



NORTHEAST MASS APA POOL LEAGUE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING SESSION 2015 / WEEK 19 / MAY 17, 2015



UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring AMI TBD
Spring Div Finals Jun 6-7
Spring Tri-Cup Jun 13-14

LTC Jun 20, 2015

Northeast Challenge
CoCo Key Water Resort
& Convention Center
Waterbury, CT
July 16th -19th, 2015

US Amateur Qualifier
Men's – Southington, CT
Sept 25 – 27
Women's – Holyoke, MA
Sept 18 – 20

**Have Fun
and Good
Luck!**

PLAYOFF RULES

Congratulations for making it to the playoffs. The same rules apply to AMI playoffs as they do the Division Championship playoffs.

Division Championship – Pay attention to the message center at the bottom of the scoresheet. This is where you will find the information for your next match the winner will advance to. Although we encourage all division championships to be held at the tournament venue at the scheduled date and time, we understand the teams that need to travel may find it more convenient to play at a local host location. Both teams must agree to play at a local location. The team listed as the home team has earned the right to play at their home location or a neutral location. If both teams agree to play locally the league office must be informed and match scoresheet must be submitted to the office before the scheduled date and time listed in the message center.

No Ghosting - The ghost rule was intended for weekly play to assist teams having trouble fielding a full team each week. This rule does not apply to playoffs and beyond. (*Ref. Bylaws #26*)

Minimum 4 matches – Players must have played at least four matches with the team in order to be eligible to play on the team during playoffs and beyond. The matches played are listed next to each player on the scoresheet and ineligible players are listed in *italics*. (*Ref. Team Manual / General Rules #30 / pg 41*)

Forfeit points – Unlike regular season play, forfeits are worth 3 points in 8-Ball and 20 points in 9-Ball. (*Ref. pg 41 and pg 64*)

3 point system – The 3 point system is used for playoffs and higher level tournaments. The winner of the match is determined by the team with the most points at the end of the match. If one team is in a position that they cannot mathematically lose then it is not necessary to complete the match. Just mark the scoresheet with the current point total and "INCOMPLETE MATCH." If there is a tie the winner is the team with the most wins. (*Ref. Team Manual / General Rules # 30 page 40*)

Weekly Fees Due – This match is still considered a scheduled match and weekly fees still apply.

Team manual and bylaws are available to everyone on your mobile device at northeastmass.apaleagues.com/rulesbylaws.aspx

We do not foresee any problems, but if there are, Beverly & Jamey will be available during the playoffs. Please do not hesitate to call to clarify any issues, (978-710-6403).

Please display your best sportsmanship, as always, and Good Luck.

First week of play is as follows:

Wednesday teams begin on May 27th, Thursday teams begin on May 28th, Sunday teams begin on May 31st, and Monday teams begin on June 1st.

POST SEASON SET-UP

Division Championships

All divisions have a 2 week division championship. The three top finishing teams plus the wild card compete for the division championship. The Wild Card is drawn at a special board of governors meeting after the last week of regular seasons play. In the first week of playoffs the 1st place team plays the wild card and the 2nd place team plays the 3rd place team. The winners of each match will then play each other for the championship at the Claddagh Pub on June 5th, 6th, & 7th. Match times will be posted ahead of time. (Ref. pg 39)

Almost Made It (A.M.I.)

Divisions with 7-11 teams will get one AMI Tournament entry. After the Wild Card draw the top two teams that didn't make playoffs will compete for the spot in the A.M.I. tournament.

Divisions with 12-16 teams will get two AMI entries. After the Wild Card draw the top four teams that didn't make playoffs will compete for the two spots in the A.M.I. tournament. Seed 4 will play seed 7 for the first spot and seed 5 will play seed 6 for the second.

Winners of the A.M.I. playoffs will advance to the A.M.I. tournament on June 6th. The AMI tournament will consist of 2 to 3 matches to advance to the Tri-Cup.

Tri-Cups

Divisions with 4-7 teams will get one Tri-Cup entry for the Division Champions. Divisions with 8-11 teams will get two Tri-Cup entries for Division Champs and Runner Ups to advance to Tri-Cup. Divisions with 12-16 teams will get three Tri-Cup entries for the Division Champion. Teams that lost in the first round playoff play for 3rd spot. The Tri-Cup will be held June 13th & 14th. Match times will be posted ahead of time.

Local Team Championships (LTC)

The local team championships will be held on June 20th at the Claddagh. There will be three (3) 8-Ball winners and two (2) 9-ball winners advancing to the Nationals in Las Vegas.

For 8 ball we will advance 3 teams from the Summer Session, 4 from the Fall Session, and 5 from the Spring Session for a total of 12 teams. After 2 rounds the remaining 3 teams will advance to NTC.

In 9 Ball we now have 2 spots for the NTC. For 9 ball we will advance 2 teams from the Summer Session, 3 from the Fall Session, and 3 from the Spring Session for a total of 8 teams. After 2 rounds the remaining 2 teams will advance to NTC.

National Team Championships (NTC)

The NTC will be held at the Westgate in Las Vegas from August 13 to Aug 22.



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