



APA ACADIANA POOL LEAGUE

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We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate your team on advancing to the next level of play, JUNE DISTRIBUTOR. We also want to provide you with some important information regarding team and player eligibility requirements. We encourage everyone on the team to review the Higher Level Tournament section of the APA Official Team Manual, so that you can be fully prepared for success. Below is an outline of Eligibility Requirements:

- ◆ Every eligible team must play the Spring Session to retain eligibility. If your team qualified in Summer, then you must sign up again and play both the Fall and Spring Sessions. If your team qualified in Fall, then you must continue on and play in the Spring. You are not required to participate in the summer of the following League year even though that session begins before June Distributor is conducted.
- ◆ Summer Session teams that qualify for June Distributor must finish in the top half of their division in the subsequent Fall and Spring Sessions of the current League year. Fall Session teams that qualify for June Distributor must finish in the top half of their division in the subsequent Spring Session of the current League year. Teams that do not finish in the top half of their division in the session(s) following qualification are subject to heavy scrutiny of their handicaps and/or loss of eligibility. Teams that lose eligibility will be given the opportunity to requalify at Second Chance Tricup. Example: Your team qualified in Summer. In Fall your team lost eligibility due to not finishing in the top half of your division. You are then placed in the Fall Second Chance Tournament and given a chance to re-qualify. If your team qualified in Fall and loses eligibility in Spring due to not finishing in the top half of your division, your team will be placed in the Spring Second Chance Tournament. **All Eligible teams will be reviewed at the end of each session and notified if they have not met the 50% Rule. League Management does recognize that circumstances do occur, therefore each team will be looked at on an individual team basis.
- ◆ Your Spring Session roster will be the roster you must play with when you enter June Distributor and if you advance to the National Team Championship. Once the fourth week of the Spring Session has passed, rosters of all eligible teams are frozen. No one may be dropped or added. You cannot go back and re-sign a player who used to play with you in the fall or the previous summer, even if that player was on your team when you gained your eligibility. If the team decides to drop or add a player after the fourth week of the spring session has passed, the team will lose its eligibility. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
- ◆ A team that gains eligibility in the Summer Session must retain four original members in the Fall and Spring sessions. A team that gains eligibility in the Fall Session must retain four original members in the Spring Session. If a player quits an eligible team and later rejoins it according to the rules, he/she still has originality. Originality is established by being on a team when it became eligible.

- ◆ Members of a qualified team must remain current APA members. If any of your teammates are not available at renewal time, the team must pay for them or they will be dropped from the roster and will become ineligible. The Spring rosters of qualified teams are frozen after week four (See paragraph 3 above) and therefore, any member of a qualified team that is dropped by the League Office due to nonpayment of their membership renewal dues may not be added back to the team and that player will become ineligible to participate in June Distributor or Nationals.
- ◆ Every player must enter Higher Level Tournaments with the highest session-ending handicap he or she had from the time the team became qualified to the end of the Spring Session. Session ending handicaps are based on 10 actual league match scores in the format in which the player is advancing.
- ◆ The APA has the option to disqualify any team . In order to conduct a fair and equal tournament for all APA players, the APA must ensure that all participants are playing at skill levels that are not below their true ability. Handicap manipulation compromises the fairness and integrity of tournament play and cannot be tolerated. Accordingly, APA may disqualify any team if, in APA's sole judgment and absolute discretion, one (1) or more of its players are deemed by APA to be playing at a skill level below their true ability. APA is the sole judge of a player's ability and may make such a determination in its absolute judgment and discretion. Disqualification will forfeiture all titles, awards, prize money, and a minimum 2 year suspension from the League.

Sincerely,



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