



NORTHEAST MASS APA POOL LEAGUE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING SESSION 2016 / WEEK 1 / JANUARY 10, 2016



UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Session Starts Jan 10-14

Fall Division Finals, AMI,
Tri-Cups
Jan 23 – 24
Jan 30 – 31
Feb 6
Claddagh Pub

Singles Regional
March 5

Fall AMI &
Division Finals
June 4th - 5th
Tri-Cup
June 11th – 12th
LTC
Jun 18th
Claddagh Pub

NEW SESSION REMINDERS

- 1) It is not too late to get new teams into the new Session. We have several Bys in different divisions that need to be filled. If you know of any teams that want to join the APA please contact the office.
- 2) Because we are adding teams through the first 4 weeks of play it is very important to pay close attention to any schedule changes. As we make changes we will contact all the effected team captains for the following week.
- 3) You can add and drop players from your rosters through the first 4 weeks. After the first four weeks you must get approval from the office. Notify the opposing team captain of any roster changes before the start of play. If you are looking for players please contact the office as we do have players contacting us looking for teams.
- 4) New players are required to pay their \$25 membership fee before they play their first match. If they have not played by the fourth week they will be dropped from the roster.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

With winter upon us and weather unpredictable, I would like to remind everyone of our inclement weather policy. We would always like to avoid rescheduling matches, however safety is our number one concern.



Bylaw # 17) Inclement Weather: During bad weather (snow, sleet, etc), the away teams should inform the home teams of a possible delay. Matches will be rescheduled and must be made up within 2 weeks. Two or more inches of snow is considered inclement weather, however icy conditions could also qualify. Severe weather conditions or travel advisory warnings are good enough reason for rescheduling team matches. Please contact the league office with the time and date of the rescheduled.



Northeast Mass APA Pool League Middlesex/Essex Counties Bylaws for years 2015-2016

26. **Ghost Rule:** There may be times when teams may not have enough available players to field a full roster of 5 players. A player's presence does not necessarily mean that the player is available since that player may not be available due to other potential obligations or maintaining the 23 rule. The ghost rule allows for the opposing team to choose any one of the available players to play an additional game as long as that player does not put the team over the 23 rule. Therefore, all players must remain available for the match being played as a ghost. If the opposing team chooses a player that played and is no longer available then the match will be forfeited. The team using the ghost rule must declare that they may be using the ghost rule before the first match is started. They also must declare which players are available, which ones are not available and which ones may potentially become available. The ghost rule can only be used during weekly scheduled play and cannot be used during playoffs or post season tournaments. **Use of the ghost rule will be limited to 6 ghost matches per session.** Teams must have at least three players in order to use the ghost rule.

2016 Yearly Membership

It's about that time again...don't forget to renew your APA membership! You can do so through your Online Member Services account

<https://members.poolplayers.com/>



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CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Must have a working telephone number.
2. The 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 or text.
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.



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