



Birmingham APA's
LADIES 8-BALL
RULES & GUIDELINES

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Our Ladies 8-Ball Divisions qualify teams for the Vegas APA Ladies 8-Ball Championship which is part of our APA Showdown Series. These divisions follow the APA 8-Ball Open Game Rules and Ladies Division rules, which are found in our *Official APA Team Manual*. However, our local Bylaws may override, or revise, some rules in the team manual. This special format also has specific rules and guidelines which take priority for these divisions. **As a Birmingham APA member, it is your responsibility to read and become familiar with ALL rules and guidelines which are applicable to divisions that you join and play in.***

❖ **LADIES 8-BALL FEES & SCHEDULE**

- Ladies' team fees are **\$30.00** per team per scheduled match, no matter how many forfeits.
- Ladies' team GREEN FEES are an additional **\$3.00 per team per team match**.
- To maximize travel assistance monies, **NO** patches will be given out in our Ladies 8-Ball Divisions.
- Our Ladies 8-Ball pool year begins in **January** and ends in **November**. This division will be held in two 5-Month sessions. Our **Session A** is January thru May and our **Session B** is July thru November.
- The maximum # of teams in a Ladies Division will equal the # of weeks of play (**10 weeks = 10 teams**).
- Our Ladies division meets once a month on a **Saturday**. Teams will play at least two full team matches each Saturday that they are scheduled to play. The second team match will be played immediately after the first team match or can be played simultaneously if ALL involved teams agree and tables are available.
- Our Ladies 8-Ball format is a rotating in-house division which will alternate locations each month. During the ODD number months (*Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, & Nov*), teams will meet at **Bumpers Billiards**. During the EVEN number months (*Feb, Apr, Aug, & Oct*), teams will meet at **Poppa G's Billiards**. Since there will be NO Ladies matches played in June and December, our *Ladies 8-Ball Playoffs* will be held at **Poppa G's Billiards**.
- On each Saturday, the host location will be open by **1:00 pm**. The official match start time is **2:00 pm**.

❖ **LADIES 8-BALL TEAM BUILDING**

- A maximum of FIVE players will be permitted on a team roster only THREE players will play in each scheduled League match.
- The total of the skill levels of the three fielded players in each team match may not exceed 13 points.
- Players may NOT play on MORE than one Ladies 8-Ball team in the same division.
- Players must be a paid and active member of our *Birmingham APA League* and must have played at least SIX life-time matches in our 8-Ball format, within the past year, to join a Ladies 8-Ball team.
- Players must remain ACTIVE on a current *Birmingham APA 8-Ball Open* team roster throughout their participation on a Ladies 8-Ball team, including the session when our *Ladies 8-Ball Playoffs* take place.
- Any and all changes to a team roster must be approved by your League Operator.
- Teams will NOT be allowed to add anyone to their roster after the 2nd scheduled Saturday in the session UNLESS the team can NO LONGER field the 3 players needed to for the 13 point rule.
- Players are not allowed to switch teams in this division after the 2nd scheduled Saturday in the session without approval from League Management, which will **NOT** be given lightly.
- New teams can NOT join a division after the 2nd scheduled Saturday in each session.
- If the revised schedule doesn't allow a new team to play the two team matches they missed, the team joining late will receive LAST PLACE points but must still pay their team fees for the missed team matches.



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❖ **LADIES 8-BALL TEAM BUILDING (continued)**

- If a Fund Raiser has been started and monies raised for the Ladies Division, then any new team must pay their share of the funds raised.

