

Northeast Dallas Co APA Bylaws

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Authority: All players are governed by the rules and regulations of the American Poolplayers Association and these bylaws. The APA Official Team Manual is the governing document for league play with minor exceptions listed or clarified below. The APA National Member Hotline is 636-625-8611 ext. 5210. APA is open for all players 18 years of age and older. 18-21 ages depends on host location rules.

Office hours: The Northeast Dallas County APA office hours are from 10:00am to 10:00pm. The office number is **972-412-0297**. Calls to the cell number will not be answered unless no one is in the office. The office mailing address is: 8413 Sailors St. Rowlett, TX 75089.

Right to Refuse and Suspensions:

- Northeast Dallas APA reserves the right to refuse to do business with anyone or any location for any reason. Those who are refused business may petition other APA leagues for membership but are not welcome in our league. This will typically be used for people who are disruptive to the league, constantly complain or deride the League in public. All Suspensions will be approved by the National APA Office and our local Board of Governors.

Rules & Regulations:

- **Ball in Hand Fouls:** The only ball in hand fouls are listed in the rule book. These are the only ones recognized. NOTE: in a close hit situation (when the cue ball and object ball are within a few inches. If the cue ball is struck head on and the object ball and cue ball travel in the same direction, at approximately the same speed: IT IS A DOUBLE HIT
- **Coaching:** is specified in the Official Team Manual. There is a preference for only ONE coach to approach the table, if a consensus is needed the player MUST be out of earshot and the additional person(s) need not be within an arms length of the table.

Weekly League Play:

- **Game Rules:** Every player should be familiar with the game rules set forth in the Official Team Manual and these bylaws
- **Inclement Weather:** Typically refers to snow and ice conditions. We typically base the decision to cancel matches on school closings and Weather warnings. League office will attempt to contact the team captains in the event of inclement weather.

- **Scheduling:** Teams may be added to a division within the first four weeks, they will be given points that are less than the team currently in last place or bye points. In the event of a bye, 8 ball teams will receive 8 match points, Ladies 5 match points, Masters 19 match points and 9 ball will receive 60 match points.

- Matches are scheduled to **begin at 7:30** real time, not bar time. At 7:45 if no player is present then that team forfeits the **entire set of matches**. Once play has begun, it must be continuous, unless both teams agree otherwise.

- **Splitting Matches:** If the fourth match has not started by the official league start time plus two hours (9:30) and if there is another table of the same size available, then another table should be used for match play. On scoresheets, please fill out the name, player # and then write in "Other team kept score" for the games section. If one team captain requests to double up at any point past the two hour mark, the other team captain cannot refuse. Refusing will cost that team all points for the night. There is no need to wait for a current game to finish before putting the second table into play. Splitting tables is waived if BOTH team captains agree.

- **Scoresheets** must be filled out completely, legible and signed by both team representatives. Do NOT use red or pink ink. Do Not write "RN" or anything else other than defensive shots in the defensive shots block. Scoresheets should be mailed by 5pm the day following the match. It is the home team captain's responsibility to mail the scoresheets and all fees. This does not apply to packet divisions or locations that have a drop box. All teams are welcome to use the drop box instead of mailing. Drop Boxes are located at Lone Star, Post Time, Scooters and CKs.

- **New APA Players:** It is the team captains responsibility to raise the starting skill level of a new player who is known to be a highly skilled player. Penalties will be assessed on a case by case basis.

- **Roster Changes:** No player may be added to or dropped from a qualified team after the fourth week of Spring Session, period, no exceptions, unless that team wishes to give up their qualification. In the Summer and Fall Sessions or for unqualified teams in the Spring Session teams may make any roster changes until the end of the sixth week. Roster changes can only be made after that with league office approval. Changes must be made prior to the start of the match.

- **No player may play twice** in one night on a League Match for the same team.

- No player may play without paying their **annual dues**. Any played unpaid player will result in a loss of points for the entire team. Any player still on the roster who hasn't paid after the fourth week will be removed from the team and not allowed back on.

- **Bonus Points** are awarded, they are not taken away. You have no right to these points unless you earn them. Bonus points will be awarded if your paperwork is properly completed, legible, on time and if your teams league fees are current. In 8 ball, a maximum of 8 bonus points can be awarded. In 9 ball, a maximum of 45 bonus points can be awarded.

- **Playoff Locations:** Preference will be given to the highest seeded team when possible.

- **Make up Matches:** It is the responsibility of the home team captain to contact league office for the paperwork and to advise when the match will be made up. Matches should be made up in the original scheduled location. Teams cannot be forced to make up a scheduled match without 24hrs prior notice, less than 24 hours notice can result in forfeits. No makeup matches will be allowed in the last two weeks of regular session play, except in extreme circumstances. Any outstanding matches will be double forfeits and teams will be responsible for the weekly fees.

- **Forfeits:** A team forfeits the entire match if no team member is present 15 minutes past the scheduled match time. If a team has 6 or more individual forfeits throughout the entire session, excluding playoffs, they will not be eligible for the wildcard draw. Any team that fails to show up for a scheduled match two consecutive weeks will be dropped from the schedule and not allowed to rejoin until all fees + a \$70 deposit are paid the balance will divided among the team players and marked as due. Sponsored teams will charged \$7 for each forfeited match, after the fourth week of play. This will be credited to the sponsor once the money is received. The opponent will receive 15 points per game for nine ball and 2-0 per game for eight ball. **When a team forfeits a match, they forfeit that match PLUS all remaining matches for the night.**

- **Skill Levels:** All players must play with the skill levels printed on the scoresheet with the exception of make up games, they must be played with the most current skill levels.

