

# AMERICAN POOLPLAYERS ASSOCIATION BAKERSFIELD, CA.



LOCAL BYLAWS  
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### FEES

- a. Weekly fees are as follows:
  - \$35.00 per team per week for open 8-ball and 9-ball Teams.
  - \$24.00 per team per week for Masters Teams.
  - \$21.00 per team per week for Ladies Teams.
  - \$16.00 per team per week for Doubles Teams.
- b. The first week of playoffs the team fee will be:
  - \$18.00 per team per week for open 8-ball and 9-ball Teams.
  - \$12.00 per team per week for Masters Teams.
  - \$10.00 per team per week for Ladies Teams.
  - \$8.00 per team per week for Doubles Teams.If your division plays a second week of playoffs there are no fees collected.
- c. The League Office will take cash or check for any and all fees. Please remember that the League Office is not responsible for cash left in the team envelope at any location. Checks are to be made out to the APA.

### OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are Monday – Friday 5:00pm – 10:00pm

## **DROP OF AND PICK UP OF WEEKLY TEAM PACKETS**

Your weekly team packets will be dropped off each week at the location in which your match is scheduled to play. You can expect your team packets to arrive at least 2 hours prior to start time and in most cases the day before your match is scheduled to begin. Leave all team packets at the location in which you played your match for pick up by a League Representative.

## **TEAM PRACTICE**

The visiting team has exclusive rights to the match table for practice beginning 30 minutes prior to the official match start time.

## **BONUS POINTS**

Bonus Points are awarded to teams for their timely submission of weekly envelopes and team fees. These are "team points" and are added to the points that you earn in your weekly match.

- a. 8-Ball – There is one (1) bonus point available each week for having your team fees paid in full (all weekly fees plus any past due weekly fees.) There is also one (1) bonus point available for having the scoresheet filled out completely and correctly. For a total of two (2) bonus points available each week.
- b. 9-Ball – There are five (5) bonus points available each week for having your team fees paid in full (all weekly fees plus any past due weekly fees.) There are five (5) bonus points available each week for having the scoresheet filled out completely and correctly. For a total of ten (10) bonus points available each week.
- c. Bonus points for other divisions (masters, doubles, Ladies) will be announced prior to the start of the division.

## **ELIGIBILITY AND SURVIVORSHIP**

The first four weeks of the any session you may add and drop players as needed. NOTE: During week one (1) and two (2) you do not have to tell your opponent that you are adding a player before the match begins. During week three (3) and four (4), you must tell the other team you will be making changes to your roster before starting the first match.

After the 4<sup>th</sup> week, if you need to make a roster change. Contact the Local League Office, and they will check both the team and player's eligibility. If the change is approved, the new player to the team will be printed on the scoresheet for the following week. All players' names must be printed on the scoresheet in weeks 5 through the end of the session in order to be eligible to play that week.

## **SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS/ UNCONTROLABLE CIRCUMSTANCES**

In the event of severe weather conditions or uncontrollable circumstances, the matches that are affected will be played at a later date or another location. The local League Office will determine if a match is affected under this policy.

## **NO SHOWS / FORFEITS / RESCHEDULING**

- a. If your scheduled opponent does not show up by start time. Promptly call the League Office to either speak with a representative from the League or the League Operator. If there is no answer leave a message. The League Management will make the official decision if the match will be a forfeit or rescheduled. Please be patient with new teams, sometimes the schedule is read wrong.
- b. There will be NO FULL FORFEIT points awarded to a team due to a team dropping out or a complete NO SHOW. This will result in the team receiving points equal to what the division/format receives for a bye.
- c. 24-hour advance notice to the League Office is required any time a make-up game is requested. Requests made with less than 24-hour notice will be up to the opponents. Fees must be paid regardless of whether the match is made up or not. All rescheduled matches must be made up by the session's make-up deadline.
- d. There will be NO rescheduling of matches that are regularly scheduled for the last two weeks of session play, except in emergency situations, which the League Management must approve of. These matches can be pre-played if needed.
- e. All make-up games will be played at the original location, unless, the change is agreed upon by both teams.

