

1. Practice time before matches.

(a) All teams will be allotted one table prior to the start of their scheduled match. Matches start at 7:00 pm. If a team comes in after 6:00 pm, they get only the time that is left before the start time of their match. League tables are free to all TAP League players, current on league fees on their designated league nights. The same cue ball that is used for practice must be used for the match unless both teams agree. (No switching cueballs.)

2. Played matches needed to compete at Titleholders

(a) 16 week session.....no bye.....6 played matches (2 Consecutive sessions 5 matches)

(b) 16 week session.....one bye.....6 played matches (2 Consecutive sessions 5 matches)

(c) 16 week session.....two or more byes.....5 played matches for established members...6 played matches for new members

(d) 8 week summer session.. no byes or one bye...3 played matches.. New players need 4 matches.

(e) Summer sessions longer than 8 weeks....4 played matches, (2 Consecutive sessions 3 matches)

(g) Forfeits do not count....only played matches count towards plays.

(h) Players can't combine matches if they play on different teams in two separate divisions, regardless if it is 8 or 9 ball. The two can't be combined.

(i) Playoff matches will not count towards the total needed starting after the spring 20XX session. A player can compete in a playoff match if they have 5 matches in for that team in a 16 week session with no byes or 4 matches played in a session with byes. If they have 2 or less matches in, they cannot play in the playoffs. They have not played enough matches and are not considered to be on that team. For special circumstances check with Operator.

(j) Players that shoot in two different table size divisions will play at the Titleholder at their highest attained handicap for both teams if they have two different caps. This does not happen often and mainly when players do not have enough matches in on one or the other.

3. Taverns and host locations

- a) NKY TAP's only request is to have the tables open or quarters available for the tables
- (b) Any roster changes, team moves, etc. is 100% in the hands of the person that submitted the team roster and not the host location (unless the tavern owner submitted the roster)
- (c) Underage players are allowed to compete in NKY TAP. We will honor any host locations right to not allow these players to compete in their establishments.
- (d) NKY TAP honors any host location to exercise their rights to not allow a member to enter and play in their establishment that has been banned from that location in the past.
- (e) Tables, cloth and balls should be maintained and be kept in a reasonable condition. NKY TAP does not dictate what type of cue ball to be used but we recommend an aramith cue ball whenever possible.

4. Team dues

(a) It is up to the team captain to make sure all weekly dues is turned in. Any teams that do not pay the full amount will be barred and blacklisted on the league web site until all monies are paid and will forfeit any and all prizes. Any players on these teams will need to pay their fair share to the NKY TAP office regardless if they already paid their weekly fees to their team captain. Note: You chose to trust this person, not NKY TAP. Team dues are \$50 a week per team in the fall and spring sessions and \$50 per team a week for the shorter summer session, regardless of forfeits or no shows. The team captain is responsible for their team's dues.

****Note****.... Money that does not come in, can't expected to be paid out.

5. Turning in score sheets

(a) NKY TAP would like to see all score sheets turned in within 48 hours out of respect for the rest of the league. Since the introduction of Pool-Net and less down time for data entry needed, score sheets must be turned in no later than the day before the following weeks match by no later than noon. Example...Wednesday's score sheet must be in my office by no later than Tuesday noon of the following week. Late sheets will result in a one win deduction after the end of that session.

(b) 1. If a team does not send their score sheet (away team was counting on the home team to send it in) and the either team needs a player's match that night to count for

their last match to play at Titleholders, they WILL NOT get credit for this. I need played matches. This will make more teams to both keep score. Do not depend on the other team to get your scores in. WATCH YOUR OWN BACK.

6. Roster deadlines

(a) Week 6 for 16 week session

(b) Week 4 for an 8 week session

(c) NKY TAP's reserves the right to extend this to any teams or players based on each individual case and circumstances such as team survival rule, which is in the TAP national rule book.

This covers teams that are forfeiting matches constantly, etc. Any added players past this deadline must still get the required minimum matches in to qualify for Titleholders and nationals.

7. Forfeits, byes and no shows (League & Titleholder)

(a) Byes are a 3-2 win. No dues are owed for bye weeks

(b) If for some reason a home team decides they can't play their match at their home location, both teams can agree on a neutral location. If they cannot agree, the match will be played at the away teams location.

(c) Dues are still owed for player matches that are forfeited. Do not put an opposing player on the score sheet for a forfeit. This match will go into open stats.

