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LOCAL BYLAWS

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Introduction

We would like to welcome you and your team to the American Poolplayers Association!

This document explains the structure of the League at a Local Level and should be used in conjunction with the Official Team Manual (OTM) on the APA Member Services App and poolplayers.com. These Local Bylaws have been created for the smooth and efficient operation of the League. After all, the APA's motto is: **Have Fun. Meet People. Play Pool.®**

Please read these Local Bylaws carefully and keep them with the APA Official Team Manual for your reference. All Local Bylaws with dates prior to the revision date of this document are invalid.

These bylaws have been approved by the American Poolplayers Association, Inc. The Local Bylaws are a secondary source of information, created in accordance with and in addition to the Official Team Manual. The OTM will be your primary source of information and all rules in the OTM will be followed, with the exception of any revisions as listed below. All revisions and rules may be overridden at the League Operator's discretion.

SECTION 1
LOCAL LEAGUE INFORMATION

Office Hours

League Office hours are Monday through Friday, 10 AM to 4 PM & 8 PM to 11 PM.
League Office is also open during any weekend Division's scheduled hours.

We respond most quickly to texts. Our Office Phone is 214-281-6650. You may text, call, and Zelle (when needed) to that number.

Any other type of communication, such as Facebook Messenger and even e-mail could result in delays or even lost. So please use the 214-281-6650 for all league related communication.

Age Requirements

The age requirement to join the APA is 18 years old. If you have someone on your team that is under the age of 21, you must notify the League Office. Many of our Host Locations are 21 and over only establishments. If a new member is under the age of 24, the League Office may ask for a screen shot of the player's ID before that individual will be added to any roster playing out of a 21+ establishment.

Membership Services – The Pool League App

APA provides an app for you to keep track of your schedules, stats, and league events. All players should download this app and claim their account to get the most out of their APA experience and never miss important communication. Search for APA Pool League in your Play Store.

NW Dallas County APA is committed to offering additional tournament opportunities to our players, and the primary source of this communication will be delivered through the Pool League app – so download it and set it so that you receive update notifications. We also post regularly to our Facebook group. Please scan the QR code on the first page of these bylaws to follow us there!

Division (League) Start Time

Division start times vary and are subject to change. Always rely on the schedule in your Pool League app for official start times.

Achievement Patches

Awarding our players for their achievements is one of our single highest priorities!

There is a lock box located on site at most host locations. Team Captains will have the code and will award any achievements you would like a patch for immediately whenever possible. Certain achievements must be requested directly from the League Office. Some achievements are also available in a pin or chip. Please contact the League Office for more information.

If you believe you earned a patch that you have not received, please contact the League Office. We will make arrangements to get it to you.

Weekly Team Fees

The weekly fees are:

- $30 for Ladies and Master teams
- $50 for standard 8-Ball and 9-Ball teams
- $60 for Destination Division teams

FULL weekly team fee payments can be made by ANYONE on the team through the Pool League app. If you experience problems with the app, please first ensure your stored card is up to date. If you still have issues, you should find another member of the team to send the dues in through the app. Weekly team fees are due within 24 hours of the official start time on the original scheduled date of the match.

When a weekly match is carried over for makeups, or some matches are either forfeited or not necessary by points (playoff matches), FULL FEES ARE STILL DUE ON TIME.

Failure to pay the FULL weekly team fee within 24 hours of your official start time, as well as failure to pay properly through the Pool League app may result in loss of bonus points.

Past Due Teams

If we do not have record of a payment by the time we enter your scores and release new scoresheets, your team will reflect a past due balance in Scorekeeper. DO NOT IGNORE IT! Contact the League Office to get the situation resolved immediately. It is possible an alternative payment was missed, and we can work together to find it much easier when you take immediate action.

Once scores are entered, any unpaid matches will no longer appear in your app to pay. Just because you do not see the match does not mean you paid it! Check your payment history in your Pool League app before contacting the League Office. Once we are at this point, alternative payment arrangements will need to be used, such as Zelle or CashApp.

Any team that falls two weeks behind in paying their weekly team fees may be dropped from the League for non-payment.

Dropped and/or past due teams will forfeit all benefits, trophies, and awards. They will not be eligible for post-session playoffs or tournaments and will forfeit any qualifications for National Events they may have previously held.

