



Our Ladies 8-Ball format is one of our special open format divisions. Ladies only teams compete in this alternative format earning a chance for one of our multiple slots APA Atlanta has each year for the National Championship held each May in Las Vegas. Rules for these divisions follow our APA Official Team Manual (OTM), however, our local Bylaws may override, or revise, some of those rules. It is the responsibility of all players to read and become familiar with the rules and guidelines which are applicable to divisions that you join and play in.

Ladies Dues & Pool Year:

- Team Fees are \$33.00 per team for each scheduled match, for the 3 matches played.
- GREEN FEES are additional per team match unless Host Location states otherwise.
- Ladies Leagues follows the PoolPlayers Championship league year, so it begins each March and ends in February locally, with the National Championship every April/ May.
- Teams who place high enough each session, along with 1 Wild Card drawn will advance to our Tri-Annuals, with our Vegas Qualifier every February.
- Ladies Division schedules will follow a 10 – 12-week schedule over three sessions, including NO scheduled matches on specific holidays. Due to Ladies being considered an open format league, we must have a running average of 4 Team Matches per month.
- Ladies divisions schedules will be three consecutive sessions. Our Session A (Spring) runs March through June, Session B (Summer) runs July through October, and our Session C (Fall) runs November through February with teams meeting on Saturdays.
- Teams will play at least two full team matches each Saturday that they are scheduled to play. The second team match will start 2 hours after the first scheduled match or teams can start simultaneously if ALL involved agree, and tables are available.
- Schedules will be based on a 10 -to-12-week session (12 Spring, 10 Summer & 12 Fall)
- A minimum of 6 teams to a maximum of 16 teams will be placed in one division.
- 15+ teams: Teams may be split into multiple divisions. If there is a BYE in a division, which we will always try to avoid, the BYE will be placed in the division with the larger team count.
- Our Ladies 8-Ball format is a rotating in-house division which will alternate locations for Tournaments, this includes our Ladies 8-Ball Tri-Annuals and Vegas Qualifier.

Ladies League Info:

- A maximum of FIVE players will be permitted on a team roster, with only 3 players playing in a league match.
- **Match Skill Levels:** The three fielded players in each team match may not exceed 13.
- Players may not compete on more than one Ladies team, in the same division.
- All changes to a team roster must be approved by your League Office.
- Teams will NOT be allowed to add anyone to their roster after their 4th scheduled team match in the session UNLESS the team can NO LONGER field the 3 players needed.
- Players are not allowed to switch teams in this division after the 4th scheduled team match in the session without approval from the League Office.
- New teams can NOT join a division after the 6th scheduled team match in each session.
- If the revised schedule doesn't allow a new team to play the two team matches they missed, the team joining late will receive LAST PLACE points.

League Play:

- The team who finishes the session with the highest points will be that session's Division Champions and each member will be awarded a Division Champion plaque.
- To maximize travel assistance monies, 2 patches will be given out per session per patch.
- Teams must have at least ONE player present to field within 15 minutes of the official start time, or the entire match may be forfeited.
- League matches should begin if both teams have at least ONE player present. Once the match has started, play must be continuous. If a team doesn't have the players present to field, forfeits may be awarded to the team who can field players.
- NO ear buds, headsets, or Bluetooth devices may be worn at Higher Level Tournaments.
- NO smoke breaks may be taken while shooting in a match until it is over.
- The total maximum points available in a Ladies 8-Ball team match is 9 points (three individual matches worth up to 3 points each).
- Our Ladies' matches will be scored the same as a standard Open 8-Ball matches.
- If a team has only two players present for a League match, teams are allowed to play someone twice. One player can NOT play all three matches in a specific team match without forfeiting.

BONUS POINTS: For each TEAM MATCH, teams will receive 2 Bonus Points for turning in their scoresheets correctly and for their Team Fees being submitted correctly and paid in full. If one of these requirements is not done correctly, then NO Bonus Points will be given for that Match.

BYE POINTS: Sometimes there may not be an even number of teams in a schedule which will cause a BYE to be inserted. Ladies' teams, who are scheduled with a BYE, will be awarded a total of 5 points for the bye.