(d) If a team is a complete no show the opposing team will be awarded a 5-0 forfeit. If a team is a no show on consecutive weeks, the second week will be a 5-0 forfeit. The no show team will then be dropped from that session and all following matches will be a 3-2 bye. In the event I am notified before a scheduled match that a team is dropping then the scheduled team they would have played will get a 3-2 bye as well as all remaining scheduled teams for that session

(e) Note.. LAST THREE WEEKS OF PLAY

Anytime a team is a no show in any of the last 3 weeks (or the last 2 weeks in a summer session) then it will be a 3-2 forfeit. This is in place so teams that quit at the end of a session do not affect the standings as greatly as in the start of a session and also so bottom placing teams do not try and help their friends place higher in the standings by

giving them a 5-0 forfeit. If I suspect a match was thrown to help a fellow team advance in the standings, I reserve the right to allow the max. amount which would be the same as a bye, a 3-2 win.

(f) If both teams only have 4 players, the team that has to put up first in the 5th match will have to forfeit even though the opposing team does not have a 5th player since that team is the first to not be able to field a player.

NOTE....Since no dues are collected for a playoff match, this rule will not be used during playoffs. Teams must show with at least 5 players or take a forfeit.

(g) Divisions that have less weeks than other divisions due to Valley Forge or nationals will have byes added to make the total matches played to balance with other divisions to compute total wins for tiebreakers.

(h) Titleholder NO SHOWS

If a team cannot make the Titleholder, please let me know ASAP.

If a team in the bracket cannot make it, the seedings will be adjusted depending on that team's wins in the regular session.

If by chance a team is a forfeit during the event, the team will get an equal score at the team that scores the highest that round with zero games lost. In the past a team thought they should get a 5-0 forfeit and the argument has merit on both sides.

8. Sessions needed for nationals and national playoff format

(a) Members have to play 2 out of 3 sessions to compete in that area's playoff for nationals. They must have 2 of 3 sessions in the 4 areas that have national spots. Teams cannot play in one area, win a playoff spot, and then not play the rest of the year in that area. This is unfair to the teams playing there year round. If an area is combined for a summer session then that team must decide what bracket for which area they will play for the national trip. You can play on a different team if you like but you have to play on the team you qualified with. Also, you can take the spring session off but then you have to play the 10 week summer session or you can play the spring and take the summer off but you have to get 2 out of 3 sessions in. This has always been this way since we started qualifying for nationals 15 years ago. You can be active in a singles league and that would count towards a session but a 9 ball session does not count towards an 8 ball handicap.

(b) Teams that win these trips during the year are obligated to attend. Teams CANNOT take the money from the national fund and not attend nationals. Teams that cannot attend forfeit all national monies earned back into the national fund.

(c) Players or teams that win more than one national entry will get their entry paid for the 2nd team. Players on two teams will not get the full travel but will get the full room allotment and any extra all of their airfare covered in full. Any extra money will be divided between the other qualified teams.

(d) Players that have qualified on a national team will have their handicaps locked at the handicap they qualified with until the next nationals. They can go to a higher cap but they will not go lower than the handicap they played at when their team won the national spot.

(e) National playoff teams will be decided on the top team that makes the final Titleholder 1st bracket board and the top 1 team from the 2nd bracket from those areas:

These teams from the three sessions will play for national trips in their respective areas in a double elimination format in August/September each year. The number of trips available will be determined by the team counts in that year.

NOTE: (e)_This is always subject to change depending on team counts and/or divisions added within that year.

NOTICE....Beginning for the Summer session 2016 and for the future national playoff spots will be awarded as follows.

1. Division winners for each session

2. Title holder bracket winners only (Random number of High Seeds each Titleholder) (if a division winner wins the 1st bracket the spot will go to the highest placing or in case of a tie least amount of games lost team in the 1st bracket)

3. 2nd chance winners only (X each Titleholder)

Teams can still earn multiple spots. This will cut the spots down by 50% and make teams try harder to win and it will be easier to manage.

9. Rescheduling a match

(a) All makeup matches should be played as soon as possible but sometimes this is almost impossible. Taking this into consideration, ALL matches to be made up must be

played before the last week of play. If these are not played, they will not be entered into the system and both teams will not get any credit for that week. The NKY TAP office needs to be informed on rescheduled matches

If a home team cannot have a scheduled match played that week at their host location due to closing other leagues having a scheduled match, etc. then the match reverts back to the away team's host location. If the away team cannot host the match then the home team can choose a neutral location.