Roster Changes and Adding Players

Teams may add or drop players in the Scorekeeper app themselves through the end of the 4th week of any session. After that, roster changes must come through the League Office and are subject to approval.

Every player must have a minimum of 6 matches played in a session to be eligible for end of session playoffs. Brand new players to the APA and any teams added in the Spring Session will have their skill levels heavily scrutinized before being allowed to participate in the local World Qualifier.

Brand new players added to a Spring Roster must meet their 10 lifetime matches by the last week of the regular session in order to advance to playoffs, Tri-Annuals, or our Local World Qualifier.

Lame Duck Exceptions

A team dropping mid-session is disruptive to all teams and players in the division. Therefore, to avoid the mid-session drop, the League Office will declare them a Lame Duck team. The team name will have (LD) next to it. Exceptions such as late roster changes or the replaying of a player more than once in a match will be allowed – no make-ups. Lame Duck teams will NOT be eligible to advance beyond regular session and cannot return next session without demonstrating improved stability.

SECTION 2
LEAGUE STRUCTURE & PLAY

The League Year for Standard Format 8 & 9 Ball teams have three Sessions: Summer, Fall, and Spring. At the end of each session, teams compete in the End-of-Session Division Playoffs.

Showdown Series Formats (Masters, Ladies, Doubles) operate on a Spring, Summer, Fall League Year.

Scorekeeper App (SKA)

Blank paper scoresheets are available in the League Packet at each host location and may be used if there are long-term disruptions with SKA. Each team must submit either an electronic or a paper scoresheet.

Holidays & Special Events

NW Dallas County APA operates a year-round schedule. There are typically two weeks scheduled off, one at Thanksgiving and the other at Christmas. We try to avoid play on major holidays, but those are not guaranteed. We operate with one week of playoffs then the next session begins the following week.

If you are scheduled to play on a date that is inconvenient for ANY reason (think of upcoming weddings, vacations, etc) the League Office will ALWAYS release any week of a schedule upon request so that you can plan to pre-play the matches.

Avoiding Forfeits – Playing a Player Twice (Replay)

National Rules state that "YOU MAY ONLY PLAY ONCE in a team match." However, to help prevent forfeits and to make it more likely matches are won on the table rather than by forfeit, NW Dallas County APA has chosen to adopt the Replay Rule approved by the APA National Office. This rule allows ***ONE*** player (the "Replay Player") from a team (the "Replay Team") to play twice on the same night in the following circumstances:

- The Replay Team does not have enough players present or cannot play the players it does have present without violating the 23-Rule. If the team does have 5 players that can play within the 23-Rule, they may not use the Replay option.
- The Replay Team's need to invoke the Replay Rule is not the result of a player being sent or intentionally kept home and/or intentionally made unavailable. Common sense must prevail in true cases of emergency.
- The Replay Team notifies their opponent of the need to use / or potential need to use the Replay Rule **prior to the start of the 4th individual match.**
- This rule does not permit a team to stall for time for more players to arrive. Continuous Play applies.
- The opposing team must allow a Replay through the entire regular session – they may not decline.
- The opposing team gets to pick which player from the other team will be the Replay Player, except where that player would cause the Replay Team to violate the 23-Rule or the Senior Skill Level Rule.
- The Replay Match WILL be the last individual match, and ALL subsequent matches are forfeited by the Replay team**.** If scoresheets are submitted with the replay occurring prior to Match 5, the League

Office will assume the opposing team agreed to allow the match to continue and cannot claim forfeits after the fact. ***It is incumbent upon all teams to understand this rule for it to be applied consistently.***

- If an eligible player from the Replay Team shows up prior to the start of the "replay" match, the "replay" match is cancelled, and the new player MUST play.
- The Replay Rule is ***NOT*** permitted during **End of Session Playoffs, Tri-Annual Tournaments, or the World Qualifier.**
- ***Any attempts to abuse this rule should be reported to the League Office.***

Teams are limited to 5 replays in a single session. Each time a replay is used, the team's name will have a number added to the end. This is their count. Once they reach 5, it is the responsibility of BOTH teams not to replay a player on that team for the remainder of the session. There will be NO SPECIAL WARNING in Scorekeeper. In the event a team uses the replay rule after they have used 5, BOTH teams will receive penalty points to bring that match to a double forfeit (no points for either team). The match will be put into the system as played for the purposes of accurate skill level evaluation. Both teams will also lose their bonus points.

