

Captains Log, February 23rd, 2020

Southwest Challenge entry forms were due on February 22nd. We will still accept late entry forms up to March 6th. After March 6th, there is a \$60 late fee for a late entry. Late teams are not guaranteed spots into the tournament. Skill levels lock for the SWC on March 2nd. If your team adds up to more than 14 on the 3rd of March, you will need to swap out a player on your 3 person team. Your team must add up to 14 or less on March 3rd. If a player goes up after March 3rd and is still that level at the time of the tournament, you can play to a skill level of 15, but if you have 2 or more players go up during that time frame, you will need to switch out a player. We currently have 75 teams from San Diego signed up to play.

The San Diego APA currently offers many different formats for our membership to enjoy. Here is a list of our current offerings and the next scheduled start date. If any of this interests you, please contact the league office to get more information (next scheduled start date is in parenthesis):

Open 8 Ball Divisions (May 10-14)- These are our standard 8 Ball 5-8 person divisions. 23 skill level limit. Offered Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in certain areas of San Diego County.

Open 9 Ball Divisions (May 10-14)- These are our standard 9 ball 5-8 person divisions. 23 skill level limit. Offered Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in certain areas of San Diego County

Double Jeopardy (May 10-14)- This is a combination of Open and 9 Ball divisions competing on the same day. Imagine having an exact lineup that plays 8 Ball on Monday and 9 Ball on Tuesday. Double Jeopardy is that, except it's all played on the same day. One less baby sitter, one less night out drinking and one less night driving to a different location to play a match. You need 2 available pool tables at your location to play Double Jeopardy. "DJ" is currently only available on Sunday evenings at 5pm.

Ladies 8 Ball Divisions (May 22)- 3 to 5 ladies (3 play) per team. Handicap limit 13. We play every other Friday. Same scoring system as Open Divisions, just 2 less matches. Teams qualify to compete in the Ladies 8 Ball Championships in Las Vegas.

Masters Divisions (June 20)- 3 to 5 person teams (3 play and only 4 print on the roster). This is our one and only non-handicapped league. Straight up races to 7 games against your opponent using the US Amateur rules, which is a combination of 8 Ball and 9 Ball. Masters plays every other Saturday afternoon. Teams qualify to compete in the Masters Championships in Las Vegas. Only 4 players allowed on roster for Championships.

8 Ball Doubles Divisions (April 25)- 2 to 3 person teams. Teams play 2 singles matches and one doubles match using alternating shots. Handicap limit is 10 to start the session. We play every other Saturday afternoon. Must be competing in this division in order to compete in our 8 Ball Doubles Championships in Las Vegas.

9 Ball Doubles Divisions (May 2)- 2 to 3 person teams. Teams play 2 singles matches and one doubles match using alternating shots. Handicap limit is 10 to start the session. We play every other Saturday afternoon, generally the opposite weekend of 8 Ball Doubles in case some members or teams choose to play in both leagues. Must be competing in this division in order to compete in our 9 Ball Doubles Championships in Las Vegas.

Junior Division- 3 to 5 person teams, with 3 of those team members being age 7 to 18. Junior league is instructional and league play immediately following on Saturday afternoons. There is generally a waiting list to get your child into this program, but it never hurts to contact the office to find out if there are openings.

The Open and 9 Ball Divisions are \$50 per team per match. The Double Jeopardy Divisions are \$100 per team per match. The Ladies 8 Ball, Masters and 8 and 9 Ball Doubles Divisions are \$30 per team per match.

We have 3 other big offerings for your APA membership. One was previously mentioned in this newsletter, and that's the **Southwest Challenge**. The Southwest Challenge is a 3 person team event with a handicap limit of 14 for the **8 Ball tournament** (Spring) and 15 for **9 Ball** (Fall). There is a package price to compete in these events, which includes hotel room for 3 nights, entry fee into the tournament, greens fees and Compusport app. The tournament package allows you to experience a fun and long weekend in Las Vegas with friends while you also compete in a pool tournament with teams from all over the Southwest Region.

