

## **MONDAY NIGHT 9 BALL RULES**

### **ALL PLAYERS MUST BE 21 TO PLAY**

#### **Teams**

6 player team max - 3 players play in a given night

Max handicap skill level of **15**

#### **CAN NOT PLAY 2 / SL 6'S ON SAME NIGHT**

Established Tuesday - Waterbury 8 ball handicap

Established APA handicap -1 (example - an APA 6 comes into the league as a 5)

If a player does not have a handicap established in either Tuesday Waterbury league or an APA handicap, a female player will be considered a "3" and a male player will be considered a "4".

***LEAGUE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REEVALUATE ANY PLAYERS HANDICAP AT ANY TIME DURING THE SESSION. REVIEWED EVERY 3 WEEKS***

Teams have until week **4** for roster changes.

#### **Weekly dues**

\$50 sign-up fee per session (typically obtained by home bar location as a sponsor)

\$30 per team for weekly dues (+\$6 per team for table time - owed to bar for opening up the table)

#### **Dues paid - Cash to Marty or at the Victoria Inn**

All score sheets are to be texted to Mark (203) 819-3599 by noon the next day. **Dues are to be paid by the end of day Tuesday. Failure to send in paperwork and dues on time will be subject to a 2-point penalty. If a team falls behind in dues and eventually pays what is owed, that team will be refunded half of the points that were deducted.**

#### **League Night Start Time**

Play starts at 7pm

15-minute grace period

Player who shows up after the grace period forfeits all single and doubles matches until the player arrives.

Doubles matches cannot play with only one player IE. 2 v 1

If a team exceeds the 15 max handicap the night will be a forfeit

Full night forfeit is 17-0

**BYE NIGHT = 16 POINTS OR 2/3 OF TOTAL POINTS (MAX POINTS FOR ANY PLAYER IN 1 NIGHT = 8)**

### **NO JUMP SHOT**

### **NO 3 FOUL RULE**

- SCRATCH ON LEGAL BREAK – CUEBALL ANYWHERE ON TABLE
- PUSH CAN BE CALLED AFTER BREAK (SEE BELOW FOR PUSH RULES)
- 9 BALL ON BREAK – 9 BALL SPOTTED
- 9 BALL WITH SCRATCH, 9 BALL IS SPOTTED AND OPPONENTS TURN WITH BALL IN HAND
- ILLEGAL BREAK
  - FOUR BALLS DO NOT HIT A RAIL; NO BALL IS POCKETED AND CUE STAYS ON TABLE IS A RERACK. SHOOTER BREAKS UNTIL LEGAL BREAK OCCURES.
  - FOUR BALLS DO NOT HIT A RAIL, CUE SCRATCHES / GOES OFF TABLE: RERACK AND OPPONENT BREAKS.
- OBJECT BALLS POCKETED IN ORDER – LOWEST BALL FIRST
  - FOUL-BALL IN HAND- IF LOWEST BALL IS NOT CONTACTED, ANY BALL DOES NOT HIT A RAIL AFTER CONTACT OR POCKETED
  - FOUL-BALL IN HAND-BALL IS CALLED FROZEN TO A RAIL-CUEBALL, OBJECT BALL OR ANY OTHER BALL **DOES NOT CONTACT A DIFFERENT RAIL** AFTER CONTACT WITH OBJECT BALL
- NO CALL THE POCKET ON 9 BALL
- IF EARLY COMBINATION ON 9 BALL
  - NO CALL POCKET
  - SHOT IS LEAGAL BUT 9 DOESN'T POCKET BUT ANOTHER BALL DOES IT IS STILL SHOOTERS TURN AT THE TABLE
- 9 LAST BALL
  - GOES IN BUT CUE SCRATCHES-9 SPOTTED, BALL IN HAND

### **PUSH**

A PUSH OUT CAN ONLY BE PLAYED AS THE VERY NEXT SHOT AFTER A LEGAL BREAK

### **HOW IT WORKS**

- THE PLAYER MUST VERBALLY DECLARE THEIR INTENTION TO PUSH OUT BEFORE SHOOTING.
- THE CUE BALL IS NOT REQUIRED TO CONTACT ANY OBJECT BALL OR RAILS BUT CAN.
- FOUL RULES STILL APPLY (IE:CUE SCRATCH) BUT A PUSH OUT IS NOT A FOUL AS LONG AS NO OTHER RULES ARE VIOLATED.
- ANY BALLS POCKETED DURING A PUSH OUT (EXCEPT THE 9 BALL) REMAIN POCKETED.
- THE 9 BALL, IF POCKETED DURING A PUSH OUT, IS SPOTTED ON THE FOOT SPOT.

