

OFFICIAL APA ROCHESTER GHOST RULE

To help summer teams prevent forfeits and to make it more likely matches are awarded on the table rather than by forfeit, APA Rochester has chosen to adopt a Ghost Rule aka Replay Rule for the Summer Session Only. This rule allows up to two players (the "Replay Player") from a team (the "Replay Team") to play twice on the same night in the following circumstances:

- The Replay Team does not have enough players present or cannot play the players it does have present without violating the Team Skill Level Limit (23-Rule). Teams utilizing the Ghost Rule to avoid Team Skill Level Violations must have a player on the roster that would keep the team within the Team Skill Level Limit. If a team does not have a player available on the roster that could keep the team within the Team Skill Level Limit, then that team will forfeit the last match(es).

For example, if a roster shows 6, 6, 5, 5, 5, 4, 4, 3, that team cannot play 6, 6, 5, 3 and use the SL 3 in a replay. There would need to be another SL 3 or SL 2 (or SL 1 in 9-Ball) on the roster in order to do this. The team must be able to make 23 without the Ghost Rule. In this example, the team would exceed the 23-Rule.

- The Replay Team notifies their opponent of the need to use, or potential need to use, the Ghost Rule prior to the start of the 4th individual match. The opposing team must allow the replay; they cannot demand the Replay Team forfeit a match.

- The opposing team gets to pick which player from the other team will be the Replay Player. The opposing team can pick any player present except those whose play would cause the Replay Team to violate the 23-Rule. **All players who have already played must be available as a choice for the "replay" match.**

- The "replay(s)" must be played as the last match(es) of the night. If a "replay" is used in a match other than the last match(es) of the night, the first "replay" match and all subsequent matches will be forfeited by both teams.

- Both teams may utilize the Ghost Rule on the same night if necessary. In this situation, both teams put up their own players. The team scheduled to put up a player in the 5th match designates their Replay Player first.

- Once a "replay" is used, the remaining matches must be forfeited, even if another player shows up. If another viable player from the Replay Team shows up prior to the start of the "replay" match, the "replay" match is canceled and the new player must play.

- There is no limit on how often a team can use the Ghost Rule during the summer session as long as the above criteria are met in each instance. **The Ghost Rule is not in effect during the last week of regular weekly League play of the session, Playoffs, Finals or any other higher- level tournament.**