

Captains Log, April 14th, 2019

We recently experienced some technical difficulties with our online league payment site. Basically, the host of the website where we had our e-store embedded decided to do an upgrade which resulted in their own e-store also being embedded in sites that used other e-stores. This caused a conflict that they said could only be resolved by creating a new website. While researching our options, we discovered that our e-store could now be published without a host website, just by adding .ecwid to the url. The host website really isn't necessary now as all the other info it contained (info on all payment options, due dates etc.) is on our sandiego.apaleagues.com website as well as this [direct link](#) to the storefront. We apologize for any inconvenience this caused anyone and we thank you for your patience while we worked to resolve the issue. Eventually we hope to migrate to a payment program within the APA league app. We are waiting to see how well it works before implementing it locally.

There are 2 weeks or less left in the Spring Session for all Open 8 and 9 Ball divisions. Sunday divisions only have one week left because of Easter Sunday. As a reminder, we do not allow makeup matches within the last two weeks of play. This is the final session to qualify for the [2019 APA World Pool Championships](#), so it's very important that the standings be up to date for all of the teams competing in the division. The League Operators can make an exception to this rule in a rare instance, but it would need to be an extreme situation, so please do not ask.

Playoffs begin the week of April 28th. The breakdown for playoffs is different based on your division size. Divisions with 4 teams is 2nd vs. a wild card in week 1 and 1st place vs. the winner of the first week in week 2. Divisions with 5 teams is 1st place vs. wild card and 2nd vs. 3rd. Divisions with 6 to 11 teams (byes do not count as a team), 1st in the standings goes directly to the Blast, 2nd hosts the wild card and 3rd hosts 4th. Divisions with 12-16 teams have a double playoff and two playoff champions. 1st place goes directly to the Blast. In playoff #1, 2nd hosts Wild Card #1 and 4th hosts 6th. In playoff #2, 3rd hosts Wild Card #2 and 5th hosts 7th. In all playoffs for week 2, the highest seeded team left in the playoffs hosts week 2. Wild Cards teams are any team that didn't earn a playoff spot that is caught up in league fees and doesn't have more than 5 forfeits for the session. 23 rule violation forfeits do not count towards that forfeit count. Once the playoffs have been set, the league office determines all of the teams within a division that are eligible for the wild card draw. The last digit(s) of your team number is the number we use to draw the wild card, and we use a leather pill bottle to draw the teams for the wild card. One last thing about the playoffs is that if the highest finishing team in the playoffs is already qualified for [City Championships](#), the next highest finishing team that isn't qualified will advance to [the Blast](#) to make sure at least one team in each division has representation. In divisions with a double playoff, only one team can have eligibility for the Blast handed down unless the two teams finished in the same playoff spot. For example, if only one playoff champion was already qualified for City Championships, the other playoff champion would earn the Blast eligibility. If both teams were already qualified, then both 2nd place finishers would advance to the Blast.

It is important that score sheets get turned in on time during these final weeks of play. Wild Card draws and playoff schedules will take place on the following days:

Sunday Divisions: Thursday April 18th (Please note that first week of playoffs is scheduled for April 28 because of Easter)

Monday Divisions: Thursday, April 25h

Tuesday Divisions: Friday, April 26th

Wednesday and Thursday Divisions: Monday, April 29th

The [Spring Session Blast](#) will take place at Pockets on May 18-19. The [2019 SDAPA City Championships](#) will take place June 1-2 for 9 Ball and Ladies 8 Ball and June 8-9 for 8 Ball. We will conduct the Blast draw as soon as the playoffs are complete. We will draw the City Championships on Sunday, May 19th at the Blast once the final matches of the Blast are complete. We will be posting brackets and rosters. We have 5 slots for 8 Ball, 4 slots for 9 Ball, 2 slots for Ladies 8 Ball, 1 Masters slot and 1 Jack n Jill Doubles slot for the [World Pool Championships](#). We may receive more slots for Ladies, Masters and Jack n Jill Championships as we are on the waiting list for extra slots. The Masters City Championships and Jack n Jill Doubles qualifier will take place on June 15th.