The second offering is our yearly **Captains Tournament**. APA started this tournament in 2018 and a San Diego team actually took first place at the World Pool Championships and won \$10,000.00. The **Captains Championship** is a way for the APA to reward those team captains for organizing and administrating an APA team at least 2 sessions

each APA calendar year (Summer, Fall, Spring). Teams are 3 to 5 players (3 play) and it's a combination of 8 Ball and 9 Ball in single game races against your opponent alternating between 8 Ball and 9 Ball. The first team to reach 5 wins in a match wins the match. The order of play is lowest skill level to highest for each team. The handicap limit of the 3 players is 15 (highest skill level is taken between 8 Ball and 9 Ball with a cap of skill level 7 for anyone higher than that). We are now taking [signups](#) for the Captains Championship Qualifier (April 4-5). We will post a flyer promoting the event in a few more weeks, but we already have 18 teams signed up, so please don't hesitate to get signed up. Teams will compete to qualify to play in the Captains Championship in Las Vegas in August. It's a fun tournament and an opportunity for you to hang out with some of your favorite captains you play against each session.

Our third offering that isn't weekly league play is the [Singles Program](#). Once you have reached at least 10 matches played in a particular format (8 or 9 Ball) and you are currently active on a team in that format, you are eligible to compete in local qualifiers for a chance to advance to the [Poolplayer Championships](#) in Las Vegas. It doesn't matter what your skill level is, we have a skill level tier that fits your ability. Each year, someone in the skill level 2-3 tier group qualifies locally, then wins Regionals and then advances to Nationals and wins \$15,000.00 in cash and prizes for 1st place. In 8 Ball, APA also awards that same prize amount to the top skill level 4, the top skill level 5, the top skill level 6 and the top skill level 7. That's \$75,000.00 in first place cash and prizes just for 1st place. Every player that makes it to the Poolplayer Championships in Las Vegas gets travel assistance, hotel stay and prizes that escalate by order of finish. The 9 Ball Poolplayer Championships have a similar set up where every player that makes it is in the money, the difference is that the skill level tiers for each championship is 1-3, 4-5, 6-7 and 8-9 and \$10,000 for each first place winner.

To qualify for the Poolplayer Championships, you must first compete in local Singles Qualifiers, also known as competing on Singles Boards. We have a [Facebook page called "SDAPA Singles Qualifiers Events & Info"](#) that announces and promotes our local qualifiers. If you read this newsletter before February 22nd, there is a qualifier at the Break Room on the 22nd. These qualifiers do cost money. You can also use your MVP vouchers ([if you've won MVP](#)) to try to turn your great session into something even more. If you win a local qualifier, you advance to the Regional tournament. San Diego hosts quite a few Regional tournaments, and there is no cost to compete in these events, except travel and accommodations and a greens fee (if necessary). If you win Regionals, you are on your way to compete in the [Poolplayer Championships](#). I would imagine some of our many players that have made it to the Poolplayer Championships used their vouchers in a qualifier, and then won the Regional and possibly won thousands of dollars without ever opening their wallet. That's amazing! We qualified 199 players for Regionals between the October and the upcoming Spring Regional. 9 of those players are already advancing to the Poolplayer Championships and another 9 spots are still up for grabs. If San Diego players get all 9 of those spots, that would be 18 players out of 199 that would be advancing. Last year, we qualified 19 for the Poolplayer Championships. Ed Arciniega won first place and \$10,000.00 in cash and prizes in the skill level 6-7 tier in 9 Ball in 2019 and Calvin Lee took 3rd place and won \$7500.00 in cash and prizes in the 8 Ball skill level 5 bracket. You can't win if you don't participate. Sign up for the singles qualifier notices so you don't miss on upcoming events. [Contact the league office](#) if you want to know more about your APA membership. Also, watch for the upcoming news story on Fox 5 News featuring our 3 most recent winners at the Poolplayer Championships (Ed Arciniega, Calvin Lee and John Pasquarella). We will post the link once it airs. The Spring Regional takes place at [Pockets](#) on March 7th and 8th in case you want to check out the action!

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