

## APA 9 Ball Doubles League Format Outline

Schedule Time: Saturday 3pm and alternating Saturdays

Roster: 3 players per team maximum, 2 players minimum. Handicaps of the two lowest players must be 10 or less when the session starts. If someone goes up after the session starts, we will allow teams to add up to 11 in both the combined singles handicaps and the doubles. We will not allow teams that add up to 12 to compete at any time. If the two lowest skilled players add up to 12, you will need to switch out some players.

Fees: \$30 per team. Score sheets and fees are due in the league office by 10am on the Wednesday following your league match. Sooner is always better, of course. We will update the schedules, standings and handicaps on that same Wednesday following your league match.

Format: Each match will consist of 2 singles matches and one doubles match. APA 9 Ball game rules apply for the singles matches. The standard 9 ball handicap race chart will be used for Singles matches. The Doubles match will have a special race chart based on the skill level of each team competing. Doubles is alternating shot.

Who plays: If you have 3 players, you can potentially play all 3 players in a single match, with one person playing both a singles match and a doubles match. In the first week, handicaps cannot add up to more than 10 in the combined singles matches or the doubles. After week 1, you can play line ups that add up to no more than 11 in the combined singles or the doubles. If a team's lowest 2 skill level players add up to 12 with less than 4 weeks of play left, they will be allowed to continue at 12 for the remainder of that session. If it's 4 or more weeks left, a player will need to be replaced. You cannot play a lineup for singles or doubles at 11 if the two players added up to 11 before the session started.

Coaching: Only one time out per game in singles or doubles.

Scoring: In singles, we are using the standard scoring chart for 9 Ball team and we are using the standard team score chart for team points for singles. The team score for Doubles is double points. If you won your match 14-6 in doubles, the final score of that match will be 28-12. Each set of points counts towards the standings. We will also be awarding 10 bonus points if the score sheets are submitted complete, legible and on time along with fees.

Teams will flip to see who puts up in the first singles match. Teams will then alternate choosing the first player. The order of play will be the first two singles matches and then the Doubles match. Players will lag for the break. The lag is NOT considered a turn at the table for Doubles. In doubles, alternating shot continues from game to game. So if your teammate made the 9 Ball in the previous game, you break the next rack. It is a ball in hand foul to play out of order.

The singles matches are matches that will count towards your lifetime records. They are also used towards handicaps. The doubles can't be scored as a personal record, so it won't count towards lifetime played or towards your handicap. Because these singles matches count, they can be used to keep you eligible in that format if you aren't in a regular open 9 Ball division. So the singles matches can make you eligible for Singles Boards and Regionals, mini tournaments in Vegas and Southwest Challenge, provided you meet all other eligibility criteria.

What your fees will pay for: We will provide cash awards at the end of the session (based on participation along with trophies for the top teams and support for the National event for teams that qualify.

As of this writing, only 2 players can be on a team for the Doubles Championships in Las Vegas. There is currently a proposal in place to increase this limit to 3, and if the proposal can be pushed through quickly enough, that change could still be implemented in time for the 2019 APA Poolplayer Championships. If this proposal doesn't pass in time for 2019, we will likely need to make some considerations for how we do the Championship qualifier. We mention this mainly because we don't want you to be surprised by it later. We can certainly make sure that all 3 players go to the National event, even if only two can actually play in the event. To avoid forfeits and make ups, we do believe it's going to be easier to get matches completed by allowing a 3rd player on the roster on the local level. .

See [www.mysdapa.com](http://www.mysdapa.com) for payment and score sheet submission instructions. Good luck and Shoot Pool Good!