

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## IMPORTANT

### PLAYER CERTIFICATION FORM

Please read and sign the Certification Statement. You will find a link to this form below. If you are competing locally at a skill level higher than the level at which you are scheduled to start the tournament, you must inform the Tournament Director by "certifying" yourself at the higher level. The Tournament Director will make the skill level adjustment prior to your first match. The Tournament Director is not allowed to lower any player's skill level prior to his or her first match. All skill levels will be updated between each round of competition during the tournament.

### CURRENT PICTURE ID IS REQUIRED

Your ID must be available for review at registration and prior to competing in each match. If you do not have a proper picture ID, you will not be allowed to play. In all Higher Level Tournament events it is considered standard procedure for good sportsmanship if, at the beginning of each match, contestants provided proper identification to their opponents before shaking hands.

#### Accepted:

- State/Province issued picture ID
- Military ID
- Passport

### FORMAT— MODIFIED SINGLE ELIMINATION

You have the opportunity to compete in the Regional event a minimum of two times. This format does not guarantee you two losses, only two chances to play. If you receive a bye in the first round, you still have two opportunities to play.

### SEEDING

At the Regional and Championship Level, you will be seeded by your skill level, which means you will be playing against opponents that are at or near your skill level.

### TOURNAMENT DRESS CODE

#### Men's proper dress includes:

Jeans, casual slacks, dress pants, shorts, and sleeved shirts in good taste. Proper footwear must be worn at all times. All attire must be clean without tears, or stains.

#### Women's proper dress includes:

Jeans, casual slacks, dress pants, shorts, capris, skirts, dresses, and shirts in good taste. Dresses, shorts, and skirts must be of conservative length. Proper footwear must be worn at all times. All attire must be clean without tears, holes, or stains.

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### ENTRY SKILL LEVEL / PLAYER ROSTER

**Your Regional entry skill level will be the highest of the following levels:**

1. The skill level that you believe represents the your best pool playing ability
2. Your current APA assigned skill level
3. Your highest skill level in any APA League area in which you currently play
4. The highest skill level that was assigned to you during the Local Qualifier Board
5. The highest skill level assigned to you since you won the Local Qualifier Board
6. The skill level assigned to you by your local Handicap Advisory Committee (HAC) or APA's Handicap Review Committee (the "HRC")
7. Your Championship Lowest Attainable (CLA)

To determine the skill level you will be entering the Regional tournament with, refer to the Roster on the Regional Location page. All skill levels are in the process of being reviewed by the HRC. If the HRC adjusts your skill level, we will make every effort to notify you prior to the event; however, in the event we do not reach you, understand that you will participate at the adjusted skill level. If you have a question regarding your Regional skill level, contact your League Operator immediately.

### MATCH TIME GUIDELINES

The APA has established guidelines to limit match play time in an effort to produce a tournament that adheres to a schedule that is productive and enjoyable for all the participants. We have a full schedule of rounds that must be completed in a timely manner. We strive to offer the best environment and playing conditions for our participants, while fulfilling our obligations to the tournament facility. The guidelines we have set are more than adequate for tournament status play; in most cases actual match play will take less than the time allotted. Please be courteous; long matches are exhausting to all the players. We ask for good sportsmanship in keeping to the schedule. Your cooperation will help make this tournament fun and exciting for everyone.

#### TIME GUIDELINES FOR INDIVIDUAL MATCHES

Format	Match Time	Average Game Length
8-Ball	60 Min.	8 - 10 Min.
9-Bal	30 - 40 Min.	

#### ADDITIONAL TIME GUIDELINES

<b>Each Practice Period</b>	4 min. Time Limit
<b>Average Shot</b>	20 sec.
<b>Special Shooting Situation</b>	45 sec. (max.)

**NOTE:** Exceeding the time guidelines is not a foul; however it can result in a sportsmanship violation.