

Top Gun / MVP

Players that have played a minimum of 8 matches during the Spring & Fall Sessions and 6 matches during the Summer Session are eligible for the Top Gun Award. Using regular session data, qualified players are determined using the following equation to determine their "PA" (Points Available) percentage:



$$\text{Number of Points Earned} \div \text{Number of Points Available} = \text{Top Gun Score}$$

8-Ball Example: In an individual 8-Ball match, a player has 3 points available to win. If he/she played 10 matches, they had 30 points available to win. If they won a total of 13 points, then their PA is 43%.

10 matches = 30 points available
13 points = $13 / 30 = 0.43 = 43\%$

9-Ball Example: In an individual 9-Ball match, a player has 20 points available to win. If he/she played 10 matches, they had 200 points available to win. If they won a total of 162 points, then their PA is 81%.

10 matches = 200 points available
162 points = $162 / 200 = 0.81 = 81\%$

Ties will be broken in the following order using regular session play data:

1. Total Number of Matches Played
2. Win Percentage
3. Performance Points
4. Lifetime Win Percentage

*Note: Playoff/Tri-Cup matches are not considered "regular" session matches.

The new Top Gun / MVP format will be effective immediately during the Fall 2015 session.



Here is why the APA is migrating to the new Top Gun system nationwide:

- 1) Players are encouraged to "Play their hardest" at all times due to the fact they can earn points in both wins and losses, which only strengthens our handicap system.
- 2) By creating a truly "performance based" approach, the PA calculation method is more closely aligned with our philosophy on handicapped League play – win or lose, it's how a player performs that determines a ranking.
- 3) While there will still be repeat winners from time to time, early testing shows that utilizing the PA field this way will lessen the occurrence of repeat winners from one session to the next.
- 4) Within a system built around the concept of team play, a truly "Most Valuable Player" is a player who on average earns the most points for his or her team over the course of a session. Therefore, the PA calculation is the most accurate representation of this award.
- 5) With the implementation of the 3-Point Scoring System in 8-Ball the PA field is now a part of the 8-Ball program as well. This means that this approach can now be applied to both formats for consistent purposes.