

## Captains Log, April 15th, 2018

Happy pay your taxes week! We are winding down the Spring Session with just two weeks left until playoffs. There has been some confusion from some of our team captains in divisions with more than 12 teams when it comes to qualification for [City Championships](#) in our double playoff format. Per the [APA team manual](#) (Page 87, #2 How To Become An Eligible Team), "Gain eligibility to the Local Level of the World Pool Championships (aka City Championships) simply by winning a division title or by finishing Playoffs immediately behind a team that is already qualified". Our local bylaws clarify this rule in even more detail, explaining that in order to be eligible to get an automatic berth into the City Championships by finishing behind an already qualified team, YOU MUST BE THE HIGHEST FINISHING NON QUALIFIED TEAM IN BOTH BRACKETS OF THE PLAYOFF. As an example, in a double playoff bracket, if your team loses the final round of playoffs to an already qualified team, you would get an automatic berth into the City Championships ONLY if the other playoff champion was also qualified. If the other playoff champion is not qualified, then they are the highest finishing team in the playoffs.

The numbers are in and..... APA determines how many slots you get for the [World Pool Championships](#) based on your team counts as of March 15 of each year. Based on our numbers this year, we get 5 slots for the 8 Ball Open Championship, 4 slots for the 9 Ball Open Championship and 1 slots for the [Ladies 8 Ball Championships](#) . We also have 4 slots for the [Masters Championships](#) and we have 1 [Jack n Jill](#) slot.

The Jack n Jill Championship tournament slot will have a qualifying tournament on the same weekend as the Junior City Championships, which is May 12th. We are now taking [sign ups](#) for the Jack n Jill 8 Ball Championships. The field is limited to the first 16 teams. Teams handicaps cannot add up to more than 10. Players must be active on an 8 ball team and have a minimum of twenty 8 Ball scores within the last two years. Entry fee into the tournament is \$40. This tournament is scheduled to be played at [Pockets](#) .

[2018 Spring Session Blast](#) will be held at Pockets on May 19-20. 9 Ball Open and Ladies 8 Ball [City Championships](#) will take place June 1-3 at Pockets. 8 Ball Open City Championships will take place June 8-10 at Pockets.

Next week is the [2018 APA Poolplayer Championships](#) and San Diego has plenty of representation at this year's event. First and foremost, John "LJ" Pasquarella has earned the right to defend his 9 Ball Championship title in the skill level 6-9 bracket. John also made it in 8 Ball as well. Also qualifying for the 2018 APA 8 Ball Classic are James Dery, Bernadine Diaz, Rowan O'Brien, Ning Rasch, Sean Ahlers, Jeff Sobieski, Ed Cabiles and Darryn Lewis. Qualifying for the 2018 APA 9 Ball Shootout along with "LJ" are Vladimir Moresca and Katie Hindorff. Congratulations to all of the qualifiers and best of luck at the National event next week!

Also competing at the Poolplayer Championships next week are James and Heather Hindorff in the 9 Ball Doubles Championships and Noah Shah and Sandi Specht in the 8 Ball Doubles Championships. Best of luck at Nationals!

We just held our first Juniors fundraiser to raise money for travel assistance for 4 juniors and a parent each. Pockets hosted our junior/adult 9 ball doubles tournament and James and Heather Hindorff won that 9 ball tournament, too. I guess they are ready for Nationals. The great news is we raised \$1355 of the \$6400 needed to cover the cost of air and hotel for our National qualifiers. [Junior Nationals](#) will be held in St. Louis, July 5-8.

As I write this newsletter, we are preparing for the first ever [Team Captains Championship qualifier](#) at the [Library](#) . The event was held on April 14-15 at the Library and is qualifying 2 teams for [Team Captains Championship](#) in Las Vegas during the 2018 APA World Pool Championships in August. 30 teams are competing to be one of the two teams representing San Diego in this event.

Singles Board qualifiers are taking place Saturday, April 21st at [Break Room](#) at 9am. This qualifier is a push to get more participation from the skill level 3's out there. The skill level 2/3 bracket in 8 Ball and the 1/2/3 bracket in 9 Ball have their own tier that plays at [Nationals](#) , and the first place prize at Nationals is \$15,000.00 in 8 Ball and \$10,000.00 in 9 Ball. Next week, only 41 players are competing in the 8 Ball Classic skill level 2/3 bracket and 60 are in the 9 Ball Shootout 1/2/3 bracket. You can't be one of those 41 or 60 people next year if you don't try. The first step is the qualifiers. You must be active on a team in the format you are competing in, and have at least 10 scores in the last 2 years. The qualifier on April 21 is not limited to skill level 3's, so check in with Kai on Saturday and see if you can become one of the next qualifiers to advance to Regionals and Nationals!

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