Makeup Matches

FULL Weekly Fees are due based on the match's SCHEDULED date, not the date the match is finished and submitted. Failure to pay on time may will result in loss of bonus points.

Makeup matches, either the full team match or individual player matches must be made up within 2 weeks of the originally scheduled match. ALL TEXT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TEAM WHEN ATTEMPTING TO RE-SCHEDULE MUST INCLUDE THE LEAGUE OFFICE. If more than 2 weeks is needed, contact the League Office for approval, otherwise the team who requested the makeup will forfeit any un played matches.

During the first four weeks of each session, if a team is short players, the opposing team MUST allow them to make up the matches. Teams who know they will need to make up any of their matches should make every effort to advise their opponent as far in advance of the match as possible.

From week 5 up until the last 2 weeks of the session, teams are encouraged to honor any reasonable makeup requests. However, teams do have the right to refuse the makeup starting at week 5 unless the makeup has been pre-approved by the League Office in certain circumstances.

No makeups are allowed during the last 2 weeks of any session, except under extreme circumstances.

Please refer to "Preventing Forfeits" section, and whenever possible using a Replay Player is preferable to a makeup match when it is for the 5th match. Remember, using a Replay player ends the match and all subsequent matches are subject to forfeit by the team who was short players.

See Lame Duck Exceptions regarding replays and makeups for special circumstances.

Makeup matches will always be unconditionally approved for a team or player involved in any APA sanctioned event, including, but not limited to Singles Regionals and National Tournaments. It is still preferable to pre-play any matches that will occur during an APA event.

Inclement Weather

The Local League Office will use all local official resources to determine whether matches will be rescheduled due to inclement weather. We will make this notification on the Pool League app in the News

section. Regardless of an official call from the League Office, ALL teams and players have sole authority over their personal safety. If a team requests a makeup over weather safety concerns, it will be enforced by the League Office, provided the team alerts their opponent or the League Office that they will be needing a make-up for weather concerns.

Forfeits

NW Dallas County APA follows all National Rules regarding Forfeits. Please see the Official Team Manual for conditions and points pertaining to Forfeits.

Dropped Teams

Schedules and teams require order and commitment. Teams that drop out after a session has started will owe the balance of ALL weekly fees for the remainder of that session. If the balance is not paid in full, then each player who wishes to continue participating in the APA ***ANYWHERE*** will have to pay their prorated portion of the uncollected fees before returning.

Players owing money in this manner are suspended across ALL of APA.
This includes any other area they may play in, and it will void eligibility for any National Event they may be qualified for.

The League Office will work with any player who is behind in dues because of a dropped team but wishes to continue to play, call the League Office.

Teams who do not show up for 2 consecutive weeks will be considered dropped from the League and a new schedule will be issued. Dropped teams, and players that owe fees will forfeit all benefits, trophies, & awards. Teams that are dropped for this reason will owe the balance of all weekly fees for the remainder of that session and all players will be suspended until their balances are paid, per National Rule.

Please refer to the Lame Duck Exceptions for ways to avoid this situation.

New Teams After Session Start

NW Dallas County APA is committed to adding new teams whenever they arise. However, we recognize how disruptive this can be to the schedule. Therefore, we will not add teams to a division if it creates a BYE during the last 6 weeks of any session. We will add teams that closes a BYE up until the last 4 weeks of the session. Teams added in the second half of a session will not be eligible to advance past the end of the regular session.

DURING THE FIRST 3 WEEKS OF A SESSION:

Divisions with a BYE

The new team closes the BYE. Teams that already had a BYE during the weeks the team was not in the division may be scheduled for a makeup with the late added team. The size of the division as well as table availability will be considered prior to making this decision. When makeups are scheduled, we ask that they are completed within 2 weeks, but extensions will be granted when necessary. The League Office may eventually implement double forfeits when these makeups are not progressing.

Divisions without a BYE

The new team creates a BYE. The new team will be given a BYE for the week immediately prior to the week they play their first match. Makeups will not be required of any team in the prior weeks.

AFTER THE FIRST 3 WEEKS (ALL DIVISIONS):

After the first 3 weeks, no makeup matches will be required in either scenario (divisions with or without BYES). A late joining team will be awarded baseline points for the weeks they missed. That amount will be the last place team's score the week ending prior to their addition to the division, minus the following:

- 8-Ball: 8 points
- 9-Ball: 50 points
- Masters: 10 points
- Ladies: 5 points

The Division schedule will be adjusted to accommodate the new team, so be sure to check the Pool League app for any schedule changes.

