

➤ **NEW CHANGES FOR 2020!!!**

- **NEW TEAM COMPOSITION GUIDELINES:** Teams in all divisions may be composed of qualified league members from anywhere within the same local ACS/CCS-league operator's system. There is no longer a "core player" minimum in the composition of a team. Minimum weeks of play that qualify a player for various competitions will continue to be defined through an example: If an 8-week minimum is required by the ACS Nationals, a player must play the equivalent of eight (8) full matches over a minimum of eight (8) weeks in one sanctioned ACS league session since June 1, 2019. If a player plays in a 16-game weekly-match-format-team league and typically plays four games/night, the player must therefore play a minimum of 8 x 4 games = 32 games to be qualified for these National Championships.
- **9-BALL TEAM UPGRADES:** "Roster members of 9-Ball Teams at the ACS Nationals that place in the top 6% of the field will be upgraded to the next level if on a future team. Example: All roster members of a team that places first place in the Mens Standard 9-Ball Team division will be considered "Open Team" players if placed on the roster of either a 9-Ball Team or 8-Ball Team. If 1st place in the Womens Open 9-Ball Team division, each player on the winning roster will be rated as an "Advanced Team" player in both future 9-Ball and 8-Ball Team play at the ACS Nationals. Being upgraded as a Team player will not necessarily affect the player's Singles rating. This policy will begin reflecting the results from the 2019 ACS Nationals and hereafter."
- **NEW PROFESSIONAL GUIDELINES:** Professional-rated players are ineligible to compete in ACS-produced events. The ACS will recognize as "professional-rated" 1). those players already listed as "Professional" on the ACS ratings list; 2). any female player Fargo-rated over 630 or male player Fargo-rated over 720; 3). or any player adjudged by the ACS tournament committee to be "Professional" from "Known Ability (KA)." Players may contact ACS to lobby to be downgraded if they can show justifiable reasons. "Fargo rating" is only one of many resources ACS uses in determining the skill level of a player."
- **EQUIPMENT:** 120 Valley 7-footers/ Mercury Ultra cloth/ Red Circle cue balls
- **DRESS CODE:** Sleeved shirts of polo/golf-style or button-down style with a conventional fold-over collar are required. T-shirts and sweatshirts are not allowed. Players may wear conventional-style hats. Hats/Visors/Caps are allowed with the bill facing forward. No knit hats, stocking caps, or any other headgear. Ear buds, cell phones, etc. are not permitted. Men must wear long pants or neat, clean, untorn jeans. Warm-up suits and jogging suits are not allowed. Women may wear dress pants, Capri-style pants, or neat, clean, untorn jeans, culottes, and skirts or sleeved dresses (of conservative length). Men and women must wear clean, neat, close-toed shoes at all times. Should a player require a footwear exception for medical reasons, the player must provide a letter on official letterhead from the player's health care provider before the tournament (and keep a copy of the letter available for review by a referee at all times; if requested).
- Dress code must meet the Singles competition requirements in all divisions.
 - Scotch Doubles. Matching shirts are not mandatory, but preferred.
 - TEAM SHIRTS **ARE REQUIRED.** MUST BE MATCHING, COLOR, LOGO, ETC.