



8-Ball and 9-Ball Championship

1. There will be 1 bracket of 8-Ball with 18 teams and 1 bracket of 9-Ball with 16 teams.
2. Single elimination format.
3. Handicaps start at what they were at the end of last session or in 9-Ball the higher of what you qualified or what you were at the end of last session.
4. Handicaps are recalculated at the end of every round.
5. All players must present a **current, state or federal certified picture ID** at the start of each match.
6. **Remember anyone can have a good or bad match.** Do not openly complain about a person's handicap. Report any handicaps complaints to the Official or League Operator.
7. An * next to a player's name indicates that they have not paid their dues this session. This in **NO WAY** affects their eligibility to play.
8. The rules are the same as regular session play.
9. Players may play on more than one team - A player may be qualified to play on more than one team at the Session Team Championship. If the teams meet with common players, the common players may not participate for either team and will automatically advance to the next round with the winning team.
10. **Disqualifying Teams** – Any team who is deemed by the League Operator to have a severely under-rated player will be disqualified.
11. The rounds are as follows: Friday, 7:00 p.m., Saturday 12:00 p.m., Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 12:00 p.m. and the final rounds are Sunday at 5:00 p.m.
12. Forfeits - A team match will be considered forfeited if at least one of their players is not ready to play within 15 minutes of their scheduled match time. The player for the next match must be ready to play within 5 minutes of the previous match being completed.
13. Do not cross in-between the tables when the player is shooting.
14. Call an Official to watch the hit or if you have any questions or problems.
15. Officials will watch all breaks and verify if they are legal or not.
16. We have patches for 8 on the Break, Break and Run and 9 on the break. See an official if you perform any of these.
17. Each team will receive a trophy regardless of where they finish in the championship. Do not leave without your team trophy. 1st and 2nd place teams will also receive individual trophies.
18. We have 8 Ball Express® T-shirts, the regular and Championship, for sale, as well as, hats, hoodies, towels, cue balls and pens.
19. **Dress Code – No apparel may be worn that is in anyway offensive to race, gender, religion or ethnicity. No apparel may be worn promoting another pool league. Players violating this rule will be asked to leave the tournament site.**

GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!!



BALL IN HAND FOULS

8 Ball

Fouls – The following fouls result in **ball-in-hand** for the opposing player:

- A player fails to make contact with his object ball first.
- A ball does not make contact with a rail after contact with the object ball. A pocketed ball counts as a rail.
- The cue ball does not touch anything.
- The cue ball is pocketed.
- Shooting while the cue ball is still in motion.
- Failure to strike another rail when a ball is declared frozen.
- Using a device to determine if there is “room” for an object ball to pass through.
- Causing a forward stroke motion contacting the cue ball on a ball-in-hand placement
- Knocking, Striking, touching or in any way making contact with the cue ball with anything except the cue tip, while not in a ball in hand situation. This includes chalk, bridges, the cue shaft, etc.
- Fouling on the break.
- Not placing the cue ball behind the line after a scratch on the break.
- Touching any object ball with the cue ball while it is ball in hand. Your fingers are considered an extension of the cue ball.
- Double kissing of the cue ball (hitting the cue ball twice).
- Illegal jump shots. (You may not scoop the cue ball)
- Jumping or accidentally knocking the cue ball off the table surface.
- Illegally marking the table to assist in executing a shot.
- Illegal Coaching.
- Talking about possible shooting situations when a time out has not been called.
- Excessive slow play.
- Sharking.
- Approaching the table when a timeout has not been called

Always confirm with the opposing player that you have ball-in-hand. Touching the cue ball while not having ball-in-hand is then a ball-in-hand foul to your opponent.



BALL IN HAND FOULS

9 Ball

Fouls – The following fouls result in **ball-in-hand** for the opposing player:

- A player fails to first make contact with the lowest numbered ball for their handicap first.
- A ball does not make contact with a rail after contact with the object ball. A pocketed ball counts as a rail.
- The cue ball does not touch anything (except during a push out).
- The cue ball is pocketed.
- Shooting while the cue ball is still in motion.
- Failure to strike another rail when a ball is declared frozen.
- Using a device to determine if there is “room” for an object ball to pass through.
- Causing a forward stroke motion contacting the cue ball on a ball-in-hand placement
- Knocking, Striking, touching or in any way making contact with the cue ball with anything except the cue tip, while not in a ball in hand situation. This includes chalk, bridges, the cue shaft, etc.
- Fouling on the break.
- Touching any object ball with the cue ball while it is ball in hand. Your fingers are considered an extension of the cue ball.
- Double kissing of the cue ball (hitting the cue ball twice).
- Illegal jump shots. (You may not scoop the cue ball)
- Jumping or accidentally knocking the any ball including th cue ball off the table surface.
- Illegally marking the table to assist in executing a shot.
- Illegal Coaching.
- Talking about possible shooting situations when a time out has not been called.
- Excessive slow play.
- Sharking.
- Approaching the table when a timeout has not been called.

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Scratching While Shooting the 9 Ball – Should a player pocket the 9 ball and then scratch, the 9 ball is spotted and the opposing player receives ball in hand and play resumes.



What Are the Official's Duties?

For tournament matches an official may be present at each match table to assist you with problems, questions, and proper handicaps. Officials are not active participants in a match meaning that officials will not presume that a particular shot might result in a bad hit or any other condition that could produce a foul, and ***will not make calls or rulings, unless officially requested to do so.***

Only the players of the current match may ask an official to have a hit watched. An Official will not enter the playing area unless the match has been temporarily halted by the players of the current match. Do not simply look over at the Official, or ask the Official to watch the hit, expecting some action to be taken. You must first halt the match and request the Official to make a call or ruling. You must allow time for the Official to get into position to view the upcoming shot. **The Official's decision is final.**

Officials will watch every break to ensure a legal break has occurred. Should a rack be in question, the official will view the rack and announce that it is a good rack or that a re-rack must occur.

Teams are not allowed to use the Official in an untimely manner, or in situations that are obviously non-essential. Teams that abuse the use of the Officials are subject to an in match penalty.

Using an Official as a means to shark opponents will not be tolerated. Examples include:

- You ask the Official to "just watch what happens next"
- Your opponent is shooting at a loose ball and no potential foul is obvious.
- You wait until the last possible second to call the Official.

Remember it is the responsibility of the PLAYER, not the Official, to be aware of potential infractions. Study the table situation and call an Official if you believe an infraction is likely to occur. The Officials are here to help you.

Contested plays are handled by calling an Official, and asking if he or she was watching the table at that time, and was in a good enough position to make a call or ruling. If yes, the Official will make a binding call.

Officials will monitor teams for talking to their player about the match between shots and may call ball-in-hand foul if infractions occur. Should a potential conflict arise the official may halt the match until the situation is resolved.

Situations involving potential rule violations are also handled by calling an Official. If necessary, the Rules will be checked. The Tournament Director may also be consulted.

Situations not requiring calls or rulings may be brought to the attention of the Official. Any member of the team is allowed to ask the Official for assistance in these non-playing situations. If the request is reasonable, the Official will monitor the situation and take appropriate action. If the problem cannot be solved to everyone's satisfaction, the match will be temporarily halted, the Tournament Director will be called, and the parties involved will discuss the issue.

Please treat the Officials with courtesy and respect. These League members have volunteered for this duty in order to make your competition more enjoyable. Players or teams treating Officials in a disrespectful, demeaning or uncooperative manner are subject to disqualification by the Tournament Director.