



Junior Program Factsheet (2024 Spring)

Registration Fee: \$25 for new players (includes 2024 APA Junior Membership, cue tip shaper/scuffer and a t-shirt) due by Week 1. New Players who just started in 2023 Fall session have prorated \$5 membership fees. Parents/guardians pay an annual \$30 APA membership if they want to play as a sub on the junior team (Junior membership fees no longer apply for adults only playing in a junior division.)

Session Fee: \$80 for 10-week session – includes ½ hour lesson + 1 team match each week. Half is due Week 1. Remaining half is due by Week 3.

Green Fee: \$30 per student paid directly to Pockets to cover cleaning, supplies, service and table time- due by week six.

Ages: Open to anyone under 21, but only juniors from ages 7 to 18 at the time of the 2024 APA Junior National Championship (June 29 to July 2, 2024) are eligible for the SDAPA Junior City Championship (May 11, 2024) and the APA Junior National Championship.

Game Format: APA 9-Ball 3-6 person Team Format (3-4 juniors + 1-2 adults) – 3 players play in a team match (adults only play if a junior is absent and against other adults only if there is no other option. If a junior is present, a junior must play). Team combined skill level limit for 3 players = 13. Skill levels are based on ability and range from 1 (beginner) to 9 (very advanced) and are assessed weekly.

Weekly Format: Each week players will receive 30 minutes of instruction, followed by a team match of 9-ball. Juniors may be divided into skill level and/or age groups for the instructional portion each week. Pockets will open at 1pm each week for practice.

Match Scoring: APA 9-ball individual handicap race charts will be used to determine ball count (up to 75) and match points (up to 20) to win. Teams can earn up to 60 points per match.

Junior Playoff and Championship Eligibility: Players must have a minimum of 10 matches played lifetime and 4 matches played in the 2024 Spring Session in order to be eligible for the SDAPA Junior City Championship and the APA Junior Championship. Tournaments may be added to give players the opportunity to earn eligibility.

The local SDAPA Junior City Championship (on May 11, 2024) is a singles tournament among eligible juniors and will be conducted at the end of the regular 10-week session.

SDAPA City Championship winners will advance to the **2024 APA National Junior Championship held** in St. Louis, MO (June 29 - July 2, 2024). At least two (2) players will advance to nationals, and the amount of travel assistance will depend on additional slots granted by APA and on amount collected through fees and fundraising.

Prizes: Prizes awarded for top finishing teams and juniors. Players must play at least 6 matches to be eligible for MVP award, and each team must play each player 5 times to earn the highest finishing team awards. Recognition awards for all players, including skill ribbons for each level.

Time-outs/Coaching: Juniors will be allowed 3 timeouts per game during the first 3 weeks of instruction. Beginning with week 4 and through week 7, students will be allowed 2 timeouts (skill levels 1-3) or 1 timeout (skill levels 4 and above). After week 7, there will be no timeouts allowed in order to prepare the juniors for tournament play. Adults will be allowed one or two timeouts depending on skill level according to the APA Official Team Manual through week 7 and then no timeouts for weeks 8 through 10.

Schedule: Takes place 2-3 Saturdays per month at Pockets from 1:30pm to approximately 4:30pm. See flier, refrigerator magnet, or download the app for scheduled days of play.

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