

## ➤ **NEW CHANGES FOR 2021!!!**

- **STATE CHAMPIONS:** State Champions who entered the 2020 ACS Nationals and were refunded their entry fees or authorized a transfer to the 2021 ACS Nationals will still collect their benefits at the 2021 ACS Nationals if they enter. But all players on such teams must still regain their eligibility by playing in a minimum of 8 full matches over a minimum of 8 weeks in one sanctioned 2020-2021 session of an ACS-sanctioned league (each player need not qualify in the same session as other team members and must be in good standing with the 2020-2021 ACS-sanctioned league). Entered team composition must still reflect the composition of the State Championship team whether from 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 league years.
- **REFUNDED 2020 TEAMS:** All teams that entered the 2020 ACS Nationals and were refunded may use their Free Standard Team entry perk for the 2021 ACS Nationals. They must re-enter – unless they authorized a transfer to the 2021 ACS Nationals and did not collect a refund. But all players on all teams – transferred or other - must still regain their eligibility by playing in a minimum of 8 full matches over a minimum of 8 weeks in one sanctioned 2020-2021 session of an ACS-sanctioned league (each player need not qualify in the same session as other team members and must be in good standing with the 2020-2021 ACS-sanctioned league). Example: if a league had a quota of two Free Standard Team entries for the 2020 ACS Nationals that was not conducted, it will now have a quota of two (2) Free Standard Team entries for the 2020 ACS Nationals + two (2) Free Standard Team entries for the 2021 ACS Nationals = four (4) Free Standard Team entries for the 2021 ACS Nationals!
- **ADVANCED TEAM COMPOSITION:** REMINDER: While all team members must qualify in the same league for Open and Standard Team divisions at ACS National/Midwest events, Advanced Team entries may be composed of participation-qualified players in any 2020-2021 ACS/CCS leagues throughout the same state or province. They need not be from the same ACS/CCS-sanctioned league. **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.**