

8. Eligibility for BCAPL National Championships in Las Vegas, NV

Players who wish to compete in the BCA Pool League National Championships must complete ALL of the following to qualify:

- 1) Played a minimum of 8 weeks in the SAME sanctioned **BCAPL** league.
- 2) Said 8 weeks of play must have been in the same division.
- 3) Must have a current and active BCA Pool League membership.

Team "original" players must play eight (8) weeks on the same team in a single session.

Players who play in the **USA Pool Leagues of NYC may also become sanctioned in the BCA Pool Leagues**, and as such, would qualify to compete in both the USAPL and BCAPL events.

Participation qualifications differ from the BCAPL to the USAPL.

Players and teams that wish to participate in either the BCA Pool League and/or the USA Pool League National Championship events should consult their League Director, League Operator or Manager at least 4 to 6 months prior to the National events to help ensure complete individual and/or team qualifications.

9. Coaching & Multi Lingual Players

When playing in any Cue Sport International/BCAPL sanctioned State or National event COACHING, TIME OUTS and PRACTICING DURING THE MATCH IS NOT PERMITTED.

For Brooklyn BCA Pool Leagues: There is only 1 coaching allowed per game. Your turn at the table starts when your opponent misses, fouls, or the balls stop rolling. Only the player may call for a Timeout. If the player calls for the timeout, her/she may choose to receive instructions from any other teammate. The captain may designate different teammate to coach, however, only 1 player is allowed to go to the table as a coach. The coach MAY touch, adjust or hold the player's cue without a foul. If player has ball in hand, the coach may place, replace or move the cue ball as often as necessary while giving instructions. Players are **not permitted** to practice while the match is in progress.

For USA Pool Leagues: There are 3 time outs per match, and **only 1 time out permitted per game**. Your turn at the table starts when your opponent misses, fouls, or the balls stop rolling. Only the player, or the team captain may call for a Timeout. If the player calls for the timeout, her/she may choose to receive instructions from any other teammate. If the captain calls for the timeout, he/she may give the instructions, or may delegate another teammate, however, only 1 player is allowed to go to the table as a coach. The coach MAY touch, adjust or hold the player's cue without a foul. If the player has Ball in hand, the coach may place, replace or move the cue ball as often as necessary while giving instructions. Players are **not permitted** to practice while the match is in progress

For both the BCA Pool Leagues and the USA Pool League:

When it is your opponent's turn at the table you may talk to anyone about any aspect of the game. When matches are in progress, talking in and around the immediate playing area should be kept to a minimal. The BCAPL and the USAPL are multi-cultural and multi-linguistic leagues. So out of respect for the other mono-linguistic players in the league, and to prevent the appearance of violating said rule, Players should refrain from speaking any language other than English within earshot of the players at the table. Failing to adhere to said rule may result in penalties ranging from a Ball in Hand foul up to and including expulsion from the league.

10. Team Roster Limit (BCAPL and USAPL)

- 3 Player format: The maximum number of players on a roster is 6.
- 4 Player format: The maximum number of players on a roster is 7.
- 5 Player format: The maximum number of players on a roster is 8.

11. Roster Changes / Adding New Players (BCAPL and USAPL)

Players cannot be added to the roster after week 4 of play in the Summer session, and after 6 weeks during the Fall and Winter sessions without permission from the League Director or League Operator.

12. Proof of Identity (BCAPL and USAPL)

All players must be able to provide proof of their identity prior to the start of any match.

13. Unsportsmanlike Conduct (BCAPL and USAPL)

The guidelines for unsportsmanlike conduct are outlined in the *Official Rules of the BCA Pool League* on page 93. This includes, but is not limited to, actions that are seen as to be embarrassing, disruptive, and/or detrimental to other players, spectators, league and/or event officials or to the sport in general.

14. Penalties for Unsportsmanlike Conduct (BCAPL and USAPL)

Exact penalties will be determined by the League Operator, and/or League Manager. These penalties may range from a warning to suspension / expulsion from the league, disqualification from a tournament or playoffs, and forfeiture of prize money won during the regular or post session.

15. Sandbagging Policies (BCAPL and USAPL)

This league will not tolerate "sandbagging" (playing at a skill level below a player's true ability in order to manipulate and gain an unfair advantage) of any kind. The League Operator, and or League Manager, reserves the right to manually adjust any player's rating at any time if sandbagging is suspected. League Operator is not required to notify or warn said player, or his/her team captain that they are suspected of sandbagging. Repeated offenses **WILL** result in suspension or expulsion from the league and registration of said action to Cue Sport International. If a player is found to have attempted to, or to actually have "sandbagged" and the League Operator has taking action against the player or team, THERE IS NO RIGHT OF APPEAL.

16. Brooklyn BCA League and USA Pool League of NYC By-Laws.

All team captains will be issued a copy of the League's By-Laws, via email. It is the sole responsibility of the team captains to read, understand and educate their players. The onus for the knowledge of, and the distribution of the contents contained within the By-Laws and the rules, rests solely with the team captain.