## **RETURN CHECKS**

- a. In the event of a check written to the Bakersfield APA office is returned because of non- sufficient funds (NSF). There will be \$20.00 return check fee for each return check.
- b. If any member owes the League Office money for return checks, the League Office will not accept any additional checks from the member until all return check amounts and fees are paid in full.
- c. After the third returned check from any player, the League Office will no longer accept personal checks from that person.

## **AGE REQUIREMENTS**

Players have to be at least 18 years of age to play in our adult program. Please note that State and Local laws prevent players under the age of 21 to enter some establishments. State and Local laws will prevail.

Juniors – players are to be 7-18 years of age.

## **TABLE SIZE/CUE BALL/EQUIPMENT**

Play will take place on the smallest table available for play. Teams are to use the equipment the host location provides. This includes the table, balls, and cue ball.

No personal cue balls allowed for League play. If a team has already been given a warning about using a personal cue ball. They are subject to lose all points for the match that is connected with the use of a personal cue ball. Simply put – DON'T CHANGE OUT THE CUE BALL.

## **END OF SESSION PLAYOFF STRUCTURE**

Home field advantage for playoffs will go to the highest seeded team (using the end of session standings).

## **DIVISION PLAYOFF for 8-Ball and 9-Ball:**

- a.) **In a division of 9 teams or less** – the point leader at the end of the regular session (prior to Playoffs) will play a Wild Card Team. Second place and third place teams will play each other. The 2 winning teams will advance to the Tri-Cups. Divisions with 9 or less teams will result in a total of 2 teams advancing to the Tri-Cups.
  
- b.) **In a division of 10 teams or more** – The point leader at the end of the regular session (prior to playoffs) will advance straight into the Tri Cups. The second place team will play a Wild Card Team and the third place and fourth place teams will play each other. The two Playoff winners will advance to the Tri-Cups. Divisions of 10 teams or more will result in a total of three teams advancing to the Tri-Cups.

## **Division Playoff Structure for Ladies, Masters, Doubles & Other Formats:**

The teams seeded 1st – 3rd in the standings at the end of the session are eligible for Playoffs. We will also pull one Wild Card Team (providing they are eligible) to play in Playoffs.

Week 1 of Playoffs – The team seeded 1st in the session will play the Wild Card Team. 2nd and 3rd place (seeded) teams will play each other.

Week 2 of Playoffs – The two winning teams from week 1 playoffs will play each other in week 2 playoffs.

## **AWARDS**

Patches/Pins: 8-on-the-Break, 8-Ball Break-and-Run, 9-on-the-Break, 9-Ball Break-and-Run, Rackless, along with any other special patch/pin will be awarded to each player who earns them. A limit of 1 per match is given. A Patch/Pin Certificate needs to be filled out in order for a player to receive these awards.

### **Team Award for 8-Ball and 9-Ball Formats:**

Teams who finish first in their division prior to any Playoffs will earn prize money of \$400.00.

The top eight teams in the Tri-Cups will receive \$600.00, the eight teams that are runner ups will receive \$400.00. Any additional teams in the Tri-Cups will receive \$200.00.

In addition to a cash prize, the players on the top eight teams in the Tri-Cups will earn an additional award.

Note: These figures are subject to change based on the number of teams playing in a given format. The guidelines are subject to change if deemed to be in the best interest of the League.

### **Team awards for other divisions: Ladies, Doubles, and Masters**

Prize money: Is awarded to teams that do well. Prize money will be split among the top finishing teams in Playoffs. The money awarded for this is determined by the number of teams playing on a given night, the number of divisions that we have as well as the total number of divisions playing in a given format.

### **MVP Guidelines for 8-Ball and 9-Ball formats:**

A player must finish in either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> spot within a skill level tier. These spots are determined at the end of the session prior to Playoffs. Due to skill level changes, the skill level of a player at the conclusion of the session will determine what skill level bracket a player ends up in and plays in. If a player's skill level changes from the time the final list is created and the tournament date, the player will play in the skill level bracket in which they are on the list for, however they will play at the higher skill level. Win Percentage will determine and break all ties. Payout structure, awards, regional spots, format (single or single Modified) etc. will be based on the participation in the tournament, along with the format and sizes of divisions that were played during the session. The total number of participates in the MVP tournament will be based on the format and size of the format. If a player finishes in the 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> spots on the list, they have a chance to be an alternate in the tournament. Alternates who would like to try and get a spot into the tournament will need to show up at the tournament site prior to the bracket start time. Check in with the tournament director and have your name be put on the list. At start time the number of alternates being

pulled into the tournament will be determined (based on no shows) and players will conduct a random draw.

