

## ENTRY SKILL LEVEL / PLAYER ROSTER

Your Regional entry skill level will be the highest of the following levels:

1. The skill level that you believe represents your best playing ability.
2. Your current APA assigned skill level.
3. Your highest skill level in any APA League area in which you currently play.
4. Your skill level that you competed with on the Local Qualifier board.
5. Your skill level calculated AFTER you won the Local Qualifier Board.
6. Your skill level as reviewed by your local Handicap Advisory committee (HAC) or the Handicap Review Committee (HRC) at the National Office.

If your skill level was raised by your local HAC, your League Operator should contact you. To determine the skill level you will be entering the Regional tournament with, refer to the enclosed player roster. Your skill level is listed next to your name on the roster. All skill levels are in the process of being reviewed by the HRC. If the HRC adjusts your skill level, we will make every effort to notify you prior to the event; however, in the event we do not reach you, understand that you will participate at the adjusted skill level. If you have a question regarding your Regional skill level, contact your League Operator immediately.

## FORMAT—MODIFIED SINGLE ELIMINATION

You have the opportunity to compete in the Regional event a minimum of two times. This format does not guarantee you two losses, only two chances to play. If you receive a bye in the first round, you still have two opportunities to play.

## SEEDING

At the Regional and Championship Level, you will be seeded by your skill level, which means you will be playing against opponents that are at or near your skill level.

## TOURNAMENT DRESS CODE

### Men's proper dress includes:

Jeans, casual slacks, dress pants, shorts, and sleeved shirts in good taste. Proper footwear must be worn at all times. All attire must be clean without tears, or stains.

### Women's proper dress includes:

Jeans, casual slacks, dress pants, shorts, capris, skirts, dresses, and shirts in good taste. Dresses, shorts, and skirts must be of conservative length. Proper footwear must be worn at all times. All attire must be clean without tears, holes, or stains.



## RULES OF CONDUCT

APA has established and will strictly enforce the following conduct rules for this Tournament and all Higher Level Tournament play:

- a. No loud, abusive or profane language will be tolerated at this Tournament. You are in the League to have a good time and to enjoy some friendly competition. If you experience a problem, one of the Tournament Officials will address it; simply bring the matter to their attention. Remember that in nearly every situation a ruling will be seen as favoring one side or the other side. Each player is required to accept official rulings without causing a scene.
- b. Unsportsmanlike conduct directed toward an opposing player or a Tournament Official will not be tolerated.
- c. Anyone involved in an incident that involves either physical abuse, violence, or the throwing of an item will be disqualified immediately, and be immediately banned from the Tournament site.
- d. Anyone caught hitting a cue against a table, wall, floor, etc., or recklessly swinging a cue will be disqualified immediately and be banned from the Tournament site.
- e. Abusive behavior directed to the Tournament Director or any of its designates will not be tolerated.
- f. Excessively slow play will not be tolerated. If your excessively slow play becomes a problem you will be entitled to one warning before any penalty is issued.

The penalties for violating any of the Rules of Conduct detailed above are as follows:

**Except for incidents of slow play, a warning may or may not be given, and the Tournament Director can issue any of the four penalties below, regardless of whether any penalty has been previously issued, depending upon the severity of the situation.**

**Penalty Level 1** Your opponent will be given ball-in-hand. If your opponent is still shooting, or already has ball-in-hand, then that player will be allowed to shoot until missing, and then be given ball-in-hand again.

**Penalty Level 2** Your opponent will be granted the game. (In 9-Ball, your opponent will be granted the game, along with points for all balls remaining on the table.)

**Penalty Level 3** Your opponent will be granted the match.

**Penalty Level 4** Disqualification.

**NOTE: If the violation or disturbance that caused a prior penalty to be levied does not cease, the Tournament Director and/or its designated assistant has the right to go from one penalty level to the next penalty level immediately.**

## MATCH TIME GUIDELINES

The APA has established guidelines to limit match play time in an effort to produce a tournament that adheres to a schedule that is productive and enjoyable for all the participants. We have a full schedule of rounds that must be completed in a timely manner. We strive to offer the best environment and playing conditions for our participants, while fulfilling our obligations to the tournament facility. The guidelines we have set are more than adequate for tournament status play; in most cases actual match play will take less than the time allotted. Please be courteous; long matches are exhausting to all the players. We ask for good sportsmanship in keeping to the schedule. Your cooperation will help make this tournament fun and exciting for everyone.

### TIME GUIDELINES FOR INDIVIDUAL MATCHES 8-BALL

Games Must Win	Match Time	Average Game Length
4 - 6	45 Minutes	10 Minutes
7 - 10	60 Minutes	8 Minutes

### ADDITIONAL TIME GUIDELINES

Each Practice Period	4 Minute Time Limit
Average Shot	20 seconds
Special Shooting Situation	45 Seconds (max.)