Defensive Shots

A Defensive Shot is defined as a shot taken by a player with NO INTENT to pocket a ball. Simple as that.

Players are encouraged to declare their defensive shots, but ultimately, each scorekeeper must use discretion and mark the shot defensive if they believe there was no intent to pocket a ball. Scorekeepers DO NOT need to agree. Defensive Shots must be recorded independently and not compared.

It is highly recommended that ALL teams have at least one higher level player (5 or above) keeping score *or* have them sit with a lower-level player to advise them on when to mark a shot as Defensive.

ALL players who keep score should watch this video: Understanding Defensive Shots

Calling Fouls on Your Opponent

Ball in Hand Fouls (BIH) are listed in the Official Team Manual. There are 11 of them, and all except one involve the cue ball. These are the ONLY fouls resulting in ball in hand. Any other type of violation of the rules is a ***sportsmanship*** violation.

The team calling a foul or other rule violation should have their OTM and/or bylaws in hand to show the opposing Team Captain where that rule violation or foul has occurred. If the rule cannot be found in a REASONABLE amount of time, it should be assumed that NO FOUL occurred, and play should resume.

Marking the Pocket vs. "Calling" the Pocket (8-ball)

In APA we mark the pocket for the 8-ball. Period. Something not common to the table should be used. See the OTM for more on acceptable pocket markers.

Mutually "agreeing" to call (but not actually mark) the pocket is not supported in the rules, therefore, if the League Office is called to rule on a match where the pocket was not properly marked, we will uphold the rule. No arguments. That said, common sense should always prevail. If both players had in fact "agreed" to simply point to or "call" their pocket and the rule was inserted to prevent a loss, the player who invoked the rule after violating it for the rest of the match will be immediately suspended for no less than 2 weeks. You may win the match, but you could lose your right to play in NW Dallas County APA. We take integrity and good sportsmanship very seriously.

Table Selection

When tables are assigned for your division, they must be adhered to. If your location has several types/sizes of tables, it is imperative that the league office knows which table was used. If you play on a table not assigned to you, your skill levels could be negatively impacted. Stick to the assignments or contact the league office if there is a problem with your assigned table.

When more than one table is assigned, the visiting team chooses the table for the match.

Teams are not guaranteed to have more tables than their match requires. When only one match table is assigned, teams must share that table for practice prior to match start. When multiple tables are available, they can be used for practice, however, makeup matches take number one priority on open tables – no exceptions – even if it is not your team that needs it. Splitting tables takes 2nd priority and then practice.

If you arrive for league night and your assigned table is occupied, please politely ask a staff member to make your match table available and give them a reasonable amount of time to do so.

Double Jeopardy

In Double Jeopardy divisions it is the team captain's responsibility to make sure they are managing their matches so that one player is not left to cover both formats in the 5th match. If this happens, the opposing team captain may declare a forfeit in the waiting format.

If the opposing team agrees, they can choose to wait for the player to become available in the waiting format, but they are not obligated to do so. Remember to let common sense and sportsmanship prevail.

Greens Fees

Host locations may charge greens fees either in the form of quarters for coin-op tables or pre-payment for a rack of balls. These fees are between the team and the location and do not affect your APA fees due. Handling greens fees is up to each team, but generally the fee is split between the players

Bonus Points

Bonus points are awarded ***ENTIRELY*** at the League Office's discretion. The bonus point system is intended to reward teams for consistently ensuring their scoresheets and financial obligations are complete and current. They are NOT an entitlement – they are earned.

Bonus points will be awarded ***ONLY*** when ***ALL*** the following have occurred:

- Completing and submitting your individual team's scoresheet (electronic or paper):
- Paying full weekly team fees within 24 hours of your regular start time.
- Paying full weekly team fees through the Pool League app.
- Having no excessive or intentional sportsmanship violations reported by your opponent.
- Being current with all weekly team fees. Teams with past due fees may not receive bonus points until their account is settled, even when the current week is paid on time.

NW Dallas County APA may, on occasion, offer opportunities to earn additional bonus points. Any such opportunities will be equally available to all teams competing within the division and will be awarded for specific instances targeted to improve the league as a whole.

