



NORTHEAST MASS APA POOL LEAGUE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING SESSION 2016 / WEEK 9 / MARCH 6, 2016



UPCOMING EVENTS

8-Ball Doubles
March 12, 1PM
Shooters

9-Ball Doubles
March 13, 1PM
Shooters

Masters Qualifier
TBD

APA National Singles
Championship April
27th – May 1st
Las Vegas, NV

Spring Post Season
May 21st -22nd
June 4th - 5th
June 11th – 12th
Claddagh Pub
Lawrence, MA

2015 / 2016 LTC
Jun 18th
Claddagh Pub



8-BALL DOUBLES

QUALIFIER FOR VEGAS

SATURDAY, MAR 12TH

Doors open at 12:00pm,
Start at 1:00pm
Shooters Billiards
116 Bridge Street
Pelham, NH 03076

-PLAYERS MUST HAVE 20 OR MORE 8-BALL SCORES AND BE ACTIVE ON A 8-BALL TEAM IN THE SPRING SESSION IN THE NORTHEASTMASS APA LEAGUE TO PARTICIPATE IN 8-BALL DOUBLES



9-BALL DOUBLES

QUALIFIER FOR VEGAS

SUNDAY, MAR 13TH

Doors open at 12:00pm,
Start at 1:00pm
Shooters Billiards
116 Bridge Street
Pelham, NH 03076

-PLAYERS MUST HAVE 20 OR MORE 9-BALL SCORES AND BE ACTIVE ON A 9-BALL TEAM IN THE SPRING SESSION IN THE NORTHEASTMASS APA LEAGUE TO PARTICIPATE IN 8-BALL DOUBLES

- \$50 entry fee per team
- Registration will be at Shooters
- 8-Ball Winning team plays in Las Vegas Championships April 26 – April 28
- 9-Ball Winning team plays in Las Vegas Championships April 28 – April 30
- Handicap limit of 10
- Gender mixed teams allowed
- Alternating shot
- Modified single elimination

DEFENSIVE SHOT IN 8-BALL

Over the years, there have been many questions and misinterpretations concerning the Defensive Shots block on the Scoresheet. **Marking Defensive Shots both consistently and correctly ensures the effectiveness of The Equalizer® scoring and handicap system, so it's very important!** The failure to correctly mark Defensive Shots when scoring matches is an irregularity. Penalties may be imposed by Local Management, Handicap Advisory Committees, and/or the American Poolplayers Association (APA), on teams or players who are not conscientious of this issue.

Some players do not have a clear understanding of what constitutes a Defensive Shot. **A Defensive Shot (also called a Safety) is a shot where there is no INTENT to pocket a ball.**

INTENT is the key word and certainly leaves room for judgment. This is why both teams have a scoresheet. It isn't necessary for both scoresheets to agree on the number of Defensive Shots. If your player did not intend to pocket a ball, mark a Defensive Shot. Note: Innings are marked for every turn, even if it's a Defensive Shot.

Here are some typical situations that are considered Defensive Shots:

- "A player does not have what he feels is a makeable shot and decides to leave his opponent in a difficult situation rather than attempt a bad shot.
- "A player shoots one of his object balls softly up near a corner to block his opponent, therefore not intending to make the ball.
- "A player is well ahead in a game or match and decides to purposely miss a few shots. This is unethical and is a form of cheating, called sandbagging, which could disqualify a player or team. The way to prevent sandbagging is to mark these
- Defensive Shots. If every member did so, no one would bother to sandbag. It would be pointless.

Here are some examples that are NOT Defensive Shots:

- A beginner/weak player misses shots while trying to make them.
- "A player is left with a virtually impossible shot but does the best he can to try to make it anyway.
- "A player is left "hooked" (or "snookered"), hidden in such a manner that he is unable to shoot directly at one of his object balls. He "kicks" as best he can, but doesn't make contact with one of his balls. The scorekeeper must then decide the player's INTENT. Did he shoot hard enough to make the ball if he had made contact, (which could NOT be considered a Defensive Shot) or did he shoot just hard enough to get the ball to go to a rail to avoid giving up ball-in-hand (which IS a Defensive Shot)? This is a judgment call.

Whether or not the object ball goes in the pocket should not be the deciding factor. Whether or not the player INTENDED to pass his turn to the other player on purpose is the deciding factor. Missing on purpose can be ethical or unethical, but that is not the issue.

IF, IN THE SCOREKEEPER'S OPINION, A PLAYER DID NOT INTEND TO POCKET A BALL, MARK IT AS A DEFENSIVE SHOT.



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