

South Bay APA

Bylaws

Office Information – League Office hours are 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Sunday through Thursday. The League phone number is (408) 873-7665 and the e-mail address is playpool@Southbayapa.com.

Fees – Weekly team fees are \$40 per team including any session ending playoff. Checks are accepted however there is a \$20 fee for all returned checks. Any payment in coin form will result in no bonus points being awarded.

Adding Players – You may add or drop players anytime during the session as except with less than 4 weeks left in the session. Teams qualified for the World Qualifier may not add players after the 4th week in the Spring session. All players added after the 4th week must pay APA membership the first night of play, or the match will be forfeited and the player will not be added to the roster. Membership fee is always \$25 unless noted differently next to the players name on the scoresheet.

Starting a new Format – Skill levels of players with less than 10 matches are not transferred to another format. These players play their first match in the new format as new players.

Cue Sticks – A player cannot play a match with anything other than the tipped end of a cue stick. The butt end of the cue, broomsticks, mops, etc. will not be allowed. In the event that an unmovable obstacle prevents a player from making a shot, the player can use a shorter cue stick for that shot only.

Bonus Points – Each team will receive 1 bonus point in 8-Ball and 10 bonus points in 9-Ball for a neat, correctly completed score sheet, current on all League fees, and a sportsmanship rating has been entered. Refer to the Official Team Manual for instruction to fill out the score sheet correctly.

Playing a Player Twice – If a team has less than 5 players or the 5 players present cannot meet the 23-Rule it is up to the opposing team if they want to take a forfeit or choose a player to play twice.

23-Rule – The skill level limit your team can field in one night is 23. If your team plays over the skill level limit your team will forfeit the entire match; if both teams play over the skill cap neither team will receive points for the match.

Coaching – It is acceptable for a player to switch coaches in the middle of a match.

Match and Practice Tables – Most pool hall locations will charge a flat fee for match and practice table. Time restrictions may apply check with the person at the counter for fee and time restrictions.

Splitting Matches – Start a second match table no later than 1 hour after the start of the match when available.

Tri-Annual Tournaments – Tri-Annual Tournaments are held at the end of each session and determine who advances to the World Qualifier. The top 2 teams from the Summer and Fall Tri-Annual Tournaments advance to the World Qualifier. The top 4 teams from the Spring Tri-Annual Tournament advance to the World Qualifier. Players need at least 8 matches to compete in the session ending Tri-Annual Tournaments.

World Qualifier – The World Qualifier is held once a year and determines who will compete in the World Pool Championship. All Players must have 10 matches to compete in the World Qualifier.

Make-up Matches – Make-up matches must be completed within 3 weeks of the originally scheduled match and prior to the last two weeks of the session. The League Office will mandate a makeup match be scheduled and played if at least 24 hours' notice is given.

Playoff/Tri-Annual Chart

# of Teams in Division	Advance to Tri-Annual Tournament	Session Ending Playoffs
5 or Less	1 team will qualify	1st vs. Wildcard
6 – 9	1 st , 2 nd , Winner of Playoff	3 rd vs. Wildcard
10 – 13	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd and Winner of Playoff	4 th vs. Wildcard
14 -16	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th and Winner of Playoff	5 th vs. Wildcard

NOTE: In a 4-team division, eligibility will not be passed to teams finishing directly behind an already qualified team in the Playoffs. No more than two teams from the same 4-team division may advance to the Tri-Annual.

Refusal to Do Business

At any time, at the sole discretion of the League Operator, South Bay APA 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.