Bonus Points by format are as follows:

- 8-Ball: 2
- 9-Ball: 10
- Masters: 5
- Ladies: 1

BYE Weeks

In Divisions with BYEs, the following point structure is in place. The goal is to keep you whole, and not advantage or disadvantage you in any way. As bonus points are awards for proper payment and scorekeeping, etc, they are not applicable during the BYE week.

- 8-Ball: 8 BYE points
- 9-Ball: 60 BYE points
- Masters: 15 BYE points
- Ladies: 5 BYE points

SECTION 3
SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT

Sportsmanship

NW Dallas County APA is committed to providing an atmosphere that is fun and friendly for everyone.

Sometimes sportsmanship is displayed best when a tense situation is properly addressed and de-escalated by all players involved. Remember, we are all here to have a fun time – let cooler heads and common sense prevail. Disagreements will happen, but we should all be shaking hands in the end.

Should an escalating situation arise, and you need assistance, Division Reps are regularly available each league night and will assist you. Also, the League Office is open every night during league and can be reached at 214-281-6650. Calling any other number may NOT get you the assistance you need in a timely fashion.

Sportsmanship Award Nominations and/or Complaints should be submitted in ***WRITING***, to the League Office at nwdallasapa@gmail.com .

Skill Level Complaints & Sandbagging

NW Dallas County APA players are expected to give their best effort in every game. Every week when scores are entered, we carefully review EACH player's skill level and their patterns of play over time.

Sandbagging occurs when a player is intentionally trying to manipulate their skill level by throwing games, or missing shots on purpose with the intention of artificially controlling their skill level. Playing a heavily defensive game is NOT sandbagging, but if those defensive shots are not recorded properly, we cannot rate that player properly.

A player who is outperforming you at the table, regardless of their skill level, is not sandbagging. Calling other players "sandbaggers," or insinuating that they are "not their skill level," is inappropriate and can be sharking. The Equalizer system is designed to ensure that Everyone Can Play, and ANYONE can win.

NO ONE SANDBAGS (***effectively***) WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT!

Understanding when a player had no intention to pocket a ball is critical. All these instances MUST be marked as defensive, even if the shooter does not declare them as such. If each scorekeeper does this consistently, attempts to sandbag will ultimately fail. When scorekeeping is complete and accurate, then the system will work exactly the way that it is supposed to, and you are encouraged to simply play your game and let the system do its job.

If you truly believe a player is intentionally trying to manipulate their skill level, you may file a complaint, in ***WRITING***, to the league office at nwdallasapa@gmail.com or by filling out the form on our website under Contact and Feedback. We take these complaints seriously and will investigate, and where warranted, take appropriate action. However, you should not expect a follow-up report from the League Office.

*Under **NO CIRCUMSTANCES** are you to approach the League Operator and attempt to discuss ANY player's skill level in public.*

Information for the APA's handicapping system can be found here: https://poolplayers.com/equalizer/

Remember to treat your opponent as you would like to be treated.
Pay attention to the match, be ready to shoot when it is your turn.
Win at the table – not from the chair.
Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat, AND ABOVE ALL…
Have Fun. Meet People. Play Pool.®

Players Banned by the Host Location

If a player has been banned from a host location for any reason the team must play without that player. NW Dallas County APA will NOT intervene – the host location has final authority in these matters. NW Dallas County APA reserves the right sanction the player further if the offense occurred during any APA activities.

When Higher-Level Tournaments or any other events are held at a location where a player is banned, if they want permission to compete in that event, it is entirely upon the player to try to plead their case with the host location. NW Dallas County APA will NOT intercede on your behalf. If denied, the team must compete without that player. No exceptions and the event will not be relocated to accommodate any player in this situation.

Etiquette

Every player, regardless of skill level or experience is expected to observe these basic rules of etiquette:

- ALWAYS abide by House Rules.
- ALWAYS play with integrity and call your own fouls.
- Do not sit on, drink, eat at, smoke/vape over the pool table.
- Do not stand in a shooter's view or line of shot during a shot.
- Do not stand next to the table while someone is shooting.
- Do not walk up to a table while an opponent is shooting to pick up chalk or any other item.
- Do not have conversations loud enough for the shooters at the table to hear.
- NEVER discuss a player's ability or skill level where you could be overheard - or just don't do it.
- Do not celebrate or cheer when your opponent loses a match due to a foul.
- Always shake hands and/or be respectful of your opponent, whether you win or lose.

