

Captains Log, November 3rd, 2019

The week of November 3rd is the final 4 weeks of play for the Fall Session for Wednesday and Thursday divisions. After this week, players cannot be added to rosters in those divisions without League Operator approval, and approval is only granted in extreme situations. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday divisions currently have 5 weeks left, so they have 2 weeks to add players. We'd like to remind you that players need at least 4 matches played with your team to be eligible for playoffs. Another reminder is that players need a minimum of 6 matches to be eligible to compete in the Blast.

We do not allow makeup matches within the last two weeks of play. This rule applies to every division and every team. We try to be nice and work with teams on this rule, but sadly, it's becoming a problem that shouldn't be a problem. If you know you have people that won't be available to play in the final two weeks or you have outstanding matches from a previously unplayed match, you need to make arrangements to get it done before the final two weeks of play. Period. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

November is the final month to get players qualified for the [Spring Singles Regionals](#). The Spring Regional is the final qualifier for the 2020 [APA Poolplayer Championships](#). Check out our Facebook page [SDAPA Singles Qualifier Events and Info](#) for details on where you can compete on Singles Boards/Qualifiers. Singles Qualifier Tournament Directors should be aware that Singles Qualifiers must be submitted to APA within 30 days of the date the Boards are run. We need time in the office to process the Boards, so a speedy turnaround from the tournament dates to the time we submit them to APA is necessary. Every late board submitted to the league office is fined by the APA National Office, and we cannot afford to absorb fines for late boards.

Some other important info regarding Singles Boards/Qualifiers is that players must be active on a team in the format they wish to participate in, and have a minimum of 10 scores in that format in the last 2 years. If you are already qualified to compete in a Regional event, you should not be participating on another qualifier in that format. There is time after your Regional event to try to qualify again if you lose at the Regional. Boards won by someone that is already qualified will be passed down to the next highest finisher on the board. If the qualifier was a 4 player board, eligibility will not be passed down, the board will just go away. APA will not accept boards where the player didn't win at least twice.

MVP vouchers are as good as money for competing in Singles Qualifiers. If you had a great session and earned an [MVP award](#), you should have received MVP vouchers with your MVP trophy, which are only good for competing in Singles Qualifiers. Why not try to turn that great session into a great year by winning a Singles Qualifier, winning your local Regional and then advancing to the APA Poolplayer Championships. We have had 2 San Diego members win the APA Poolplayer Championships in the last 3 years. It doesn't matter the skill level, as there are champions crowned in several tier groups. Local qualifier Tournament Directors will do the best they can to separate players onto qualifiers based on skill level, and once you qualify for Regionals and beyond, you are guaranteed to play mostly against players in your own skill level tier. Once you qualify, costs are restricted to your expenses to and from the Regional event. There is no entry fee for Regionals, and if you make it to the APA Poolplayer Championships, you are already in the prize money just by qualifying to be there and APA gives you travel assistance and pays for your hotel for the event. This is one of your greatest benefits of being an APA member.

Anyone can run Singles Qualifiers and at any time. You need a minimum of 4 players and the necessary tournament materials to conduct a qualifier. A standard board is 4-8 players with a single elimination format. We also have Splash Boards which are 16 player boards that qualify 5 people in a modified Double elimination format. The cost of a Singles Board is \$128 locally. Typically, the board cost is split up equally among the participants, but there are variations like "Winner Only Pays". Winner Only Pays is exactly what it says. Whoever wins the board pays the cost of the full board. This might seem a bit expensive for the winner, but the cost is nothing for those who don't win. Sometimes it might take several tries on Qualifier Boards to win one, and it might be worth it to know that if you win, you pay \$128 and if you don't win, you didn't have to pay anything. That's an added incentive to get people to participate. There is another one where the players pay an equal amount for part of the cost of the board and the winner pays the rest. As an example, 8 players all pay \$10 to compete and the winner pays the remaining \$48. The Singles Qualifier Tournament Director will predetermine the rules for participation so that you can make the decision whether to participate or not. A Splash Board costs more to participate since 5 players will be advancing. The League Office needs \$128 for each of the 5 Boards. As an example, if 16 players each play on a board and they all paid an equal amount, it would cost \$40.

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