

# American Poolplayers Association of Tampa Bay League Year 2018- 2019



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## **DOUBLES Division Policies**

We welcome our teams to the American Poolplayers Association (APA) of Tampa Bay. All players are expected to read the local bylaws. Carefully following the bylaws will help us provide you with better service, allowing us to operate the League more smoothly, and make the APA pool league more fun!!!

Good luck and good shooting,

***Jeanette Lee “The Black Widow”***

The Local Bylaws complements and/or supersede rules in the Official Team Manual. The Local Bylaws will be strictly enforced. Non-compliance could cost your team bonus points, a playoff spot, and a chance to advance to the Local or World Pool Championships.

**IMPORTANT**– The Local Bylaws are updated when necessary. Local Bylaws are available via the League’s website for your convenience. Please be aware that printed copies of the bylaws may not reflect the most recent updates. The official Local Bylaws are located on the APA of Tampa Bay web site at **[www.tampabay.apaleagues.com](http://www.tampabay.apaleagues.com)**

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### **SPORTSMANSHIP**

It is expected for all teams to treat each other with mutual respect during a match. Sportsmanship is a big part of playing in the APA. This is not a money league, and any sharking, hustling or anything of that nature will not be tolerated. We are all here to have fun and a good time. Please don’t spoil it for others!

**Complaints:** Sportsmanship complaints, handicap complaints, and official protests must be submitted in writing, the night of play or within twenty-four (24) hours of play. Division Reps will have complaint forms. Complaints should be submitted on the appropriate form. No fee shall be required to issue a complaint or to file an official protest.

Complaints or comments should be taken up between both CAPTAINS, not team members, to resolve. If it cannot be resolved, then it should be resolved with Division Rep. Otherwise, Division Rep will contact League Office or email or write in a written complaint. All issues should be resolved immediately while all parties are present.

**5 Star Sportsmanship Program: Team Captains/Co-Captains** are encouraged to rate their opposing team, immediately after play. These scores will be reviewed during each session and awards will be awarded or corrective actions taking according to the program rules.

**Physical Contact (Altercations):** Physical contact is the hostile physical contact between two players. **IMMEDIATE ACTION** - If hostile physical contact occurs, **THE MATCH IS OVER!** Team Captains and League Management will take the appropriate actions to rectify the matter. **See the Official Team Manual for full disclosure of immediate actions.**

*Scenarios and Actions:*

- A. To any person who starts a fight or brawl- **1 year suspension to permanent termination of League and APA membership**
- B. To a person who gets into a fight or a brawl defending himself- **a minimum one-month suspension if first offense, and much longer if otherwise**
- C. To someone who consistently uses foul or intimidating language- **three-month suspension, and longer for a second offense**
- D. To someone who uses lesser degrees of verbal abuse- **probation, and suspension as deemed appropriate.**

**Suspended Players-** Any individual or team suspended from League play will immediately lose certain other membership privileges, including eligibility for APA tournaments, until and unless the suspension is lifted. If they qualified for any tournament, locally or nationally, qualification is forfeited. Once a player is suspended, that player will not have the privilege to coach their team, keep score or put up players, until their suspension has been lifted. Breaking this rule may result in a much lengthier suspension and would cost their team the entire match if the suspension rules are broken.

Play Fee is \$20/Team per match  
TEAMS WILL PLAY Every Sunday

**TEAM FEES:** Doubles Division fees are \$20.00/Team. Locations that have "greens fees" are charged by the location in addition to APA team fees. **DO NOT INCLUDE IN ENVELOPE.** All matches are to be paid in full on the original night of play. Full team fees are due regardless of how many players play (i.e., - there is a forfeit in a match). Full Team Fees are also due if a full team forfeit. Teams who drop during the session will owe all past dues, as well as the fees for the remainder of the session.

**MAKE-UP MATCHES:** Make Up matches are limited to two (2) per session. This league, just like all APA leagues, is to be played on the designated night and we do not allow your team to inconvenience your opponents. Team Captains **MUST** notify the League Office **AND** your opposing team within 24 hours prior to play, or the match will be considered a forfeit.

If **BOTH** teams agree to do a make-up match the day of, then that is, of course, okay, as long as the League Office is notified of when and where. Regular fees still apply for a forfeit, for both teams. Regarding makeup matches for holidays, weather, etc., see regular Local Bylaws.

**FORFEITS:** A maximum of one (1) forfeit will be allowed/session. Any team that exceeds the forfeit maximum will not be eligible for the playoffs. All matches should be played and scored.

**SCORING:** Weekly play is made up of 2 singles matches and 1 Doubles match. Doubles match is played with Alternate Shot format and scored with the 3-point system, (i.e. individual matches can finish 3-0, 2-1 or 2-0.) One (1) bonus point will be awarded teams who turn in their completed weekly fee, signed paperwork on time and have no outstanding past dues. Teams have two (2) weeks to notify the office of missing bonus points. Byes are awarded 7 points. Team Forfeits are worth 8 points.

**PLAYER/ ELIGIBILITY:** Local and National rules. All players must play a minimum of 6 singles matches during the session to be eligible to participate in the City Playoff tournament. ALL players MUST have ten (10) 8-Ball scores played in the past two years in order to enter and play in the Local Doubles League. \*Any team/player that does not have an established handicap and want to play in doubles MUST sign an agreement, acknowledging that if they exceed SL 10, they may need to either split up, (if session allows, and is approved by the office) or lose playoff qualification.

In addition, players must have 20 singles lifetime matches in 8-Ball (Regular league, Ladies, Doubles or Singles Boards) to be eligible to play in the APA Poolplayer Championship in Las Vegas. (National Rule) Qualified Vegas players must stay on an active 8-Ball roster through Spring Session. Also, players cannot participate in the 9-Ball Shootout or Wheelchair Challenge in Las Vegas if qualified for the 8-Ball Doubles Championship.

**TEAMS/ELIGIBILITY:** Teams must be made up of 3 players with a max handicap of 10 to start. A team with a 6-5-4 must play 6&4 or 5&4 until the 4 increases skill level to a 5. Teams may never play above 12. If a team cannot play 12 or below, a player may be replaced with approval by League Operator. Only 2 people on a team will be eligible for doubles championship in Las Vegas as well as doubles championship on the local level. Your 8-ball and 9-ball teams only need to have one common player to make 10 in each format

**PLAYOFFS:** A local tournament will be held after each session. The format will be a single elimination ladder bracket based on team count of each division. Only the doubles matches will be played at local tournaments.

**TIME-OUTS:** Each team has one time-out per game. Teams who are NOT shooting may converse quietly, as long as do not interfere with the shooting team.

**ROSTER CHANGES:** Any roster changes must be made prior to the last five matches remaining on the schedule. Changes must be in writing on scoresheet at that time.