EARLY & MAKE-UP MATCHES: Teams can play their scheduled matches early and/or reschedule current matches if both teams agree. To do so, teams should follow the directions provided on their Division Schedule located in their Team Packet.

Rescheduling Criteria: All Ladies Division teams should follow the same rescheduling criteria and deadlines as our regular Open Team Divisions. To keep rescheduling from being misused along with providing more stability for our Host Locations and better experience for all teams involved, the following rescheduling criteria apply to all teams:

1. Each team is ONLY allowed up to TWO early team matches per session. Please note that these are NOT two months of matches. Each month in your schedule there are roughly FOUR team matches.
2. All early matches MUST BE COMPLETED by the original scheduled date. Upon completion of early/Make-Up team matches, full team/green fees are due by both teams.
3. For Make-Up matches, the rescheduling team should contact the opposing Team Captain by 9pm the night BEFORE the official start time. Teams who did NOT contact someone in the required time frame may forfeit their entire match(s), if so desired by the opposing team(s).
4. A forfeit taken from an opposing team(s) may be overruled if a personal emergency or work schedule change happens after the required contact deadline, that prevents the team from showing. League Management reserves the right to determine what is a legitimate emergency that affects the entire team from NOT showing. Also, proof of any such emergency or work- related issue may be needed to prevent the opposing team from taking the forfeit.
5. Teams can have NO MORE than TWO team Make-Up matches open at one time. All rescheduled Make-Up matches MUST be completed by the end of your NEXT scheduled monthly League Day. At that time, any unfinished matches will result in forfeits for both teams.
6. NO rescheduling of matches or Make-up matches can be played by the last week of scheduled matches each session. After this deadline, un-played matches will be forfeited, and full fees will be due.
7. All regular scheduled League matches will always take priority. Teams can NOT delay the start time of a regular scheduled match to complete any early or make-up matches.

Two Match Time Procedures:

- Start time - 12pm @ Cue's / 1pm @ Mr. Cues
- Split tables 30 mins after the start of each week of play.
- The 2nd week of play starts 2 hours after 1st week of play (2pm @ Cues/ 3pm @ Mr. Cues).
- Weekly play is 2.5 hours per match, sudden death will be at 2.5 hours in playoffs.

Forfeiting Matches & Fees:

- Teams who continue to forfeit matches will not be invited to continue the following session.
- Teams who cause FULL team match forfeits without an approved excuse, will receive only their Bonus Points. These FULL team forfeits may cause a qualified team to lose their qualification.
- Teams who agree to a request to reschedule a Make-Up match from another team, but then can't complete the match, will NOT be held responsible for BOTH team fees and green fees. Each team will be responsible for paying their own full team and green fees for the uncompleted match.
- Any unpaid amounts owed by our Ladies League Teams, for whatever reason, may cause the suspension of those players from regular APA League play, events, and tournaments until PAID-IN-FULL.
- Any team who drops out and/or is removed from the schedule after the 1st scheduled team match (Weeks 1 & 2) in that session, will owe their team fees for the rest of that session.
- Individual match forfeits will be worth 2 points in regular play and 3 points in Playoffs. Teams receiving a FULL team match forfeit will receive a total of 5 points, and the team giving the full team forfeit will receive 0 points.
- 5 forfeit points are the maximum forfeit points given to any team.



Playoffs & Vegas:

- Our Atlanta APA League will receive ONE guaranteed Vegas Slot for each Showdown format for every Ten teams in that specific format per Showdown league year. Additional Vegas Slots will be awarded for every Ten teams over the initial ten. Averaging at least 10 teams in a specific format per league year may earn additional awards or Vegas Slots.
- The Ladies Vegas Qualifier will be held at the end each February for the previous pool league year. Teams will play in a Modified Single-Elimination format for Vegas.
- Travel assistance monies will be based on the number of teams participating in our Ladies Leagues over the past fiscal pool year.
- All Ladies qualified teams must have competed in TWO subsequent sessions and keep at least 3 original players from their qualified session.
- Qualified Ladies teams can NOT replace any players for our Vegas Qualifier.
- Teams who qualify in an earlier session but want to fill an empty spot on their roster, or replace a dropped player, may do so by the 4th scheduled match of the Fall session.
- Added players must meet all the eligibility requirements and have played at least TWENTY lifetime 8-Ball matches. Any replacement player must be the same SL, or lower, than the player being replaced.
- Teams who qualify in an earlier session but then lose enough players to reduce their roster to only Two players, will lose their Vegas Qualifier eligibility and must re-qualify as a NEW team.