### **LADIES DIVISION ONLY MVP:**

Ladies division MVP will also use the above guidelines with the exception of the following: A player can finish 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> on the MVP list and be in the tournament. All players who played in the division are eligible to be an alternate providing that they played at least 6 matches with their team during the session in which the list is pulled from.

### **MASTERS MVP**

The top eight players are eligible for MVP. All players who played at least 6 matches are considered alternates.

### **DOUBLES MVP**

Individual players who do well in their individual matches and who are 1<sup>st</sup> on the list will advance to the open 9-Ball or 8-Ball MVP. Players who finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> are considered alternates. See format rules above.

## **SESSION TRI-CUPS FOR THE 8-BALL & 9-BALL FORMATS**

Tri-Cups will be held at the conclusion of each session. This is a single elimination tournament in which the top teams earn prize money and qualify for the World Qualifier. See end of session Playoff structure for how teams qualify.

### **Eligibility For Session Tri-Cups**

- a.) Players must be on the roster of the Tri-Cup team during the session in which the team qualified for the tournament.
- b.) Players must have played at least 4 times with their team during the corresponding session.
- c.) Players must have a skill level based on at least 6 matches played in the corresponding format before the end of the session in which the team earns eligibility into the Tri-Cups.

## **WORLD QUALIFIER (CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS)**

### **For 8-Ball and 9-Ball Divisions:**

Teams become eligible for this tournament by doing well in the session Tri-Cups. World Qualifiers will be held at the conclusion of the Spring Session. With the top finishing teams advancing to the APA World Pool Championships.

### **For Ladies Divisions:**

Two teams from each division will have the opportunity to advance to the Ladies World Qualifier. The team who was the #1 seeded team at the end of the regular session will advance to the Ladies World Qualifier. Along with the team who took first during the Session Playoffs will advance to the Ladies World Qualifier. If one of or both of these teams happened to have already qualified for the league year for the Ladies World Qualifier, the spot(s) will filter down through the Playoff standings until we have 2 additional teams advancing to the Ladies World Qualifier.

### **Any other format divisions: example, Doubles or Masters**

Teams playing in a division in these types of formats will have a chance to move onto a tournament, with the opportunity to advance to a Championship Tournament. The guidelines will be announced to the divisions.

## **TRAVEL ASSISTANCE**

Travel Assistance will be given to each team who advances to the APA World Pool Championship. Each format (8-ball, 9-ball, Ladies) can have a different amount of travel assistance. Travel assistance, is assistance to help cover some of the cost the teams incur while traveling to the APA World Pool Championship. It will not cover all expenses. Currently Travel Assistance is as follows:

8-Ball teams = \$3,200.00

9-Ball teams = \$2,000.00

Ladies teams = \$750.00

Other formats = based on participation

Travel Assistance is subject to change at the discretion of the Local League Office based on participation.



## **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

The Board of Governors consists of several players in the League that are in good standing with the Local and National Office. They are also members that have knowledge of the rules and Bylaws. Their duties are to help adjust Bylaws when needed and make rulings on appeals. At times the Local League Office may ask the members of the League for nominations for the Board; however, the final members of the board are at the sole discretion of the APA.

## **BARRED PLAYERS**

Any player barred from a Host Location will be allowed to play at that location only with permission of the owner or manager. League Management has no authority to require admittance for any player. League Management will not adjust schedules to accommodate players in this situation.

## **REFUSAL TO DO BUSINESS**

At any time, at the sole discretion of the League Operator, APA-Bakersfield can refuse to do business with any individual regardless of whether the individual's APA membership is in good standing. Most often, players who are unwelcome in the League will be those who are disruptive to the League, repeatedly complain about handicaps or who otherwise deride the League in public.