❖ **LADIES 8-BALL LEAGUE PLAY**

- Teams must have at least ONE player present to field within 15 minutes of the official start time or the entire match may be forfeited. Play will begin if both teams have at least ONE player present and play must be continuous or forfeits will be awarded to the team who can field players.
- The total maximum points available in a *Ladies 8-Ball* team match is **9 points** (three individual matches worth up to 3 points each).
- For each TEAM MATCH, teams will receive 2 Bonus Points for turning in their scoresheets correctly and for their money (\$30 per team match) being submitted correctly and paid-in-full. If one of these items are not done, **NO** Bonus Points will be given for that Team Match.
- Our Ladies matches will be scored the same as a standard Open 8-Ball match in our regular League.
- If a team has only two players present for a League match, the opposing team may allow the team to play someone twice. One player can **NOT** play all three matches in a specific team match without forfeiting.
- Teams receiving a **BYE** in their schedule will be awarded **7 points**, which includes Bonus Points.
- There will be only **ONE** coaching (time-out) per rack, no matter what skill level is playing.
- **NO** ear buds, headsets, or Bluetooth devices may be worn while shooting.
- **NO** smoke breaks may be taken while shooting in a match until it is over.
- To protect the integrity and structure of this division, any team who signs up for a Ladies 8-Ball Division and fails to show up for their scheduled matches without notifying both of their scheduled opponent teams, may be subject to be dropped from the schedule with FULL TEAM FEES being owed.
- To protect the travel assistance budget, any team who drops out and/or is removed from the schedule after the 2nd month in that session, will owe their team fees for the rest of that session. If their removal creates a **BYE** in the schedule, then that team will owe **DOUBLE** their team fees to make up for the **BYE**.
- Any unpaid amounts owed by any of our Ladies 8-Ball Teams, due from dropping from the schedule, being removed from the schedule, or just unpaid Past Due amounts from a previous session, may cause suspension of those players from regular APA League play, events, and tournaments until the past due is **PAID-IN-FULL**.
- **EARLY & MAKE-UP MATCHES:** Teams can play their scheduled matches early and/or reschedule current matches, if both teams agree. To do so, teams should follow the directions provided on their Division Schedule located in their Team Packet and our following criteria:
 - **Rescheduling Criteria:** Since this division is only once a month and the complete schedule is posted at the beginning of each session, all teams and players should schedule appropriately to attend. To keep rescheduling from being misused along with providing more stability for our Host Locations and a better experience for all teams involved, the following rescheduling criteria applies to ALL teams:
 1. Each team is **ONLY** allowed up to **TWO** early team matches per session. **Please note that this is NOT two months of matches.** Each month in your schedule is TWO team matches.
 2. All early matches MUST BE COMPLETED by the original scheduled date.



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▪ **Rescheduling Criteria (continued):**

3. For Make-Up matches, the rescheduling team should contact the opposing Team Captain by **MIDNIGHT** the night **BEFORE** the official start time. NO SHOW teams, or teams who did **NOT** contact someone in the required time frame may forfeit their entire match(s), if so desired by the opposing team(s).
4. A forfeit taken from an opposing team(s) for may be overruled if, a personal emergency or work schedule change happens, after the required contact deadline, that prevents the team from showing. League Management reserves the right to determine what is a legitimate emergency that affects the entire team from NOT showing. Also, proof of any such emergency or work-related issue, may be needed to overrule the opposing team from taking the forfeit.
5. Teams can have **NO MORE** than **TWO** team Make-Up matches open at one time. All rescheduled Make-Up matches **MUST** be completed by the end of your **NEXT scheduled monthly League day.** At that time, any unfinished matches will result in forfeits for both teams.
6. **NO** rescheduling of matches or Make-up matches can be played after the scheduled weekend of the **4th MONTH** of each session. After this weekend, un-played matches will be forfeited, and full fees will be due.
7. All regular scheduled League matches will always take priority over any early or Make-up matches. Teams can **NOT** delay the start time of a regular scheduled match to complete an early or Make-up match.
8. Upon completion of early/Make-Up team matches, full team/green fees are due by both teams.

● **FORFEIT POINTS & FEES:**

- Individual match forfeits will be worth **2 points** in regular play and **3 points** in Playoffs.
- Teams receiving a FULL team match forfeit will receive a total of **7 points**, which includes Bonus Points, and the team giving the full team forfeit will receive **2 points**.
- Teams who don't show up for their scheduled match and cause a FULL team match forfeit will receive their **2 points** but, will also be held responsible for **paying BOTH their team AND their opponents' forfeited matches and green fees.**
- Forfeiting Full Team matches may cause a Playoff qualified team to lose their qualification.
- Teams who agree to a request to reschedule a Make-Up match from another team, but then can't complete the match, will NOT be held responsible for BOTH team fees and green fees. Each team will be responsible for paying their own full team and green fees for the uncompleted match.