To be ELIGIBLE for our WILDCARD drawing, all teams must:

- Meet the forfeit match guidelines and have no past dues.
- Remain active in our Ladies Division for the following Session.
- Players meet the required matches (5 spring, 4 summer and 5 fall) on their team for the session.
- Keep enough original players to meet our eligibility requirements.

To be ELIGIBLE for your Ladies Vegas Qualifier, all PLAYERS must have:

- All qualified players remain active on their teams throughout the league year.
- Played at least FOUR or FIVE (see below) Ladies open league matches during the session they qualified for and any subsequent sessions to keep qualification.
- Qualified teams must have 3 original members to keep qualification.
- Teams cannot have any past dues and meet our forfeit guidelines to stay qualified.
- Players must have TEN APA matches (any 8-Ball format) in the past year by their Qualifier.
- Qualified teams must compete in subsequent sessions, NO exceptions!

Division Winners: Win either Plaques, Trophies or T-shirts. Additionally depending on the number of teams qualifying for the sessions Tri-Annual, Byes are given to the highest Division winner first.

Session Match Requirements: Spring 5, Summer 4 & Fall 5

Tri-Annual/ Wildcards Playoff Chart: APA national standard format is used

Tri-Annals: 8 to 16 teams per session will qualify to play at the end of each session tournament, payouts will be for the top teams at each Tri-Annual.

Qualifying for Vegas Qualifier: Each Tri-Annual will qualify 2 to 4 teams for Ladies Vegas Qualifier.

Ladies Vegas Qualifier: Atlanta APA sends at least 2 of our teams every year to Vegas and we are always looking to send more teams if we meet national requirements! Each winning team will receive travel assistance per player to compete in the PoolPlayer Championships in Las Vegas.

Standard Handicap Race Chart:

SKILL LEVEL	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	2/2	2/3	2/4	2/5	2/6	2/7
3	3/2	2/2	2/3	2/4	2/5	2/6
4	4/2	3/2	3/3	3/4	3/5	2/5
5	5/2	4/2	4/3	4/4	4/5	3/5
6	6/2	5/2	5/3	5/4	5/5	4/5
7	7/2	6/2	5/2	5/3	5/4	5/5

Forfeit Points: 2 points per match (3 points in playoffs & tournaments)

Full Team Forfeit Points: 5 points are awarded for a full team forfeit.

Bye Points: 5 bye points are received if a team has NO past dues.

Weekly Bonus Points: 2 points are received if a team has NO past dues & completed scoresheets.

Bonus Points for Bye Weeks: Whenever a division has an odd number of teams, one team each week will not have a match, teams on a bye shall receive NO bonus points for the bye.

MVP: Ladies only players may participate in our MVP tournaments at their respective handicap tier.

Standard Ladies Scoresheet:

<small>"N" BEFORE THE SKILL LEVEL = NOT INED - BEFORE THE SKILL LEVEL = INCOMPLETE INFORMATION ON FILE. PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETE INFORMATION.</small>													
TEAM #	TEAM #	PLAYER NAME	PLAYER NUMBER	Games Must Win	INNINGS AND TIME OUTS					B-B & RUN	DEFENSIVE SHOTS	Games Won	Match Points Earned
	Put up the first player				Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5				
	VS.				Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5				
					Game 6	Game 7	Game 8	Game 9	Game 10				
	VS.				Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5				
					Game 6	Game 7	Game 8	Game 9	Game 10				
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					Game 6	Game 7	Game 8	Game 9	Game 10				

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