To be eligible to compete in the Blast, a player must be listed on the roster and have a minimum of 4 matches with the team for the session and a minimum of 6 lifetime matches in that same format. To be eligible to compete in the City Championships, you must be listed on the team for the Spring Session, 4 matches with the team during the Spring Session and a minimum of 10 lifetime matches in that same format. The skill levels of each player for City Championships is based on your highest end of session skill level from the time your team became qualified. As an example, if your team became qualified in the Summer of '18 and you ended the Summer as a 5, and then you went down in the Fall and ended the Fall and Spring Session as a 4, you would play in the City Championships as a 5, as that is the highest end of session skill level from the time your team became qualified. It's very important to give your entire team plenty of notice about when the City Championships are and when you are scheduled to play so that they can arrange the necessary time off to help your team try to win a trip to the 2019 APA World Pool Championships.

The Junior City Championships will take place May 11th at [Pockets Billiards and Brew](#) . We have 6 slots for the [APA Junior Nationals](#) in St. Louis June 27-30. The San Diego APA will provide travel, hotel and tournament entry for the 2 Juniors (along with one parent each) that win their City Championship brackets. The other 4 spots will be based on order of finish in the City Championships. The San Diego APA Junior Academy Booster Club has been hosting fundraisers all year long to help support travel and hotel for the other 4 juniors along with a parent. Most of the students in our Junior program are the children of our very own San Diego APA league members. We will be conducting an ongoing raffle at the Blast and City Championships for amazing prizes, but there are some upcoming dates for fundraisers to keep an eye out for. It costs approximately \$1600 to send one Junior along with a parent to the Junior Nationals, so the goal is about \$6400 to send those extra Juniors to Nationals. We are about half way there with the fundraisers that have taken place so far. Among the raffle prizes available are a pool table and pool cues.

The Summer Session will start on the week of May 12th. If the message "Is your team playing next session? Yes/No" is still printing on your score sheet, please take a second to circle the yes or no to help us get a head start on setting up Summer Session schedules.

We do have another cool t-shirt design for the 2019 SDAPA City Championships. These shirts will only be available during the City Championships and only while supplies last. Be sure to stop by and get one on the first weekend of City Championships to make sure you get one in your size.

The 2019 APA Poolplayer Championships will be taking place during the Spring Session playoffs. So this is really the last chance Captains Log to wish each of the following players and teams the best of luck in their events. Be sure to download the CompuSport app on your phone (it's a free download) and look for the 2019 APA Poolplayer Championships tournament so that you can follow along on the progress of each of these players/teams!

[9 Ball Doubles Championship](#) (May 1-2) Total prize fund of \$25,600 and \$3500 for first place:

"Duffy's On Cue" – Priscilla and Reuben Duffy

[2019 APA Poolplayer Championships 8 Ball Classic](#) (May 1-3) First place prize in each tier is \$15,000.00.

Thuy Tran, George Argerake, Calvin Lee, Marakai Fellows, John Pasquarella, Shauna Hawk, Gloria Kjergaard, Riff Melancon, Julio Casarrubias and Jeff Sobieski

[8 Ball Doubles Championship](#) (May 2-5) Total prize fund of \$38,400 and \$5000 for first place:

"Iron Sharpens Iron"- Sandi Specht and Marakai Fellows

"Who Shot First" – Danielle "Nikki" Steen and Eric Pomeroy

[2019 APA Poolplayer Championships 9 Ball Shootout](#) (May 3-5) First place prize in each tier is \$10,000.00.

Jennifer Greifendorf, Edward Arciniega, John Pasquarella, Byron Houston, George Argerake, Ruby Rivera, Dennis Bryant and Larry Carr

If you see these players, please wish them the best of luck. They all have a chance to win a lot of money playing in these events. Just to qualify for the Vegas Championship events is an outstanding achievement.

There will not be a captains log for the last week of the session for Monday-Thursday division teams. There will be a first week of playoffs Captains Log.

Shoot Pool Good! Brian, Jill and Lindsay

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