● **RECORDING FORFEITS:**

- To record PARTIAL forfeits on both scoresheets, the team receiving the forfeit(s) should write their team #, the player's name(s) who is present to play, and the forfeit points (**2**) in "Match Points Earned". In the opponent's section, write the forfeiting team's #, "FORFEIT" in the "Player Name(s)" section, and **0** in "Match Points Earned".
- To record FULL forfeits on both scoresheets, in the signature area, the team receiving the forfeit should write their forfeit points (**5**) in the total points box and sign the scoresheet. Bonus Points will be given when the full forfeit is inputted. In their opponent's section, the team receiving the forfeit should write **0** as their opponent's points and write "FORFEIT" in the signature area.



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❖ **LADIES 8-BALL LEAGUE PLAY (continued)**

- The team who finishes the session with the highest points will be that session's *Ladies 8-Ball Division Champions* and each member will be awarded a special plaque.

❖ **LADIES 8-BALL VEGAS PLAYOFFS**

- Birmingham APA will receive ONE guaranteed *Showdown Vegas Slot* for this format by maintaining at least **TEN** Ladies teams per Showdown pool year. Additional Vegas Slots will be awarded for every **TEN** teams over the initial ten.
- Averaging at least 16 Ladies 8-Ball teams in the Ladies pool year may earn additional awards, such as a Vegas Experience Trip, if an additional Vegas Slot is not available. Any Travel Assistance offered for additional awarded trips may vary from what Vegas Slot winners receive.
- Having more teams in our *Ladies 8-Ball Divisions* will also allow our area to be on the list to obtain additional unused Vegas Slots from other APA League areas if they become available.
- Our *Ladies 8-Ball Vegas Playoffs* will be held each **February** for the previous *Showdown Division* pool year.
- Our *Ladies 8-Ball Vegas Playoffs* will be played in a Single-Elimination format and usually on one Saturday.
- The number of teams, including Wildcards, who earn a slot in these *Vegas Playoffs* are shown in our **Showdown Division Playoff Chart**, which is located on our "*Showdown Division Rules*" website page.
- Wildcard teams will be drawn out for these *Playoffs* from each division of **Session A & B**. The drawing will take place after the first scheduled matches in **January** for the previous *Showdown Division* pool year. This will allow us to determine which returning teams will be ELIGIBLE for the drawing.
- To be ELIGIBLE for our WILDCARD drawing, all teams must:
 - Competed in at least **TWO** subsequent sessions.
 - Remain active in our *Ladies 8-Ball Division* thru out **Session A** of our *Ladies 8-Ball Playoffs*.
 - Keep enough original players to meet our eligibility requirements.
- To be ELIGIBLE for your *Ladies 8-Ball Playoffs*, all players must:
 - Remain active on their Ladies and Open teams thru out their Showdown pool year.
 - Play at least **FIVE** Ladies 8-Ball matches during the session they qualified and any subsequent sessions.
 - Play their required matches on their Open 8-Ball team for each session.
 - Play at least **TEN** 8-Ball matches in the past year by their *Ladies 8-Ball Playoffs*.
- Qualified teams must have competed in at least **TWO** subsequent sessions.
- **THREE original players** from a qualified session must remain to still be considered the original qualified team.
- Teams who qualify in Session A, but want to fill an empty spot on their roster, or replace dropped players, may do so by the **2nd scheduled Saturday** of Session B. The players who are added must meet all the eligibility requirements and must have played at least **TWENTY** life-time matches in APA 8-Ball. Any replacement player must be the same SL, or lower, than the player being replaced.
- Teams who qualify in Session A, but then lose enough players to reduce their roster to **TWO or less** players, will lose their Playoff eligibility and must re-qualify as a NEW team in Session B.
- Teams who qualify in Session B, but then lose enough players to reduce their roster to **TWO or less** players, will lose their Playoff eligibility and must re-qualify as a NEW team in the NEW Showdown pool year.



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❖ **LADIES 8-BALL VEGAS PLAYOFFS (continued)**

- At the end of Session B, qualified teams can **NOT** replace any players for their *Ladies 8-Ball Playoffs*.
- At times, *Birmingham APA* may fill any **BYES** in these playoffs by drawing out *Lucky Dog Teams*. **ONLY** unqualified teams who played in BOTH of our Sessions, **A & B**, will be eligible for our *Lucky Dog* drawing.
- If any slots are available, teams who are Division Champions for both sessions, may receive special bracket seating in their *Playoffs*.
- Travel assistance monies will be based on the # of teams participating during the past Ladies pool year.