



9-BALL SHOOTOUT LOCAL QUALIFIER BOARD



RULES OF PARTICIPATION

READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE RULES PRIOR TO ENTERING AND PLAYING

- The 9-Ball Shootout Singles Program includes three levels: Local, Regional and Championship.
- Entry fee is generally \$25 per participant, local fees may vary.
- A player may continue to enter Local Qualifiers until they win one.
- A player may not advance to the Regional Level more than once each Season.
- A player may enter on this Local Qualifier Board only once — Example: A player may not pay \$50 and be on the Board in two places.
- Current APA/CPA 9-Ball game rules apply.
- No coaches or coaching allowed.
- A minimum of four players are required to compete in each Local Qualifier tournament. Winner advances to the Regional Level.
- In order to conduct a fair and equal tournament for all APA/CPA players, APA must ensure that all participants are playing at skill levels that are not below their true ability. Handicap manipulation compromises the fairness and integrity of tournament play and cannot be tolerated. Accordingly, APA may disqualify any player if, in APA's sole judgment and absolute discretion, the player is deemed by APA to be playing at a skill level below their true ability. The determination of whether a player is playing at a skill level below their true ability is necessarily subjective; APA is the sole judge of a player's ability and may make such determination in its absolute judgement and discretion.
- Any player entering or participating under fraudulent circumstances will be disqualified. Disqualification means forfeiture of all titles, awards and prize money. Disqualification can occur prior to, during, or after the event.
- I agree to abide by the game rules of the APA/CPA and all rules of the program.
- I agree that the APA has the right to make rule modifications at its discretion and that the APA has the absolute and final authority to make all rulings affecting my participation in the program, including player ability (i.e. correction of skill levels) and disqualification.
- I release and agree not to sue the APA/CPA and all other sponsors, individually and collectively, (including their agents and employees) for any claims or damages arising out of my participation in any level of the program. I am participating in this program knowing that I can be hurt or injured, and I alone agree to assume that risk. I am in good health and have no physical condition that would prevent me from participating. Also to the extent that I may cause injury to someone or damage to someone's property, I will indemnify and repay the APA and its sponsors for any damages they pay (including expenses and attorney fees) as a result of the injury or damage.
- I consent to being recorded (audio and video) and photographed at any time during the program. I waive any rights I may have in the recordings and photographs, including copyright and any benefit I may otherwise be entitled to receive for my appearances. APA has the sole right to copyright, reproduce, broadcast, televise and publish the recordings and photographs with my name, if APA/CPA so desires, in any format without further inspections or approval from me. Any segment of a recording where I appear, and any photograph may be freely used by the APA/CPA for any purpose. The APA may assign or allow others (e.g., sponsors) to use or reproduce my appearance in any format.
- The entry fee is non-refundable unless any level of the program is cancelled, or the place or date of any level of the program is changed, for any reason. If this occurs, then I understand that my only remedy is a refund of my entry fee.
- I understand that Regional locations may not be 100% handicap accessible. Should I advance, I may contact the location listed on the location flier included in the Regional player email, which I will receive approximately one month prior to the Regional event.
- Any League Operator or affiliated person including any owner, shareholder, officer, director, and any spouse or significant other and live-in family of a League Operator or affiliated person, as well as any person involved in the computation of skill levels or in a position to manipulate team rosters and/or handicaps are not allowed to participate in this event. Any questionable player must be cleared by APA in advance. APA's determination (in the exercise of APA's judgment and discretion) of a player's eligibility or ineligibility to participate is final.
- Eligibility to compete in the Regional and Championship levels is non-transferable.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S INFORMATION

TIME REQUIREMENTS:

When Playing On 1 Tables
When Playing On 2 Tables
When Playing On 3 Tables
When Playing On 4 Tables

STANDARD FORMAT

Allow 4 Hours
Allow 3 Hours
Allow 3 Hours
Allow 2 Hours

NOTE: Matches may run slightly longer for higher skill level players.

- Read and be familiar with all rules.
- Entrants must sign the Player Information Section, list their present skill level (or Championship Lowest Attainable), and enter their member number.
- An entry fee of \$200 must be collected prior to the beginning of play. The League Operator will not accept tournament results with incomplete entry fees.
- This Local Qualifier Board can be designated as "Open", "Men Only", "Ladies Only", or any combination of skill levels. All Local Qualifier winners advance into one of the four Skill Level Tiers: Green Tier (skill levels 1-3), White Tier (skill levels 4-5), Gray Tier (skill levels 6-7) and Black Tier (skill levels 8-9) at Regional and Championship Levels.
- A Qualifier may be run with a minimum of four players. \$200 must be collected and submitted with each Board.
- If byes are allowed, then place byes (as shown on reverse) before conducting the player draw.
- Make sure all players participating on the Board have read the Entry Form and Rules and completed the player information required on the reverse. The player information section must be complete.
- Conduct the player draw —
 - Write each player's name on a separate piece of paper.
 - Place the names into a small box or other receptacle.
 - Draw the names out one at a time. The first name drawn will be #1. Write the first name drawn on line 1 on the tournament board. The next name drawn will be #2. Enter the name on line 2 slot on the board. Follow the same procedure until all of the names have been drawn and have been entered on the board. You are now ready to begin the matches.
- Scoresheets are provided and must be properly filled out for each match.
- The tournament must be played down to a winner and the winner advances to the Regional Level.
- After the tournament — Have the winner fill out the **WINNER'S PORTION** of the Entry Form. It is important that the winning player carefully prints their name, address, phone number and signs their name on the signature line. The Tournament Director must then complete the **REGIONAL ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE** before giving it to the winner.
- SUBMIT ENTRY FEES (\$200) ALONG WITH THE ENTRY FORM AND THE SCORESHEETS TO YOUR LEAGUE OPERATOR WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF RUNNING THE BOARD.**