Electronics

Cell phones, smart watches, and blue-tooth devices must not be used at the table during a match.

Electronic earbuds should not be used during regular league play. If you would like to use them for personal music, be respectful and ask the opposing captain if they have any concerns. If you are wearing electronic earbuds and are asked by your opponent to remove them, then remove them without argument. Electronic earbuds will NOT be allowed at any Higher-Level Tournament. Non-electronic ear plugs, and medically necessary aids are allowed.

Players are reminded to let common sense and sportsmanship prevail. If you have a concern, report it to the League Office.

Suspended Players
NW Dallas County APA will honor all suspensions from all APA areas.

SECTION 4
PLAYOFFS, HIGHER-LEVEL TOURNAMENTS AND END-OF-SESSION AWARDS

Session Playoffs
All weekly divisions will have one night of playoffs the week following the last week of regular session play, usually held on the same night of league play unless otherwise specified.

To be eligible for playoffs, teams and players must meet the following criteria:

- All team fees must be current by the last week of regular session play.
- Players must have played a minimum of 4 matches on their team during the regular session.
- Teams must not have forfeited more than 5 individual matches during the full regular session.

Wild Card draws will be conducted by the League Office. These will be publicly drawn and posted for teams to view on Facebook and/or You Tube. Once the playoff seeding is complete, the schedule will be posted.

Once a team has qualified for the World Qualifier during the league year, they may choose not to participate in playoffs and/or Tri-annuals again if they wish. Care must be taken to ensure the originality of the roster that first earned the WQ remains intact (minimum 4 original members) when making this decision. The League Office can assist in making these eligibility decisions.

END-OF-SESSION AWARDS
NW Dallas County APA recognizes the 1st and 2nd place finishers in each division with 6 or more teams at the end of each session based on the final standings prior to playoffs with a commemorative plaque for each eligible player on the team.

In divisions with fewer than 6 teams, the final winner of the playoffs will be the team presented with the Championship plaque for that session.

BIG DAWG Award
These awards apply to all standard 8 & 9 ball teams.

The team with the most points earned in a session out of all the divisions competing in that format in the entire League area will receive the BIG DAWG award. If two or more teams are tied for BIG DAWG, they will all be recognized. Each team earning the BIG DAWG award will receive a special award for each

member on the team. The BIG DAWG team will also advance to the Tri-Annuals and may be assigned a BYE if there is one available.

MVP Awards

NW Dallas County APA recognizes the MVP program and will issue a special award for the MVPs in each division at the end of every session. We follow all National guidelines on the calculation and eligibility for MVP, including the tiebreaking procedure. For further information for how MVP is calculated as well as current standings, check your Pool League App.

Ladies Yearly Division MVP awards for 8-Ball will be based on two tiers of Skill Levels when there are no 7s in the division. Skills 2-3 and 4-6.
Masters divisions will have one MVP awarded each session.

PERFECT SESSIONS are recognized by NW Dallas County APA within the structure of the MVP program and will be commemorated with a more prominent MVP award and a special “Perfect Session” designation.

MVP Invitational Tournaments

NW Dallas County APA will hold a Singles Qualifier Tournament for the top three players on the MVP list in each tier and a special rate. There will be one held after every session. Ladies Yearly Division MVPs will be invited to the Spring Session event. Details will be posted in the app for when and how to sign up.

Tri-Annual – One Week Of Playoffs For All Division Sizes

Number Of Teams In The Division (last week of regular play)	World Qualifier (WQ) Qualification Playoff Structure	Session Award Structure
4-5 One Team Qualifies For Tri-Annual	1st 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 1st Place Session trophies
6-7 Two Teams Qualify For Tri-Annual	Division Point Leader advances directly to Tri-Annual 2nd Place vs Wild Card Winner advances to Tri-Annual	Awards: Top Point Finisher will receive the 1st Place Session trophies
8-11 Three Teams Qualify For Tri-Annual	Division Point Leader advances directly to Tri-Annual 2nd Place vs Wild Card 3rd Place vs 4th Place Both winners advance to Tri-Annual	Awards: Top Point Finisher will receive the 1st Place Session trophies
12-14 Four Teams Qualify For Tri-Annual	Division Point Leader advances directly to Tri-Annual 2nd Place vs Wild Card 3rd Place vs 6th Place 4th Place vs 5th Place All winners advance to Tri-Annuals	Awards: Top Point Finisher will receive the 1st Place Session trophies
15-16 Five Teams Qualify For Tri-Annual	Division Point Leader advances directly to Tri-Annual 2nd Place vs Wild Card 3rd Place vs 8th Place 4th Place vs 7th Place 5th Place vs 6th Place All winners advance to Tri-Annuals	Awards: Top Point Finisher will receive the 1st Place Session trophies

<u>World Qualifier</u> (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 NW Dallas County in the APA World Pool Championships.