### TIME GUIDELINES FOR INDIVIDUAL MATCHES 9-BALL

40-60 Minutes

**EXAMPLE:** If a player with a "Games Must Win" of 5 is matched with a player with a "Games Must Win" of 4, the total of their "Games Must Win" is 9; so their match should last no longer than 60 minutes.

# Congratulations!

As an APA 8-Ball Classic and/or APA 9-Ball Shootout Local Qualifier Board winner from your area, you are now eligible to participate in the Regional Level of the APA 8-Ball Classic and/or APA 9-Ball Shootout. You are only a few victories away from a trip to Las Vegas to compete for the Championship title. The premier Championship event takes place at the Westgate Resort & Casino in Las Vegas!



## IMPORTANT

### PLAYER CERTIFICATION FORM

Please read and sign the enclosed Certification Statement and present it to the Tournament Director when you register at the Regional event. If you are competing locally at a skill level higher than the level at which you are scheduled to start the tournament, you must inform the Tournament Director by "certifying" yourself at the higher level. The Tournament Director will make the skill level adjustment prior to your first match. The Tournament Director is not allowed to lower a player's skill level prior to his or her first match. All skill levels will be updated between each round of competition during the tournament.

### REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SITE

The enclosed flier contains information about your Regional tournament: location, event date, registration day/time, players meeting, number of participants in each tier, the name and telephone number of your Regional Tournament Director, and nearby lodging.

### IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

A current picture I.D. is required! Accepted: State I.D. from state of residence, military I.D., or a passport. Your I.D. must be available for review at registration and prior to competing in each match. If you do not have a proper picture I.D., you will not be allowed to play. In all Higher Level Tournament events it would be considered standard procedure for good sportsmanship if, at the beginning of each match, contestants provided proper identification to their opponents before shaking hands.

Go to [poolplayers.com](http://poolplayers.com) to find out more about the APA Poolplayer Championships!

# SINGLES REGIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1. PRACTICE TIME** - Practice is not allowed on any tournament table, except during specified periods, and only with the permission of the Tournament Director. You are encouraged to practice on tables designated for that purpose, and are asked to share the practice tables with any other contestants who wish to use them. If there is a wait for the practice tables, we ask that you limit your practice time to between 10 and 15 minutes. Designated practices tables are reserved for those contestants who have not yet been eliminated from the tournament. Practice is not allowed on tournament tables during play, even when tournament tables are not in use.
- 2. NO GAMBLING** - Gambling on pool is not permitted at any League function including this Tournament. Therefore, you are prohibited from gambling on pool at the tournament site, even after the Tournament has ended or you have been eliminated from the tournament. Any contestant participating in gambling will face disqualification from the tournament and/or forfeiture of all awards and prize money.
- 3. FORFEIT TIME** - Forfeits will be declared after 15 minutes has lapsed since a match has been called. If a player has registered for the tournament, every effort will be made to locate the player before a forfeit is declared. The Tournament Director determines when a match is officially forfeited.
- 4. COACHING** - Coaching is not permitted. Violations could result in a foul being called for illegal aid. Do not confer with anyone other than your opponent, Referee, or the Tournament Director; it could be misunderstood as coaching.
- 5. OBLIGATION TO PRESENT AND CHECK IDENTIFICATION OF ALL PLAYERS** - All participants must have a current valid photo ID in the form of a state-issued Driver's License or non-driver Identification Card, a Military ID, or a Passport. Players must have their photo ID with them at all times during the Tournament and should present their photo ID to their opponent without having to be asked. It is the responsibility of every player to verify that all opposing players have current valid photo IDs that positively identify them as being the person shown on the scoresheet. Do not assume a player is who they say they are. If an opposing player has not voluntarily presented his or her photo ID to you for verification, it is your responsibility to request the opposing player present his or her photo ID and to be satisfied as to the opposing player's identity prior to the lag. If you are not satisfied with the identity of an opposing player, you must immediately call over a Tournament Official to examine the identity of the questioned player. If the Tournament Official cannot readily verify the player's identity from the photo ID, he or she may consult the Tournament Director. The determination of identity made by the Tournament Director, in its sole discretion and judgment, is final. If you fail to verify the identity of an opponent put up in a match and an opposing player turns out to be an imposter or to not have a valid photo ID, you may be bound by the results of the match and you may not be granted any relief or remedy, in the Tournament Director's sole judgment and discretion. If a player is put up to play and does not have his or her photo ID, the match will be forfeited to the opponent without right of protest or appeal, regardless of the reason the player does not have a photo ID. It is no excuse that a player's Photo ID was lost, left somewhere, or that the player needs to go get it. An imposter or a player who cannot verify his or her identity is subject to immediate disqualification from the Tournament and is subject to an indefinite suspension from further participation in the APA, in APA's sole judgment and discretion.
- 6. SCOREKEEPING** - Scoresheets with *innings* recorded, and *Defensive Shots* marked, must be kept by either both players or by an official scorekeeper. If it is determined a player is not marking defensive shots, then the Handicap Review Committee may consider that grounds to raise that player's skill level. Scoresheets must be signed and turned in to the Control Table to receive credit for match wins. Refusal to sign a scoresheet does not affect any match protest. It is the responsibility of the winning player to make sure the Control Table receives proper scoresheets.  
  
