

APA Pool League
Local By-Laws
For Riverside County
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These by-laws have been read and approved by the American Poolplayers Association, Inc. The local by-laws are a secondary source of information created in accordance with and in addition to the Official Team Manual.

Office hours are Monday through Friday 9am to 10pm. If we are unavailable please leave your name, number and a brief message and we will return your call within 24 hours.

Team Fees

Team fees are \$30.00 per week, per team, regardless of forfeits. Division playoffs are \$25.00 per week per team.

Membership Fees

\$25.00 membership fees are due the first night of play or the very latest by the fourth week. Players will be dropped from the team roster if fee is not paid by the 4th week. If all players are not paid by the 4th week of play the team will be charged for the unpaid fees. Absolutely no exceptions!

Checks

Checks will no longer be accepted. You must pay by cash only. No exceptions.

Bonus Points

You will receive a bonus point if your score sheet is filled out properly and your weekly dues of \$30.00 are enclosed. (No checks) If you include other monies in your envelope please specify on the bottom of the score sheet what the extra money is to cover and for whom. (i.e.: membership fees, protest fees, etc.) Please only paper money **no change**.

Score Sheets

Score sheets are to be dropped off at the designated place for the area. Hemet teams must drop the score sheets at the shop immediately.

Start times

Start times are: 7:00pm for Weekly plays, 1:00pm for Saturday plays, and 5:00pm for Sunday plays. **This is real time, not bar time.** Play will begin even if only one member from the team is present. Play must be continuous. 15-minute grace period is in effect for start of play. If at that time no opposing team players are present, you must call Kimberly to have a forfeit called.

Forfeits

If a team fails to show up for a match, the opposing team (providing 5 players are present and listed on the score sheet) will receive 3 points plus 1 bonus point for 8-ball and 60 points plus 20 bonus points for 9-ball, if all paperwork is completed. (Removed weekly fees due) Teams that do not show up for 2 consecutive weeks will be considered dropped from the league and a new schedule will be issued. Dropped teams or any suspended player will forfeit all benefits, trophies, and awards. If no one shows up at the match to play, the team captain must call the league office no sooner than 15 minutes after scheduled start time to give the league office time to figure out exactly what happened. The score sheets must be filled out correctly identifying the team that is receiving the forfeits. The team number and the player's name or team name that is present must be written down.

Make-up Games

You must obtain permission from Kimberly to schedule a make-up match. When calling in for a make-up match you must give a date that you want to play the make-up match. It is up to the captains to schedule the make-up games. Your division rep can help you coordinate it. The league office is not responsible to do this. Pre-playing matches is always permitted.

Make-up games must be played within two (2) weeks of original game. (NO EXCEPTIONS)

A full team make-up must be approved by the League Operator. **NO make-up matches will be approved the last two weeks of the session. All make up matches must be played before the last two weeks of the division.**

Byes

Byes are worth 3 points and 1 bonus point in 8-ball and 60 points plus 20 bonus points in 9-ball. No weekly fees will be due and there will be no score sheets to turn in.

Place of Play

Always go by your scores sheets. Next week of play is scheduled at the bottom of your score sheet. Score sheet supersedes schedule.

ID

Players must be able to show a valid ID to the league operator or any team member at any time. Teams that play a player under a false name will receive 0 points for the night and will be at risk of suspension from the league. Their opponents will receive all points won plus 1 point for any match involving an illegal player. Ask for ID's prior to play.

Markers

No monies, chalk or knives shall be used as markers

Time Outs

Time outs (coaching) have a one-minute limit. Consistent misuse of this rule may result in a sportsmanship violation.

Electronic Devices

No Cell Phones at the Game Tables

- Players should turn off their cell phones during a match. Any player who takes or makes a phone call during his or her own match may receive a sportsmanship violation for unnecessarily delaying the game.
- A player who is "on call" or expecting an emergency call should leave his or her phone with a teammate while playing a match.

No Earpieces at the Game Tables

No headphones or earpieces of any type, whether connected to a phone, MP3 player, or other device, will be allowed during match play.

Adding Team Player

(Removed per the survival clause in the manual)

A team can add members to their roster up to the last four weeks of play. No changes can be made during the last four weeks of the session. NO EXCEPTIONS. Qualified Teams must obtain permission from Kimberly before making ANY roster changes. NO EXCEPTIONS. A qualified team will have the choice to add a player if they give up their qualification.

Remaining Eligible

Once a team becomes eligible for Higher Level Tournament, the team must remain active through the fall and Spring Session. If an eligible team must break up due to handicap problem, the team can split 50-50 and both teams can be marked eligible for the LTC's.

Inclement weather policy (rain, fires, etc).

If a match is to be cancelled due to weather, the League Operator or other team captain must be informed at least 2 hours prior to the start of the match, unless agreed upon by the captain's of both teams. The league operator must resolve any disagreements.

Protests

All protest must be in writing and include a \$25.00 fee. The league operator will inform the team that wins the protest and return their \$25.00. The losing teams \$25.00 will be added to the player fund.

Watching Good vs. Bad hits/Third

The shooters of the game in progress must agree on the individual (third party) to watch a hit.

It is NOT acceptable for two different people to watch the hit, as they may not agree and this creates more confusion. The captain or coach may ask for a hit to be watched, but it is the players that must agree on who the third party will be. Once the third party has been chosen, their call stands.

Banned Players

If a player has been banned from a tavern or location, then the team must play without him. The league does not have the right to insist a host location admit this player.

Division Playoffs

In a division, the winner of the division playoffs (the highest points in regular league play) earns the slot for the Local Team Championship. Playoffs will be between the 2nd, 3rd, 4th place teams and one wild card team for the second slot into the LTC.

Rule Book Exceptions

- We do allow male skill level 2's and 1's in lower level play, but they will be raised in higher level play.
- Masse' and jump shots are only legal if the house rules allow them. Check with owner
- Any player that has more than 2 sportsmanship violations may be dropped from the league.

If you are a nation bound team, you won at LTC's you must play on an active team for the summer session. Your team does not have to play together but you must play somewhere.

If your team becomes eligible during the year, your team must come in the top 60% of their division in order to remain eligible.

If your bar does provide red dot cue balls or opens the table up for league, it is your responsibility to make sure balls gets returned and tables get locked up.

There are no host location requirements for being APA. We play on the equipment provided.

If you request a pre-registered mini, your spot will only be held with a 50% deposit. If you wait to cancel at the last minute you will lose your deposit, it will be up to you to find a replacement provided the cut off date for changes has not passed.

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