(b) Any teams going to nationals with 2 or more players attending can reschedule their matches.. No teams that represent us at nationals forfeits their weekly matches while at nationals. In the event of either the national team or their opponent cannot make the match up before December 31, neither team will receive any points and their record will stay as is. Both teams will be at a disadvantage when it comes to seedings in the Titleholder and possibly national playoffs since the Titleholder first bracket and the national playoffs are seeded based on wins for that session. This could also possibly put teams in the play offs. **PLAY THE MAKE UP MATCH.**

(c) NKY TAP never cancels a league night due to weather since many teams are close to each other and can play while others may have a drive time and different weather conditions so it is left up to individual teams to decide to cancel based on bad weather. NKY TAP is not responsible for accidents coming and going from league matches. Common sense should always prevail. It is better to be safe than sorry.

10. Tiebreakers (Session and Titleholders)

(a) Session.. Ties will be broken by the least amount of games lost in the session. This can be found on the score keeping app. Ties will not be broken by head to head.

(b) Titleholder tiebreakers are decided by least number of games lost. If teams are tied the tiebreaker will be a 1 game playoff between the 2 players chosen by each captain.

11. National Fund

(a) NKY TAP reserves the right to pay this money in cash at the nationals or to see proof of purchase of airfare prior to payment if a team is suspected of not planning on attending nationals and staying home and keeping this money. This fund is for the sole purpose of sending teams to nationals. This is a fund, not a 100% guaranteed all expenses paid fund.

(b) If a team decides not to go to nationals, they forfeit the money and the national spot to the next team. If a player decides not to attend nationals they forfeit their travel money to their team mates. Travel fund is solely for the purpose of funding players and teams to nationals.

(c) In cases where the fund to send two or more teams from one area could be difficult to do, the final teams will be given a approx. amount of the fund for two teams. Both teams will have to agree and then decide to either take the trips with the money that is allotted for both teams or play for it all. The winning team will get all of the 2nd place team room and travel money. Only the unused \$700 entry for the 2nd place team will roll over into the fund for the following year. If one team wants to play for it and the other does not then both teams get the trips with the money allotted.

12. National Playoff Spots

(a) All division winners from the Summer, Fall and Spring sessions earn a national playoff spot.

(b) The winner of the 2nd bracket in each Titleholder wins a playoff spot.

(c) A Random Number of Top Finishers from each Titleholder win a playoff spot for National Qualifier.

15. Substitution for the league op

Since league operators are not allowed to compete in league Titleholders for the players money, a team with the licensee on their roster can replace them with a player only from that league. This player chosen can only be the same handicap or lower as the league operator. The operator can play in playoff matches but has to be put up first in the first match so the opposing has the advantage of matching up how they wish. This is the only time in TAP that substitutions are allowed for any reasons..

13. Underage Members

Underage members and teams must understand that being a TAP player or a team member does not give them the right to be in taverns or clubs. NKY TAP will always side with the host location and the ABC laws. If a underage player is on a team and there are curfews that need to be enforced then they will abide by them and leave the host premises without question. They will forfeit any entries or monies won while in the middle of any tournaments or other NKY TAP events. Teams will not be allowed to replace these players after the event has started. In short, if you have a underage player

on your team you risk the chance of this player not being allowed to remain at the host location the entire time. I am leaving it up to the team captains to make the call on this and also letting them know the risk. This includes league nights, Titleholders, MVP team events, captains events and any other NKY TAP related event.

14. Time outs

To speed up play on league nights, 2 to 7 caps will get 2 timeouts per game. 2 caps will get the standard 2 time outs with 2 caps receiving unlimited coaches, from one assigned coach, per each shot from the sideline.

15. NKY TAP reserves the rights to:

- (a) Lock players handicaps in on short summer sessions. This is to protect the rest of the league from players that do not have enough matches in for an accurate handicap. These locks will be released at the start of a full 16 week session,
- (b) Lock any player's handicap in that is suspected of cheating either by sandbagging or turning in inaccurate score sheets for the purpose of holding a lower handicap.
- (c) The right to revoke membership to compete in NKY TAP for any reason that is deemed justified.
- (d) The right to change playoff pairings from what is posted or change an event format due to time constraints, etc.
- (e) If a Titleholder team notifies me ahead of time that they will be a no show that spot will go to the team they eliminated in the playoff. If that team cannot attend it goes to the team with the most wins in that division. After that it goes to the team with the most session wins of all divisions in that bracket. To avoid byes in a bracket, and if no forfeiting teams but just an odd number I will take the team with the most wins that did not make it out of the playoffs.