**8-BALL ONLY** - Mark **Early 8s** (E8), **8-ball Scratch** (8S), **8 Wrong Pocket** (8WP), **8-on-the-Break** (8OB), and **Break-and-Runs** (BR) on your scoresheets. Patches for **8-on-the-Break** and **Break-and-Runs** are awarded. Patches must be claimed by the Player at the Control Table when the scoresheets are turned in for processing.  
  
**9-BALL ONLY** - Mark all balls pocketed, dead balls, **9-on-the-Snap** (9OS), and **Break-and-Runs** (BR). Patches for **9-on-the-Snap** and **Break-and-Runs** are awarded. Patches must be claimed by the Player at the Control Table when the scoresheets are turned in for processing.  
  
**NOTE: Any player caught fraudulently keeping score – adding innings, altering scoresheets in any way, or marking scoresheets in a way that does not reflect the play that occurred on the table – is subject to disqualification.**

**7. DRESS CODE** - Proper attire must be worn at all times in and around the tournament site. The Tournament Director shall determine what is proper attire, and is responsible for requiring players whose attire is determined to not be proper to change. If the Tournament Directors requires to you change your attire, compliance with the Tournament Director's direction is not a just cause for delaying the progress of a match. The dress code will be enforced.

**8. NO EARPHONES** - You are not permitted to wear earphones of any type during Tournament play. This includes ear buds, headphones, headsets, Bluetooth devices, etc. Hearing aids and non-electronic earplugs are allowed.

**9. CELL PHONE USE** - No player may use his or her cell phone during his or her turn at the table.

**10. NO SMOKING** - Smoking is not allowed at the pool table.

**11. GAME RULES** - APA game rules apply. Any and all Local Bylaw(s) applicable to your local League or interpretation(s) of the APA game rules made by your local League Operator which are not in full accord with the Championship Rules established by the APA do not apply at this event. It is your responsibility to know what a Singles Regional Rule is and what is a Local Bylaw. The game rules are covered in the Official Team Manual. You should ensure that you are familiar with these rules. In addition, you are obligated to review the Singles Regional Certification Statement (the "Certification Statement") prior to registering for the Tournament.

**12. FOULS** - You are encouraged to be familiar with the portions of the Official Team Manual that apply to the format you are playing in this Tournament, including, but not limited to, what constitutes a foul in that format. Each player is advised that, before taking ball-in-hand, they should make certain they actually have ball-in-hand. If you do not confirm ball-in-hand with your opponent, or with Tournament Officials, and there is a difference of opinion, then you run the risk of fouling the cue ball unintentionally.

**13. CUE BALL FOULS** - As a reminder, do not touch the cue ball while it is still rolling. Doing so may result in a foul.

**14. CLOSE SHOTS** - If a shot looks like it may result in a "bad hit," stop the game and get a Tournament Official to observe the shot and make the call. Either player may stop the game to ask for a call. The decision of the Tournament Official is final. If a shot is close and a Tournament Official is not called, the ruling will most likely be in the shooter's favor.

**15. MARKING THE POCKET (8-BALL ONLY)** - A coaster, pocket marker, or any other reasonable marker must be placed next to the pocket the 8-ball is intended to enter. We recommend that you do not use chalk as a pocket marker, as it can create confusion, but the use of chalk as a pocket marker is not prohibited. If a player pockets the 8-ball without marking the intended pocket, and the opponent calls loss of game, it will result in a loss of game. Both players may use the same marker. Only one marker should be on the table at any time. However, if more than one marker is on the table, as long as you clearly mark the pocket where you intend to pocket the 8-ball you will be deemed to have properly marked the pocket. If the marker is already at the intended pocket from a previous attempt or game, it is not necessary for the shooter to touch it, pick it up, or reposition it. **Anyone** may remind a player to place the marker and it will not be considered coaching or a foul.

**16. EXCESSIVE SKILL LEVEL MOVEMENT** - If Higher Level Tournament play is to be truly meaningful and rewarding, then those who play below their true ability must be penalized. Any evidence of a player playing at a skill level below his or her true ability should be reported immediately to the Tournament Director. You must certify that your skill level, as shown on the scoresheet, is your Highest Skill Level as that term is defined in the Certification Statement. For more information on the consequences of not playing at your Highest Skill Level, see the Certification Statement.

**17. PROTESTS** - All protests must be made to the Tournament Director in a sportsmanlike manner. There is a \$50.00 filing fee for any protest, which is refundable if the player filing wins the protest. Any player disrupting the tournament, causing a scene, or causing other problems at or around the tournament site will lose the right to protest. The Tournament Director will resolve all issues on the spot. The APA is the highest authority. Any rulings made by the APA are final.

**18. RULES OF CONDUCT** - Read the "Rules of Conduct" included in this packet and make sure you understand the penalty level system. It is designed to stop a problem while it is still a small problem. The Rules of Conduct may be used by the Tournament Director or designated tournament official at this event for any form of misconduct.

**19. WARNINGS** - If a warning is given in an individual match, that warning will follow the player throughout the remainder of the event. For example, if a player is warned for sharking his opponent, and in a subsequent match the same player is warned for sharking his opponent, the result will be ball-in-hand for the opponent. Such warnings will be noted by a Tournament Official on the scoresheets.

**20. SPORTSMANSHIP** - The primary objective of the League has always been to provide players of all abilities with the fun and enjoyment of friendly competition. Naturally it is expected that each player arrived hoping to do well, and all players will be doing their best to win. However, each player is also expected to accept defeat in a sportsmanlike manner.

Two common violations of good sportsmanship are conceding an unfinished game and undoing a cue during play. Both forms of conduct are frowned upon by professionals, and should be eliminated from amateur play. All players are asked to allow opponents to finish the game before racking the balls or undoing cues. No penalty will be assessed unless, in the opinion of the Tournament Director, a repeated violation of this conduct rule occurs.

Another area of good sportsmanship concerns fouls. A foul is a foul and should be observed as such. Occasionally, a player feels that a foul is a foul only if he gets caught. Generally speaking, a professional player will call a foul on himself. Likewise, good sportsmanship in the amateur ranks requires a player to admit a mistake, and live with the consequences. However, it is technically a player's responsibility to protect the outcome of his match. Pay attention to your game.

**21. EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS** - In general, any piece of equipment designed specifically for pocket billiards, with the exception of laser devices and mechanical cues, is acceptable in APA Higher Level Tournament play. The use of some specialty cues (see **Specialty Cues** described below) may be limited. Special equipment, such as bridges and cue extenders, are legal. You may change cues and/or cue shafts during a game provided the cues and/or shafts you are switching to do not violate any rules of use, and you remain within the Time Guidelines.

**Specialty Cues** - Specialty Cues are cues specially tailored to perform specific shots. These include, but are not limited to, jump cues, break cues, and jump-break cues (combination of jump cues and break cues).  
**Jump Cues** - A Jump Cue is a Specialty Cue designed for attempting jump shots. They may not be used to perform jump shots or massé shots in standard APA League play or in this Tournament.  
**Break Cues** - A Break Cue is a Specialty Cue designed for breaking. They are sometimes combined with jump cues to form a jump-break cue. These cues are allowed in APA play, or this Tournament, for breaking. They may not be used to perform jump shots or massé shots in standard APA League play or in this Tournament.  
**Regular Shooting Cues** - A Regular Shooting Cue is any cue designed to shoot the majority of shots in a game of pool. These cues may be used to perform jump shots, massé shots, and break shots in all APA League play and in this Tournament. However, you may not "break down" your Regular Shooting Cue to perform a jump shot.

Any equipment bearing any message or image of a sexually explicit or political nature, or a message or image which may be offensive due to the use of profanity or by the virtue of its promotion of violence, alcoholism or substance abuse, shall be prohibited from use in this Tournament and in all APA events. The Tournament Director shall enforce this regulation.

The Tournament Director shall have the right to inspect a player's cue(s) at any time during the Tournament without prior notice to the player, and if the cue(s) are found to be in violation of this regulation, the player shall immediately cease using the objectionable cue during Tournament play, or face immediate disqualification and forfeiture of all prize money earned and/or entry fee paid.

**22. DISQUALIFICATION** - The Tournament Director has the authority to disqualify any player from this Tournament and the Tournament Director may exercise that authority in its sole judgment and discretion at any time - prior to, during, or after the Tournament. The following may constitute grounds for disqualification: (a) excessive **Skill Level** movement, (b) irregularities or falsification of any Tournament scoresheet or documents provided to the Tournament Director by your League Operator relating to your qualification for this Tournament, (c) fraudulent actions or omissions of whatever nature, (d) sportsmanship violations or conduct deemed to discredit or affect the integrity of the Tournament, APA or the sport; or (e) any other behavior deemed deserving of disqualification by the Tournament Director. Any disqualified player will be deemed to have forfeited all titles, awards, and prize money he or she would have otherwise been entitled to. Each disqualified player is subject to a minimum two (2) year suspension of his or her APA membership.



# SINGLES REGIONAL CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

To be eligible to play in this Tournament, you must read, complete and sign this CERTIFICATION STATEMENT.

You must certify that the skill level listed on this CERTIFICATION STATEMENT accurately reflects your true pool playing ability your Highest Skill Level as that term is defined below.

Your Highest Skill Level is the highest skill level of the following (referred to in the remainder of the CERTIFICATION STATEMENT as your "Highest Skill Level"): (1) the skill level that you believe represents the your best playing ability, (2) your current APA assigned skill level, (3) your highest skill level in any APA League area in which you currently play, (4) your skill level that you competed with on the Local Qualifier board, (5) your skill level calculated after you won the Local Qualifier Board, (6) your skill level as reviewed by your local Handicap Advisory committee (HAC) or the Handicap Review Committee (HRC) at the National Office. Further, minimum skill levels for men participating in the Tournament will be skill level 3 in the 8-Ball format and skill level 2 in the 9-Ball format. No player who has competed in a previous National Singles Championships, National Team Championships, Poolplayer Championships, or World Pool Championships will be allowed to enter this, or any subsequent Higher Level Tournament with a lower skill level than the one they played at, or were assigned, during those tournaments, unless APA has granted a previously requested exception submitted by the League Operator of a League in which the affected player has played. Such exceptions are rare.

If having reviewed the information stated above, you believe that your APA-assigned skill level, as listed on the enclosed roster, is lower than your Highest Skill Level, as defined above, you must request that your skill level be changed so that this Statement reflects your Highest Skill Level.

This is your only opportunity to ensure that you are playing at your Highest Skill Level during this Singles Regional (the "Tournament"). If, after this Certification Statement is signed, the Tournament Director determines that your skill level, as indicated on this Certification Statement, is lower than your ability and/or your Highest Skill Level, or if your skill level increases during the Tournament due to your performance at the Tournament, you may be **disqualified from this Tournament and/or suffer other penalties**. NOTE: claims that you are playing above your skill level because you practiced prior to attending this Tournament or because you consumed fewer alcoholic beverages during the Tournament than you do during regular League play will not be considered sufficient grounds to challenge a disqualification or other penalty.

## RULES FOR PARTICIPATION

**1. Tournament Director:** APA's Singles Regional Tournaments are operated and administered by the American Poolplayers Association, Inc. and its affiliated leagues in Canada and Japan (collectively "APA"). APA acting through designated APA officials including, but not limited to, APA's Handicap Review Committee ("HRC"), is the Tournament Director of this Tournament. As Tournament Director, APA has the full, absolute and final authority to make all rulings, decisions and judgments, in the exercise of its sole discretion, on all issues and matters related to this Tournament. The Tournament Director's rulings, determinations and judgments are final.

**2. Handicapped Tournament:** This is a handicapped Tournament. The objective is that the Tournament be fair and equitable for all players – players with varying pool playing ability or skill – such that any player has the opportunity to compete in his or her match and advance. Skill levels are calculated using **The Equalizer®**, Handicapping System, APA's proprietary scoring and handicapping system.

**3. The Equalizer®** Handicapping System ("**The Equalizer®**") calculates your **skill level** based on data from your prior performances in APA League and Tournament matches. **The Equalizer®** calculates **skill levels** using mathematical formulas that analyze data from match scoresheets, your win/loss record, subjective judgments made based on your performance data and/or the observation of your ability and performance. While **The Equalizer®** calculates the skill level assigned to you, you must certify that skill level in accordance with the rules stated above. Through **The Equalizer®**, the Tournament Director and its designated officials, may adjust your skill level up or down during the course of the Tournament based on your performance in this Tournament. By signing this Statement, you acknowledge and agree that **The Equalizer®** is a highly protected, confidential and proprietary trade secret belonging to APA.

**4. APA's Standard Rules Apply:** The Rules contained in The Official APA/CPA 8-Ball & 9-Ball Game Rules Booklet and APA's Official Team Manual (collectively "APA's Standard Rules") are in force and are applicable to all Tournament matches to the extent that APA's Standard Rules do not conflict with this Certification Statement or the Singles Regional Tournament Rules ("Tournament Rules"). To the extent that APA's Standard Rules conflict with, or are inconsistent with, the Tournament Rules, the Tournament Rules shall control. If there is any conflict between the terms of this Statement, the Tournament Rules and APA's Standard Rules, the terms of this Statement shall control.

**5. Player Eligibility:** Players who are not eligible are not allowed to participate in this Tournament. The participation of an ineligible player may result in disqualification. To be eligible, you must: be a current APA Member; be at least 18 years of age; be a current roster member of an active APA League team, playing in the format (8-Ball or 9-Ball) in which you are participating in this Tournament ("Tournament Format"); have been a current roster member of an active APA League team playing in the Tournament Format at all times since participating in the Local Qualifier Board through which you qualified for this Tournament ("Qualifier Board"); have at least ten (10) match scores in the Tournament Format in the two (2) years prior to the date of the Qualifier Board. Individuals affiliated with the ownership or operation of APA's Leagues are ineligible for this Tournament, including, but not limited to: all League Operators; shareholders, members, officers, or directors of any entities that own APA franchises (collectively "Franchise Owners"); any spouse, significant other, relationship-partner of a League Operator or Franchise Owner; any member of a household in which a League Operator or Franchise Owner reside; any person involved in the computation of skill levels or in a position to adjust, change, influence or manipulate team roster or players' handicaps; any other person affiliated with a League Operator or Franchise Owner. A player's eligibility may also be affected by additional requirements stated in your League's Local Bylaws. Questions about whether a particular player is eligible should be addressed to APA before this Statement is submitted. APA shall have sole discretion to decide whether a particular player is eligible to participate in the Tournament, and APA's determination regarding a player's eligibility is final.

**6. Obligation To Present and Check Identification Of All Players:** You certify that you have read, and understand the section of the Tournament Rules titled "Obligation To Present And Check Identification Of All Players."

**7. Handicap Manipulation/"Sandbagging" Will Not Be Tolerated:** By signing this Statement, you are representing that you will not engage in handicap manipulation or sandbagging. By signing this Statement, you acknowledge that handicap manipulation or actions that give the appearance of handicap manipulation compromise the fairness and integrity of the Tournament, will not be tolerated, and can lead to your disqualification from the Tournament.

**8. Excessive Skill Level Movement:** By signing this Statement, you hereby acknowledge that: the Tournament Director is the sole judge of each player's ability for the purposes of this Tournament, and has the authority to set a player's skill level in its sole judgment and discretion; the Tournament Director may disqualify you if the Tournament Director, in its sole judgment and absolute discretion, determines that excessive upward adjustments of your skill level has been warranted; your skill level may be raised at any time before, during or after this Tournament by the Tournament Director to whatever skill level the Tournament Director determines is appropriate in its sole judgment and discretion; determinations regarding a player's ability and skill level are necessarily subjective and that each such determination is unique and therefore applicable only to that specific player; and any action or inaction taken by the Tournament Director with regard to a particular player has no effect on, and will not limit, the authority of the Tournament Director to take whatever action the Tournament Director considers appropriate, if any, regarding you or other players.

**9. Disqualification:** By signing this Statement, you hereby acknowledge that the Tournament Director has the authority to disqualify any player from this Tournament and that the Tournament Director may exercise that authority in its sole judgment and discretion at any time - prior to, during, or after the Tournament. By signing this Statement, you hereby

acknowledge that the following actions may constitute grounds for disqualification: (a) excessive **skill level** movement, (b) irregularities or falsification of any Tournament scoresheet or documents provided to the Tournament Director by your League Operator relating to your qualification for this Tournament, (c) fraudulent actions, omissions of whatever nature, (d) sportsmanship violations or conduct deemed to discredit or affect the integrity of the Tournament, the APA or the sport; or (e) any other behavior deemed deserving of disqualification by the Tournament Director. Any disqualified player will be deemed to have forfeited all titles, awards, and prize money he or she would have otherwise been entitled to. Each disqualified player is subject to a minimum two (2) year suspension of his or her APA membership.

**IN CONSIDERATION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS TOURNAMENT, I, THE UNDERSIGNED PLAYER, AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

- A. I have read and understand the contents of this Statement, and affirm each of the representations and acknowledgments made herein. Further, I agree to follow, and be governed by: the Tournament Rules provided with this Statement and APA's Standard Rules.
- B. **I certify that the skill level I have written below reflects my Highest Skill Level, as that term is defined above, as of the date this Statement is submitted at the Tournament's Registration.**
- C. **I recognize, acknowledge and accept that the Tournament Director has the full authority to conduct this Tournament and to make all rulings and determinations that the Tournament Director considers appropriate in its sole and absolute judgment and discretion, including the authority to: set or change each player's skill level; to disqualify me from the Tournament; or to take such other actions as the Tournament Director considers appropriate in the exercise of its sole discretion, judgment and authority.**
- D. I recognize, acknowledge and accept that the determination of a player's pool paying ability or the determination of whether a player's skill level reflects the player's actual ability is inherently subjective and a matter of the Tournament Director's judgment.
- E. In the event of my disqualification, the disqualification of another player, an increase in my **skill level**, or other ruling, decision, judgment, or exercise of discretionary authority adverse to me, I agree any challenge to a decision made by the Tournament Director, including any decision regarding my skill level, or regarding my disqualification, shall be strictly limited to the Tournament appeal procedures and that any such appeal shall not, in any way, delay or affect the progress of the Tournament. I further agree that the result of the Tournament appeal shall be final, conclusive, and binding upon me.
- F. I agree my appeal of any disqualification, increase in my **skill level**, or other ruling, decision, judgment or exercise of discretionary authority by the Tournament Director shall not delay or affect the progress of the Tournament. Even if my appeal is sustained by Tournament officials, I agree I have no right or entitlement to any particular remedy (including any berth in a Higher Level Tournament, travel expense, prize, award, refund of entry fee, or recovery of any cost or expense). In no event, under any circumstances, shall I have a right to damages or loss in excess of a refund of my entry fee into this Tournament.
- G. **FULL RELEASE: I HEREBY AGREE TO WAIVE, RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE APA, TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS, THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, ALL LOCAL LEAGUE OPERATORS, THE TOURNAMENT VENUE, AND SPONSORS, AND ANY AND ALL OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, PARENT ENTITIES, SUBSIDIARIES, OR AFFILIATES OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES (COLLECTIVELY THE "RELEASED PARTIES") FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, LOSS AND DAMAGES, ARISING FROM OR RELATING TO OUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO (1) ANY CLAIM, DAMAGE OR LOSS RELATING TO OR ARISING FROM ANY RULING, DECISION, JUDGMENT OR OTHER EXERCISE OF DISCRETION BY ANY OF THE RELEASED PARTIES; (2) PERSONAL OR BODILY INJURIES (INCLUDING DEATH); AND (3) DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF PROPERTY, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, PRESENT OR FUTURE, OR CONTINGENT OR CERTAIN. THIS RELEASE EXTENDS FULLY TO ANY PRESENT OR FUTURE ACTS/INACTIONS WHETHER NEGLIGENT, RECKLESS, KNOWING OR INTENTIONAL. I AGREE I WILL NOT SUE OR ASSERT ANY CLAIM (INCLUDING FOR DAMAGES, DECLARATORY, OR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF) REGARDING THIS TOURNAMENT IN ANY COURT, FORUM OR PROCEEDING. IF ANY CLAIM IS BROUGHT BY ME, OR ANYONE ACTING ON MY BEHALF, IN ANY COURT, FORUM OR PROCEEDING AGAINST THE RELEASED PARTIES, OR A RELEASED PARTY, I AGREE TO PAY SUCH PARTY'S REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES INCURRED IN DEFENDING, SETTLING, OR OBTAINING DISMISSAL OF THE ACTION.**
- H. I agree to pay for any injury, damage or loss to person or property caused by my conduct, acts and inactions while participating in the Tournament. In the case any loss is incurred or any charge or claim is made against any of the Released Parties for any injury, damage or loss to person or property due to my conduct, act or inaction, I agree to defend and indemnify the Released Party or Released Parties from and against such charge or claim.
- I. If the Tournament is cancelled or the place of the Tournament is changed, for any reason, I understand my only remedy is the refund of my entry fee.
- J. **GRAPHIC/VIDEO/AUDIO/MEDIA APPEARANCE RELEASE:** In connection with my appearance at, and participation in, the Tournament and all related activities and my visit to Las Vegas, I give APA, and its licensees, designees and assigns, the full, unconditional and irrevocable right to (1) film, photograph, tape, record and edit me and to use my personal biographic information, including without limitation, my appearance, likeness, identity, name, nickname, behavior, actions, voice, and conversations at any time during the Event by use of any means, media or technology (collectively "Appearance"), (2) use, broadcast, reproduce, distribute and exhibit my Appearance freely in any media or for any purpose, including for any and all advertising, promotional and commercial purposes, (3) edit, modify, adapt, make derivative works from, copyright and otherwise use my Appearance as APA chooses. I each recognize that content of my Appearance (including how the content is edited or how I may be depicted or portrayed) may be viewed as favorable, positive, humorous, embarrassing, unfavorable, or negative, and I hereby waive any claim that I may have against APA or any employee, agent, assign or licensee relating to how my Appearance is edited, depicted or portrayed in any work that may be created. I expressly waive any claim of any right or interest in any Appearance and any compensation or other benefits for my Appearance in any media or distribution outlet. I acknowledge and agree that APA shall be the exclusive owner of all copyrights and other rights to and in connection with any Appearance and APA shall have full rights to license others to use them in any manner at APA's discretion.
- K. **I certify that I am an APA Member in good standing and an amateur player, without any professional characteristics, and am eligible to participant in this Tournament. I certify my representations in this Certification Statement are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I further acknowledge that it is my responsibility to ensure that the Tournament scoresheets reflect any changes to my Skill Level made on this Statement.**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

FORMAT: (please circle one) **8-BALL** OR **9-BALL**

CORRECT SKILL LEVEL	PLAYER #	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE
_____	_____	_____	_____

**IF YOU PARTICIPATE IN MORE THEN ONE LEAGUE AREA, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR SKILL LEVEL IN THAT AREA HERE:**

CORRECT SL	PLAYER #
_____	_____



# APA 2018 SPRING 9-BALL SHOOTOUT WACO REGIONAL

**March 3 & 4, 2018**

## Clicks Billiards

1200 Richland Drive Waco, TX 76710  
(254) 776-2261  
Non-Smoking

**TIME:** Registration will begin at 8 am on Saturday, March 3.  
Players Meeting at 9 am  
Play will start immediately after the meeting.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Valid Photo ID  
Completed Certification Statement  
There will be a greens fee of \$5

**QUESTIONS:** Jay & Tish Gaines will be the on-site Tournament Directors.  
Contact them at (254) 214-9710 with event questions.  
If you CANNOT make the tournament, please email [heartoftexas@apaleagues.com](mailto:heartoftexas@apaleagues.com)

### WHERE TO STAY:

**Fairfield Inn**  
5805 Woodway Dr  
Woodway, TX 76712  
(254) 776-7821  
Call for Room Rates

**Extended Stay America**  
5903 Woodway Dr  
Waco, TX 76710  
(254) 399-8836  
Call for Room Rates

**LaQuinta Inn**  
6003 Woodway Dr  
Waco, TX 76710  
(254) 772-0200  
Call for Room Rates

There will be a total of 54 poolplayers advancing to this Regional event. Of those, 4 participants will advance to the APA Poolplayer Championships held at the luxurious Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino to compete for cash, prizes, and the Championship title.

Tiers	Skill Level Breakdown	Number of Participants	Advance to Championship
Black Tier	Skill Levels 6-9	19	1
White Tier	Skill Levels 4-5	22	2
Green Tier	Skill Levels 1-3	13	1
Total:		54	4

**GOOD LUCK AND GOOD SHOOTING!**



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## 9 Ball Shootout Regional Roster

Apacard	Name	Skill Level	Apacard	Name	Skill Level
<b>2018 Spring 766-Waco Regional 9-Ball</b>			79600368	Torregrossa, Tana	3
			76600606	Walpole, Ken	6
			76509513	Warren, Deanna	4
			<b>Total Qualified Players: 54</b>		
79303206	Aubrey, Keri	4			
76601231	Barak, Ashton	5			
79600386	Bradshaw, Austin	5			
76601008	Braswell, Rebecca	6			
79600441	Brown, Sedrick	2			
76600781	Butler, Laveta	5			
76600090	Butler, Marshall	6			
79602244	Campbell, Colton	5			
79303165	Castilleja, Raul	3			
76600230	Chaudoin, Sherrill	5			
27508933	Chavez, Cecil	3			
79600308	Cummings, Denise	3			
79600285	Davila, Virginia	4			
76600882	Davis, James	9			
79303299	Easter, Jonathon	8			
79600089	Evinger, Terra	3			
79303185	Ewings, Willie	4			
76601855	Ferguson, Jenita	1			
76600981	Flores, Robert	9			
79600120	Garcia, Jeremi	6			
79600349	Griffith, Zachary	5			
79300525	Ham, Kelvin	7			
76601752	Harris-Casey, Desiree	4			
76600629	Hoffman, Mike	8			
76601850	Holcomb, Mitchell	3			
79301641	Honaker, Amanda	4			
79300410	Honaker, Herb	7			
79600242	Howard, Jeremy	7			
79602040	Jackson, Della	4			
76601072	Johnson, Denise	5			
76601719	Katz, Randi	3			
79600343	Lewis, J.R,	4			
76600211	Lim, Susan	3			
79600385	McQuade, Coleton	2			
79600352	Montes, Michael	8			
76609409	Owens, Eddie	5			
79600362	Peraza, Jessica	3			
76600634	Perez, John	6			
76600663	Porter, Tracy	5			
76601366	Porter, Tommy	6			
76600849	Reed, Jacob	7			
76601442	Reed, John	7			
76600662	Rodgers, Michael	8			
76601281	Santos, Harley	4			
79301651	Sharp, Aaron	7			
79602082	Smith, Sara	4			
79602037	Steele, Susan	3			
76601032	Stewart, Robert	9			
76601803	Svacina, Tanner	5			
79602150	Taylor, Daniel	4			
76600003	Thrash, Christopher	4			