



9-BALL SHOOTOUT LOCAL QUALIFIER BOARD



RULES OF PARTICIPATION

READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE RULES PRIOR TO ENTERING AND PLAYING

- The 9-Ball Shootout Singles Program includes three levels: Local (the Local Qualifier tournament), Regional (the Regionals) and National (the Championship).
- All entrants must be at least 18 years of age.
- All entrants must be current APA or CPA members and must be listed on the roster of an active APA or CPA 9-Ball team. The League Operator is the only person qualified to determine current status.**
- A player's skill level must be based on at least ten (10) actual 9-Ball League match scores in order to enter, and all 10 scores must have occurred within the last two (2) years.
- Each player is responsible for entering the Local Qualifier with his/her present skill level or National Lowest Attainable, if higher. (No player should be playing locally at a skill level lower than his NLA.) Any player entering with a false skill level will be disqualified.
- Entry fee is \$20.00 per Local Qualifier.
- A player may continue to enter Local Qualifiers until he/she wins one.
- A player may not advance to the Regional Level more than once each Season.
- A player may enter on this Local Qualifier Board only once — Example: A Player may not pay \$40.00 and be on the Board in two places.
- This Local Qualifier Board will be designated as "Open", "Men Only", "Ladies Only", or any combination of skill levels. All Local Qualifier winners advance with their skill level into one of the three tiers (Green Tier— SL 1s, SL2s and SL3s; White Tier—SL4s and SL5s; Black Tier—SL6s, SL7s, SL8s and SL9s) at Regional and National Levels.
- Current APA/CPA 9-Ball game rules apply.
- No coaches or coaching allowed.
- Tournament format is single elimination, race to the "Points Required to Win" chart on the scoresheet.
- A minimum of 4 players are required to compete in each Local Qualifier tournament. Winner advances to the Regional Level.
- All winners of Qualifier Boards must maintain current APA or CPA membership and must stay on the roster of an active 9-Ball team from the date they qualified in order to advance to the Regional and National Levels.**
- The 9-Ball Shootout Singles Regional tournaments are divided into two Seasons. Players qualifying January 1 through June 15 will be eligible to participate in Season 1 Regionals in October. Players qualifying between June 16 and November 30 will be eligible to participate in Season 2 Regionals in March. We make every effort to hold Regionals in areas to minimize travel for as many participants as possible. In general, travel time to Regionals is limited to 300 miles; however, remote areas with minimal participation or age restricted locations may sometimes have to travel farther distances to participate in Regional events.
- Each regional area must have a minimum of sixteen participants in a tier in order to play in the Season 1 Regionals in October. *If minimums are not met in a regional area for Season 1 play, qualified players will compete in the Season 2 Regionals.*
- Players will be seeded by skill level at Regional and National Levels and will compete with players at or near their level.
- During the Regional and National levels of the APA 9-Ball Shootout, men will participate at a minimum skill level of 2.
- Players must show positive picture identification at all Regional and National Levels — no exceptions.
- In order to conduct a fair and equal tournament for all APA/CPA players, 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 player if, in APA's sole judgement and absolute discretion, the player is deemed by APA to be playing at a skill level below their true ability. The determination of whether a player is playing at a skill level below his or her true ability is necessarily subjective; APA is the sole judge of a player's ability and may make such determination in its absolute judgement and discretion.
- Any player entering or participating under fraudulent circumstances will be disqualified. Disqualification means forfeiture of all titles, awards and prize money. Disqualification can occur prior to, during, or after the event.
- I agree to abide by the game rules of the APA/CPA and all rules of the program.
- I agree that the APA has the right to make rule modifications at its discretion and that the APA has the absolute and final authority to make all rulings affecting my participation in the program, including player ability (i.e., correction of skill levels) and disqualification.
- I release and agree not to sue the APA/CPA and all other sponsors, individually and collectively, (including their agents and employees) for any claims or damages arising out of my participation in any level of the program. I am participating in this program knowing that I can be hurt or injured, and I alone agree to assume that risk. I am in good health and have no physical condition that would prevent me from participating. Also to the extent that I may cause injury to someone or damage to someone's property, I will indemnify and repay the APA and its sponsors for any damages they pay (including expenses and attorney fees) as a result of the injury or damage.
- I consent to being taped (audio and video) and photographed at any time during the program. I waive any rights I may have in the tapes and photographs, including copyright and any benefit I may otherwise be entitled to receive for my appearances. APA has the sole right to copyright, reproduce, broadcast, televise and publish the tapes and photographs with our names, if APA/CPA so desires, in any format without further inspections or approval from me. Any segment of a tape where I appear, and any photograph may be freely used by the APA/CPA for any purpose. The APA may assign or allow others (e.g., sponsors) to use or reproduce my appearance in any format.
- If any level of the program is cancelled, or the place or date of any level of the program is changed, for any reason, I understand that my only remedy is a refund of my entry fee.
- I understand that Regional locations may not be 100% handicap accessible. Should I advance, I may call the location listed on the location flier included in the Regional player mailing, which I will receive approximately one (1) month prior to the Regional event.
- Any League Operator or affiliated person including any owner, shareholder, officer, director, and any spouse or significant other and live-in family of a League Operator or affiliated person, as well as any person involved in the computation of Skill Levels or in a position to manipulate team rosters and/or handicaps are not allowed to participate in this event. Any questionable player must be cleared by APA in advance. APA's determination (in the exercise of APA's judgment and discretion) of a player's eligibility or ineligibility to participate is final.
- Eligibility to compete in the Regional and National levels is non-transferable.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S INFORMATION

TIME REQUIREMENTS:

When Playing On 1 Table
When Playing On 2 Tables
When Playing On 3 Tables
When Playing On 4 Tables

STANDARD FORMAT

Allow 4 Hours
Allow 3 Hours
Allow 3 Hours
Allow 2 Hours

NOTE: Matches may run slightly longer when SL6s, SL7s, SL8s & SL9s play.

- Read and be familiar with all rules.
- Entrants must sign the Entry Form, list their present skill level (or National Lowest Attainable), and enter their member number and their team's name.
- An entry fee of One Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$160.00), must be collected prior to the beginning of play. The League Operator will not accept tournament results with incomplete entry fees.
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- A Qualifier may be run with a minimum of four players. This means that a maximum of four "no shows" are allowed. "No shows" are treated as byes or forfeits; however, \$160.00 must be collected and submitted with each Board.
- If "no shows" are allowed, then select byes (as shown on reverse) before conducting the player draw.
- Make sure all players participating on the Board have read the Entry Form and Rules and completed the player information required on the reverse. The Player information section must be complete.
- Conduct the player draw —
 - Write each player's name on a separate piece of paper.
 - Place the names into a small box or other receptacle.
 - Draw the names out one at a time. The first name drawn will be #1. Write the first name drawn next to the #1 on the tournament board. The next name drawn will be #2. Enter the name in the #2 slot on the board. Follow the same procedure until all of the names have been drawn and have been entered on the board. You are now ready to begin the matches.
- Scoresheets are provided and must be properly filled out for each match.
- The tournament must be played down to a winner and the winner advances to the Regional Level.
- After the tournament — Have the winner fill out the WINNER'S PORTION of the Entry Form. It is important that the winning player carefully prints their name, address and phone number and signs their name on the signature line. The Tournament Director must then complete the REGIONAL ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE before giving it to the winner.
- SUBMIT ENTRY FEES (\$160.00) ALONG WITH THE ENTRY FORM AND THE SCORESHEETS TO YOUR LEAGUE OPERATOR WITHIN 7 DAYS OF RUNNING THE BOARD.