

Welcome to June Distributor!



Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino Opelousas, LA

Team Captains:

Please read fully the following pages. Share this information with your team. As Team Captain you are responsible for making sure your players know the Do's and Don'ts of this tournament.

APA ACADIANA POOL LEAGUE

ALL PLAYERS SHOULD ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Players will not be allowed to come in with any type of outside drinks or food.
- NO Yeti Cups or containers of any kind are allowed.
- NO SMOKING
- DRESS CODE: Appropriate dress attire required. No cut-off jeans or low cut shirts or tank tops. No clothing with profanity, sexually suggestive messages, etc. Please do your part to enhance the image of our sport by adhering to this dress code.
- Stadium permitted bags ONLY are allowed which means clear plastic or clear vinyl. *Clear "SEE THROUGH" bags, backpacks and fanny packs ONLY are permitted. **A CLEAR SEE THROUGH ZIP LOCK IS ACCEPTABLE.
- Service Animals ONLY are permitted; however comfort or emotional support animals are not. **Definition: Service animals have been trained to perform tasks directly related to a person's disability. Animal must be on a leash, harness at all times and the owner must be in full control of the animal at all times.
- NO children allowed. To enter you must be 18 years and older.
- Everyone should be on their best behavior. Anyone causing a fight or intimidating or bullying others will be asked to leave immediately and will not be able to return.
- Anyone whose bad behavior causes any damage to property will be asked to leave immediately and will not be able to return.
- Anyone who is Disrespectful toward Tournament Director(s), APA Staff, Referees, Evangeline Downs Staff, etc. will be asked to leave immediately and will not be able to return.

The Certification Statement

Players are NOT to participate until they have signed the Certification Statement. Therefore if you do not sign the statement prior to turning it in, you will be marked ineligible.

CAREFULLY READ THE TEAM CERTIFICATION FORM. Players must "certify" that their skill levels accurately reflect each player's Highest Skill Level as defined below:

- ⇒ The skill level that the player and the Team believe represents the player's best pool playing ability.
- ⇒ The players highest session ending skill level in any session after the session in which the team qualified for June.
- ⇒ If a player is currently participating in the Summer session at a higher skill level, they should certify at that higher skill level.
- ⇒ Teams that did not end the Spring session in the TOP 50% will be HEAVILY SCRUTINIZED.

EXCESSIVE SKILL LEVEL MOVEMENT. By signing the Certification statement, each individual player acknowledges they are playing at their playing ability and also acknowledges that the following actions may constitute grounds for disqualification. (A) EXCESSIVE SKILL LEVEL MOVEMENT OR (B) IRREGULARITIES OR FALSIFICATION OF ANY TOURNAMENT SCORESHEET.

A player on a team roster moves up 2 skill level numbers during the tournament. THERE IS A HIGH PROBABILITY THAT TEAM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
A Team has 2 players that move up during the tournament. THE TEAM WILL BE WATCHED AND HEAVILY SCRUTINIZED.
A Team has 3 players move up during the tournament. THE TEAM WILL BE HEAVILY SCRUTINIZED AND MAY BE DISQUALIFIED.
A Team did not end the Spring session in the TOP 50% of their division. THE TEAM WILL BE HEAVILY SCRUTINIZED.

ONCE THE CERTIFICATION FORM IS COMPLETED

TAKE A CLEAR LEGIBLE PICTURE OF PAGE 2 AREA AT THE BOTTOM
WHERE PLAYERS FILLED OUT AND CERTIFIED THEIR SKILL LEVEL
AND SIGNED. TEXT TO THE APA TEXT NUMBER,
NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON

1-877-365-1628

BRING THE ORIGINAL
TEAM CERTIFICATION FORM

This is a mandatory meeting. One person from your team or a
representative must attend!

