

Captains Log Tournament Edition, June 3rd, 2018

It's [City Championship](#) Time! Over these next two weekends, we will be qualifying five 8 Ball teams, four 9 Ball teams and 3 Ladies teams for the [2018 APA World Pool Championships](#) in August. We wish every team competing in this event the best of luck!

9 Ball and Ladies are qualifying teams this weekend (June 2-3) and the 8 Ball City Championships are June 9-10. All City Championships take place at [Pockets Billiards and Brew](#) . Pockets will be open one hour before each scheduled first round match. Pockets will be providing food and beverage during the event, so this is to remind everyone that there is no outside food or beverages allowed. Please support the locations that provide us the pool tables for these tournaments by purchasing your food at those locations during these tournaments. Please do not park in front of the animal hospital on the front side of Pockets. Here is a list of things you should know about the City Championships that may help you be more prepared for success this weekend:

Sudden Death will be enforced. We must keep the tournament on schedule. In 8 Ball, any match that hasn't started by the 3 hour and 45 minute mark will be Sudden Death. Any match other than the 5th match that isn't started by the 3 hour and 30 minute mark will be Sudden Death. Sudden Death is potentially 2 games with the first game worth 2 points and the 2nd game is worth 1 point for each Sudden Death match. In 9 Ball, any match that hasn't started by the 3 hour mark will be Sudden Death. Any match that isn't the 5th match that hasn't started by the 2 hour and 45 minute mark will be Sudden Death. Sudden Death in 9 ball is double points for every ball. Sudden Death is not a strategy. Sudden Death is your penalty for playing slowly or wasting too much time. If you were one of the lucky ones in your match to play early, remember not to waste time at the table, because every precious minute you waste could be making one of your very own teammates play Sudden Death instead of a full race. Teach your teammates that when your match starts, every minute counts towards Sudden Death. We allow teams to start their match early once called.

Your scheduled match time shown on the brackets is the official match time. However, you need to be present and ready to play 15 minutes before your scheduled match time. You need a team captain or team representative hanging out close to our tournament desk to hear your match being called. Getting everyone to their match tables as quickly as possible might even allow for teams to start early. There will be times where matches run over the time allotted, so you may have a later start than your scheduled match time. We do have referees to keep play moving. We will document your official start time on your score sheet and that time will dictate Sudden Death.

We do have referees to watch close hits. Any neutral party that both teams agree on can also watch hits to keep play moving. The brand new team manuals we are handing out this week are not the official team manuals for this tournament. The old one is. The old one will also apply for the APA World Pool Championships.

Certification Forms will be handed out to each team before or at the start of your first match. Every competing player must declare their accurate skill level and sign the certification form in order to compete in this event. Do not stop play to fill out these forms. Get your coin toss and matchups started, and then have each player fill in the cert form without disrupting match play. I will come by to collect these forms sometime within the first hour of your matches. If players show up later, have them come see me to fill out their part of the forms.

The [rosters](#) for City Championships are posted on the web site along with the [brackets](#) . The winner of each board will qualify to compete in the 2018 APA World Pool Championships. The skill levels on the rosters are the highest session ending skill level of each player from the time the team became qualified. Skill levels can go up or down during this event. Please check for skill level changes for each round to avoid 23 rule violations. It's a horrible way to lose a match, and it has happened.

The (west) door that leads out directly into the sun needs to remain closed. If you need to exit, please use the south door by Dave Whitsell's shop.

We will have [patches](#) and [MVP's](#) from last session available during City Championships.

City Championship t-shirts and tanks are available (while supplies last) at \$20 per shirt. These tournament weekends are the last chance to get into the Junior Fundraiser Cue Raffle. We will accept cash or check for shirts and raffle tickets!

Prize money checks will be written out to each team that finishes in 2nd or 3rd of the Open 8 ball and 9 Ball division City Championship boards. 3rd place receives \$400.00 and 2nd place receives \$800. 1st place teams individual trophies, host location trophies, entry paid, travel assistance for the team to Nationals and hotel stay for the World Pool Championships.

We will have new [APA team manuals](#) available (team captains only) if you haven't gotten your new copy yet. Best of luck to every team and SHOOT POOL GOOD! We hope you all win!