETED prior to two (2) weeks before the end of the session.

### **Adding a Scotch Doubles Substitution Player**

The Substitution Player:

- MUST BE subscribed to your roster within the first four (4) weeks of League play
- is NOT considered part of your Greater Scranton APA Scotch Doubles Team.
- is NOT entitled to ANY benefits or awards rewarded to ANY Greater Scranton APA Scotch Doubles Team.
- MUST BE currently active on a 23-Point Greater Scranton APA Open 8-Ball or Open 9-Ball team.
- MUST PLAY at their current Skill Level.
- can ONLY BE USED three (3) times per session.
- CAN NOT be used in the last two (2) weeks of League play or in playoffs.
- CAN NOT be used in the Greater Scranton APA Scotch Doubles League Championships or Poolplayer Championships.
- CAN NOT be added unless it enables any combination of players' skill levels to equal 10 or less at the time the Sub is added.