- **Protests and Disputes:** Follow the guidelines set forth in the Team Manual.

- **Loss of Game:** These are listed in the rule book. Breaking down of the cue stick is NOT listed, and is NOT an automatic loss of game. Ask the opponent if they are conceding the match.

- **Marking the Pocket:** It is a sportsmanship violation to use chalk, offensive material or weapons to mark the pocket, it is not a loss of game. Don't use it. Repeated offenses will result in game loss. Paper money is illegal to be used on a pool table in Texas and therefore not allowed.

Playoffs / TriCups / LTC (City Championship)

- Each division has a playoff at the end of the scheduled session. Playoff locations are preselected. Each team member **MUST** play 6 times with that team to be eligible for playoffs, TriCups or LTC and must have a minimum of 10 lifetime matches in that format.

- All teams must be current with fees to be eligible for playoffs.

- Any **paperwork** not received by the scheduled wildcard draw will not be accepted, regardless of postmarks or any other circumstance. League office will make arrangements to meet with you and pick up the final week's scoresheet, if so desired.

- In the event of **ties**, the tie breaking procedure listed in the Team Manual will be used.

- Wildcard teams are drawn from teams who did not place in the playoffs, are current with all fees and do not have 6 or more forfeits. The draw will be conducted via Random Results.com

- All regular **weekly rules** apply to playoffs, NOT higher level tournament rules.

- **Upper level tournament rules** come into effect for TriCups and LTC. Upper level tournament rules will be posted or given to the qualified team captains prior to the tournament.

- **Trophies/Plaques** will be awarded to the team that finishes first in points for divisions of 5 or more. For divisions of 4, the winner of the playoffs.

- **Three-peats:** Teams who come in first for their division, every session (Summer, Spring & Fall) will receive a special trophy/award.

- The following table shows the playoff / TriCup structure:

Division Size	Playoff Structure
4 teams (qualifies 1 for TriCup)	1 place vs. Wildcard 2nd place vs. 3rd place Winners compete in Finals winner of finals receives entry into TriCup
5-7 teams (qualifies 2 for TriCup)	1 place in points gets direct entry into TriCup 2nd place vs. Wildcard 3rd place vs. 4th place Winners compete in finals, winner of finals receives entry into TriCup
8+ teams (qualifies 3 for TriCup)	1 place in points gets direct entry into TriCup 2nd place vs. Wildcard 3rd place vs. 4th place both winners receive entry into TriCup

TriCups:

- Will be held following the completion of each scheduled session and playoffs for standard 8 ball and 9 ball teams, Ladies, Masters and Juniors will go straight from playoffs to LTC. There will be two TriCups, one for Northeast Dallas region and one for Hunt County region. TriCups will qualify approximately 25% of the field for the LTC. Winning TriCup teams will receive cash payouts at the end of the TriCup tournament. TriCup locations are preselected. The following table represents the number of teams that will be qualified from each tournament.

Team count in TriCup	# qualifying for LTC
4 - 6	1 team
7 - 10	2 teams
11 - 14	3 teams
15 - 18	4 teams
19 - 22	5 teams
23 - 26	6 teams

Eligibility:

After winning the TriCups, Teams must retain their eligibility for LTC with the following.

- 50% rule: Teams must stay within the top 50% of their division, each consecutive session until the LTC.
- Maintain Four original members each consecutive session through the SUMMER session of the following league year.
- Team must remain active through the SUMMER session the following league year.
- Stay current on all league fees.

Disqualification:

Teams may disqualified with National APA approval at anytime during the TriCup or LTC. Teams that are deemed aggressive, sandbagging or disruptive to the tournament will be considered. Players may also be removed from the tournaments at anytime for inappropriate behavior.

Administrative

- A fee is collected from each team for every match played and forfeits. Of this fee, a portion is set aside into the player's fund. The player's fund will be used to assist players that qualify for National Team Championships in their travel and lodging expenses. This fee also purchases trophies and patches. This fee can also be used for items that benefit the players as a whole. The players fund will not be used to assist team spouses, significant others or non team members to travel.

- Returned Checks: Bad checks will not be tolerated. If the League Office receives an insufficient funds notice on one of your checks, there will be \$\$\$\$ signs listed next to your name on the scoresheet. Unless arrangements have been made you will have two weeks to reimburse the bad check plus a \$20 service charge or you will be removed from ALL APA teams and not allowed back on that session. Your team will NOT be allowed to replace you and you will not be allowed to rejoin in subsequent sessions until the balance is paid. Any balance outstanding past thirty days is subject to criminal prosecution.



These bylaws have been approved by the American Poolplayers Association National Office on April 1st, 2017. These bylaws and the Rules and Regulations set forth in the Official Team Manual are non-negotiable.

All violations including sportsmanship are subject to the rulings and disciplinary actions of Northeast Dallas APA, the Board of Governors and the APA National Office. All rulings are final.