### **AFTER THE PUSH OUT**

THE INCOMING PLAYER HAS THE OPTION TO SHOOT FROM THE NEW CUE BALL POSITION OR PASS THE SHOT BACK TO THE PLAYER WHO PUSHED OUT.

### **Rules during play:**

All matches are a race to 2. Each win earns 1 point.

### **Singles Matches**

No time-outs during any singles matches. You may talk to your team members while you are waiting to shoot. As soon as your opponent is done shooting all talking must stop. If a player has a question concerning a rule, or the captain wants to remind the player of a rule, it should be done before a player shoots. When advising a player of a rule, both captains will be present with the player. The only exceptions to this rule will be when telling a player, he is about to shoot the wrong ball.

### **Doubles Matches**

In a ball-in-hand situation either player of the team may touch/place the cue ball on the table.

Team members involved in a doubles match may converse with each other during the match.

Scotch doubles is alternating shot. Order is kept through the whole match. If a player shoots out of turn it is ball in hand to the opposing team. Must be called before the 9 ball is pocketed or the game is still considered won.

### **FOULS**

Any foul is cue ball in hand anywhere on the table including after the break.

Fouls include:

- Lowest numbered ball is not struck
- No contact with a rail by cue or any other ball on the table
- Cue ball is always live after the break. When placing cue with ball in hand, if hand holding cue ball or cue ball comes in contact with any other ball - it is a foul resulting in ball in hand for opponent.
- When making your shot, **if any ball in motion (including the cue ball)** bounces back and hits your stick, it is a foul. It is your responsibility to move your stick out of the way of any moving balls.

. **Any non-moving balls** accidentally moved during a shot, the opponent has the option to put the ball back to where it was or to leave it as it is. In extreme circumstances if multiple balls are accidentally moved and the placement cannot be agreed upon then the rack is replayed.

If cue ball and object ball are close to each other (IE within a chalk length distance) a double hit foul can occur and the player must attempt to avoid a double hit

- If you have a questionable hit, ask the captains to watch the hit. If you cannot come to an agreement, it is considered a stalemate and the rack is replayed.

If cue ball is frozen to object ball, then a double hit foul cannot be called.

If a ball leaves the playing surface, it is spotted and shooting player loses their turn at the table. If spot is occupied, as close to behind the spot.

**Any disputes where not stated in the rule book can be agreed to a re-rack or else brought to the rules committee attention to be ruled upon accordingly. Names and phone numbers of the rules committee are located on the last page.**

#### **Proper Etiquette Among Teams/Players**

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#### **NEW SCORING RULE:**

**THE HIGHER HANDICAP TEAM WILL GIVE OPPOSING TEAM A 1 POINT PER HANDICAP DIFFERENCE IN POINTS.**

**EXAMPLE:**

**TEAM 1 TOTAL HANDICAP WITH 3 PLAYERS IS 9**

**TEAM 2 TOTAL HANDICAP WITH 3 PLAYERS IS 12**

**HANDICAP DIFFERENCE IS 3.  $12-9=3$ . TEAM 1 STARTS THE MATCH WITH A 3 POINT LEAD.**

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**Playoff Structure**

**6 TEAM**

**PLAYOFF ROUND 1 - #1 TEAM vs #6 / #2 vs #5 / #3 vs #4**

**PLAYOFF ROUND 2 - #1 TEAM vs LOWEST SEED / HIGHEST REMAINING vs SECOND LOWEST SEED**

**PLAYOFF ROUND 3 – WINNERS OF ROUND 2 FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE**

**LOSERS OF ROUND 2 FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**

**All players must play 1/3 of the regular season to qualify for playoffs.**

**Regular season pays top 3 teams**

**PLAYOFFS PAY TOP 4 TEAMS**

**Prize Structure**

**6 TEAM PAYOUTS**

**TEAMS 4-6 REGULAR SEASON = \$50.00**

**70% OF TOTAL PRIZE FOR REG. SEASON - 30% OF TOTAL PRIZE FOR PLAYOFFS**

**REGULAR SEASON****1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE – 50%****2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE – 30%****3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE – 20%****PLAYOFFS****1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE – 40%****2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE – 30%****3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE – 20%****4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE – 10%****Rules Committee****Marty Warren - (203) 910-2666****Alternate****CJ Parillo - (860) 578-6785****Paperwork****Mark Reichenbach - (203) 819-3599**