Referee Guide

- ⇒ **TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO SHOW THE HIGHEST RESPECT FOR REFEREES AT ALL TIMES.**
Giving the Referees a "hard time" can and will place the team, and/or member (s) involved in jeopardy of being immediately disqualified from the event, removed from the premises and suspended from the league. THIS IS AN OFFICIAL WARNING.
- ⇒ **Referee calls are BINDING AND FINAL and cannot be protested or reversed.**
- ⇒ **Referees are instructed to report sportsmanship issues to tournament officials.**
- ⇒ **REFEREES CANNOT GIVE RULE INTERPRETATIONS OR ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT A RULE.** The requesting captain, coach, or player is responsible for temporarily halting the match to seek clarification or confirmation of the rule in question from the tournament director ONLY. This will eliminate possible mistakes, misunderstandings and miscommunications of any kind. Referees are to make calls concerning "good hit", "bad hit", "frozen ball" and any other possible situations where a foul may occur.
- ⇒ **REFEREES ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WATCHING EVERY ROLL OF THE BALLS ON THEIR ASSIGNED TABLES.** On a potentially "close-hit" shots, it is the responsibility of the captains, coaches and/or other players to protect themselves by calling an Official Referee to watch (prior to the shot being executed). If an Official Referee is not called for a "close-hit" shot, the call goes to the shooter.
- ⇒ **REFEREES CAN NEVER OFFER A CALL even if they see an obvious foul.** You must stop the match first and ask for the Referee to officially watch the hit.
- ⇒ **REFEREES CANNOT BE ASKED TO DISCUSS** "game strategy/shot selection" with any player during their match. It's best to refrain from casual conversation as you await your next shot, to avoid any confusion about what may or may not be discussed.
- ⇒ **TEAMS SHOULD NOT CALL FOR A REFEREE IN SITUATIONS THAT ARE OBVIOUSLY NON-ESSENTIAL. FOR EXAMPLE:**
 - A. You ask the referee to "just watch what happens next".
 - B. Your opponent is shooting at a loose ball and no potential foul is obvious.
 - C. You wait until the last possible second to stop and call for a referee. Using the referee as a means to "SHARK" your opponent will not be tolerated.

Rules and Match Time Guidelines

1. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE: Modified Single Elimination with Sudden Death format implemented at 3 Hours in both 8 Ball & 9 Ball.
2. OFFICIAL TEAM MANUAL: The newest edition 23/24, 24/25 & 25/26 League Years.
3. TEAMS SHOULD READ AND BE FAMILIAR WITH THE "OFFICIAL RULES OF THE 8 BALL & 9 BALL WORLD QUALIFIER. (SEE ATTACHED TRIFOLD)

ONCE TEAMS HAVE DETERMINED AN OVERALL WINNER, BOTH SCORESHEETS SHOULD BE BROUGHT UP TO THE CONTROL TABLE TOGETHER. WE CANNOT PROCESS SCORESHEETS IN A TIMELY MANNER IF WE DON'T HAVE THEM BOTH.

It is each team's responsibility to keep score properly. SAFETIES/DEFENSIVE SHOTS SHOULD BE CALLED AND MARKED APPROPRIATELY IN THE DEFENSIVE SHOT COLUMN, BY THE SCOREKEEPER. Any team caught fraudulently keeping score, adding innings, altering scoresheet in any way, etc., for the intent of cheating will be subject to disqualification.

FORFEITS will be determined 15 minutes after a match has been called. The League Operator/Tournament Director will determine when a match is officially forfeited.

TEAMS THAT DO NOT SHOW UP FOR THEIR FIRST ROUND MATCH AND FORFEIT WILL BE COMPLETELY FORFEITED OUT OF THE TOURNAMENT.

EACH NEW PLAYER SELECTION: 1 MINUTE

TIME OUTS: 1 TIME OUT PER PLAYER REGARDLESS OF SKILL LEVEL WITH A 2 MINUTE LIMIT.

CUE BALL FOULS: THE CUE BALL IS ALWAYS LIVE. DO NOT TOUCH THE CUE BALL WHILE IT IS STILL ROLLING. DOING SO MAY RESULT IN A FOUL.

Your Spring Roster:

- ⇒ Your Spring Roster is your World Qualifier "JUNE" Roster. Players did not have to play in . to be eligible for WQ and Vegas.
- ⇒ Your Spring Roster is your Vegas Roster
- ⇒ Established players had to play 4 times in Spring to be eligible.
- ⇒ New players had to play 10 times by the end of Spring to be eligible.
- ⇒ When filling out your Certification Statement all players that are eligible to play in the World Qualifier must fill out the Certification Statement.
- ⇒ Players that do not sign the Certification Statement will NOT able to participate. Therefore if you do not sign the statement prior to turning it in VIA THE TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE BY THE DEADLINE OF NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON you will be marked ineligible.