*A maximum of 16 Teams will participate in the 8-Ball World Qualifier:
***Summer** - 6 Teams from the Tri-Annual
***Fall** - 6 Teams from the Tri-Annual
***Spring** 4 Teams from the Tri-Annual

*A maximum of 16 Teams will participate in the 9-Ball World Qualifier:
***Summer** - 6 Teams from the Tri-Annual
***Fall -** 6 Teams from the Tri-Annual
***Spring** - 4 Teams from the Tri-Annual

*subject to change based on team count
** Number of teams qualified from the Tri-Annual may be adjusted if previously qualified teams lose qualification.

- When a previously World Qualified team elects to participate in a subsequent Tri-Annual and then wins again, their qualification ***<u>may</u>*** be passed down to the team they last eliminated on the bracket if:
    - There is space available in the World Qualifier, AND
    - They come from a Division that allows pass-down qualification under National Rule
- When BYEs are available on the World Qualifier bracket, they will be assigned first to any team that won multiple Tri-Annuals (as described above, irrespective of any pass-down), and then to the overall highest placing teams in the league year, based on average points earned per match.
- 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.

<u>Travel Assistance</u>
Teams that advance to a National Event through a NW Dallas County APA Qualifying Tournament will receive Travel Assistance to assist with the expenses associated with traveling to Las Vegas. The amount of Travel Assistance per player is subject to change and will be disclosed prior to the Local World Qualifier.

Travel Assistance is NOT prize money. If an eligible team decides not to go to the National Event, the qualification will be passed to the next eligible team if time allows, and that team will receive the Travel Assistance funds.

Players and teams will make their own travel arrangements to get to and from the event. Once the players arrive, they will be given their Travel Assistance in cash, and they will sign for it there. Players participating in more than one event during the same National Tournament will only receive one cash payment for their travel. Their room will be extended to span the events they qualified for.

If you are participating in an event for NW Dallas County and also one for a neighboring area, it is up to you to advise the League Office, and we may be able to work with the neighboring League Operator to ensure your rooming covers any gaps in your events. This is NOT guaranteed, but we cannot help you at all if you don't let us know.

Rooms will be booked by the League Office based on guidelines for room assignments set by the National Office for League Operators with Westgate Blocks. The Westgate has been overbooked in the past and while we will make every effort to room your team there, teams and players must understand that we are always subject to alternate accommodations.

Disclaimer

These Local Bylaws are in support of the Official Team Manual. Any conflict between the OTM and the Local Bylaws is unintentional and the OTM shall always supersede except where it specifically gives discretion to the League Area. These Local Bylaws will be updated periodically and are subject to change.

ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENTS ADDENDUM

Champion of Champions (team):

The Champion of Champions is an ultra-exclusive tournament after the World Qualifier for the best-performing teams. This competition uses the Team Captain format and offers the highest cash prize locally, making it a top goal for teams to strive for. To qualify, teams must double-qualify for the World Qualifier, win Big Dawg, or be among the top teams in the World Qualifier. At the Champions of Champions, teams will use the same roster from the World Qualifier but can break into as many as two rosters if they triple qualify.

Fun Tournaments (varies):

NW Dallas County APA organizes enjoyable tournaments throughout the year called Fun Tournaments. These events are designed for active players in the NW Dallas County APA, aiming to enrich their experience and provide additional opportunities to win. Each tournament comes with specific Rules for Participation, which will be posted in your Pool League app.

Destination Tournaments (team):

Weekly teams that participate in a Destination League will have the opportunity to compete in a tournament at the end of the League Year to earn a spot in the Mid-South Invitational in the Fall following the tournament. The format will be a Round Robin of fast-paced team competition featuring head-to-head one-rack matches between players, followed by bracketed playoffs of the top teams. Full rules of the tournament are located here: