



# NORTHEAST MASS APA POOL LEAGUE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING SESSION 2014 | WEEK 9 | MARCH 8, 2014



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**8-Ball Doubles for Vegas**  
Mar 22

Shooter's Billiards  
Pelham, NH

**9-Ball Doubles for Vegas**  
Mar 23

Shooter's Billiards  
Pelham, NH

**9-Ball Best of Best**  
Mar 29

Pleasant Cafe  
Maynard, MA

**8-Ball Best of Best**  
Mar 30

Location: TBD

**Spring Session AMI**  
May 31 - June 1

**Spring Division Finals**  
June 7 -8

**Spring Tri-Cups**  
June 21 -22

**Local Team  
Championship for Vegas**  
June 28 - 29

## GHOST RULE

Our bylaws provide for a ghost rule to help teams overcome issues of working late, sickness, or emergencies that may come up from time to time. Let's face it, we are here to play pool not to receive forfeits. Keep in mind some important aspects of the ghost rule.

- 1) It was designed to help teams get through occasional nights and was NOT designed for teams to maintain rosters that have 3 to 4 players every week.
- 2) You must have at least 3 players available in order to use the ghost rule.
- 3) You must announce that you are using the ghost rule before the first match is played so your opponent can strategize accordingly
- 4) If you have 5 players and they are over the 23 rule you do not need to send the 5th player home, but you DO need to tell your opponent that you will be using the ghost rule and which players will be available to play that night.
- 5) Your opposing team has the ability to choose any of your played players as a ghost. If that player is not available for the ghost match, the match will be forfeited.

*Bylaw 28. Ghost Rule: There may be times when a team cannot provide five players in a match. On these occasions a team can have the opposing team choose one of their players to play again. This player is called the "Ghost player". The intent of the Ghost player is to give the opposing player a match. The Ghost rule can only be used during weekly play and not during playoffs and higher level tournaments. Teams must have at least 3 players to use the ghost rule and all players must be available at the time of selection for the Ghost player. You cannot select a player that would force the original team to break the 23 rule. If a player is selected for the Ghost player and in not available to play then it is a forfeit. The ghost player pays for the second match they play. The team using the ghost rule must announce their intention to use the rule before the first match is played. If a request to use the rule is made into the match it can be refused. All players who have already played need to be available to pick from.*



## 8-BALL AND 9-BALL DOUBLES FOR VEGAS



Registration is now available online!!  
[northeastmass.apaleagues.com](http://northeastmass.apaleagues.com)

or call the office to register,  
or return the enclosed entry form.



## CAPTAINS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Must have a working telephone number.
2. The Home Team Captain is responsible to mail the envelope containing the score sheets and weekly fees by 5:00pm the day following the league match. A grace period of two days is applied if the score sheet is sent into the local office via fax or e-mail.
3. To make sure that the weekly fees for their team is paid prior to or on the night the match is played.
4. To make sure that their players are at the scheduled location at the scheduled time and ready to play.
5. To make sure every member of their team abides by the Rules and Regulations set forth by the APA and Northeast Mass APA.
6. To know and be familiar with the APA Official Team Manual and the Bylaws of the Northeast Mass APA Pool League.
7. To conduct themselves in an appropriate manner and set an example for their team.
8. To keep their team advised of any information passed along by the League Office or the APA National.
9. To ensure that all players have a valid APA Membership card.
10. To ensure that the score sheet is completed, legible and signed by both team captains.
11. To attend any divisional or league meetings.
12. Distribute league information to team members, check the envelope each week for memos, notes or information from the League Office.
13. Post league standings and schedules at the host location and keep them up as necessary.
14. Make sure that all team members adhere to the Sportsmanship guidelines set forth by the APA Team Manual
15. To have the APA Team Manual on hand at all League matches and events.



**New!**

### TOP GUN STATS ADDED TO WEBSITE

Starting this past week we have added the top performing player stats to the website. Simply scroll down to the bottom of the division standings page. We have not added the minimum matches criteria to the standings but keep in mind: in order to win the Top Performing player plaque you must have played at least half the session which is 9 matches.

**New!**

### NEWSLETTERS ADDED TO WEBSITE

Couldn't make it to pool this week? Your captain told you the dog ate the newsletter? Don't worry. You can keep up with the current newsletter which will be archived on our website.



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