

BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
AMATEUR POOL LEAGUE (APL)

ARTICLE 1 NAME

The name of this organization is the Amateur Pool League, Inc.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to promote the Amateur Pool League, the BCA (Billiard Congress of America) and to monitor the Amateur Pool League in the Greater Philadelphia Region.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Members shall be anyone with current membership in the APL, in good standing, and who are currently participating on an active team in the Greater Philadelphia Region. If a team adds a player who owes membership renewal that player will have (2) weeks to pay or they will be dropped from the team roster. Once the team learns that their player owes dues they should not play that player until the player pays. If the team plays that player knowing that the player owes renewal then the team will be held responsible for the fee.

ARTICLE IV ADDING PLAYERS

Teams can add or drop players for the first four- (4) weeks of the regular league session. Exceptions may be made due to illness or service issues regarding National Security.

ARTICLE V TEAMS THAT DROP

Teams that drop before the end of the session after the first week will be responsible for all league dues for the whole session. These players that were on the team that dropped will have to pay dues for the entire session or they will not be allowed to play on any other team in the APL or receive trophies or play in any qualified tournament sponsored by the APL.

ARTICLE VI ADDING TEAMS

Teams can be added to a division up to (2) weeks after the start of the session. New teams will have the opportunity to make up matches by week 4 or the point(s) will be forfeited and weekly league dues paid.

## ARTICLE VII TEAM CAPTAINS RESPONSIBILITIES

- A) The Captain is responsible for the conduct of team members and associates during league play. Any member not representing the interest of the APL will be notified, and may be dropped from the league.
- B) As team Captain you have taken on the responsibility of collecting team fees and membership dues and making sure they are turned in on time.
- C) In order to process the paperwork, enter matches, player's stats, and have current material back to the teams in a timely manner, it is requested that the envelopes be dropped off or mailed immediately after play, but no later than noon the following day.
- D) The team Captain is responsible for knowing the rules and making sure that their teammates know the rules follow the rules and are kept informed of upcoming events and rule changes.

## ARTICLE VIII SUSPENSION FROM THE LEAGUE

- 1) PHYSICAL CONTACT IS STRICKLY PROHIBITED. Any player who initiates physical violence will be banned from the league for life. Other penalties regarding law enforcement agencies may be applied.
- 2) If team's standings (wins/losses) fall below 50% the next session they will be subject for strong review and may lose their qualification for any higher level tournament they qualified for or be suspended from the league.
- 3) Teams, Captains or players who are intentionally supplying wrong information on the score sheets or changing stats on the score sheet will be suspended from the league and all monies paid by that team will be forfeited to the league. The league office also reserves the right to modify the above if the need is necessary.

## ARTICLE IX COACHING

- 1) Coach cannot use the players cue or his own cue to show the player how to line up or shoot a shot during a time out. If this occurs it is ball in hand foul to the opponent.
- 2) A coach cannot turn down a time-out from a player. A player cannot turn down a time-out from a coach. Coaches cannot ask things like: "Are you okay"? or "do you want a time-out"? These will be considered a time-out. If a coach asks a player if they want a time out, when there are no time outs left, will result in a ball-in-hand foul to the opponent. If a coach is not sure if his player has any time outs left should ask the opposing coach quietly if in fact his player has any time outs left. A player may ask the coach if they have a time out left without it being a foul.

## ARTICLE X GENERAL RULES

1) Stopping the cue ball after shooting the 8-ball:

This is a foul and loss of game since a player interfered with the cue ball before it came to a stop. It does not matter if the 8-ball was made or not it is still loss of game. Make sure you do not touch the cue ball until it stops moving.

2) Re: typo page 24 APL rule book; the paragraph should have read "all balls" knocked of the table, not just the opponent's balls.

3) "Bill Oakes" rule; you may only use the tip to strike the cue ball. Striking the cue ball with the butt end of your stick is a foul and ball-in-hand to the opponent.

All players are governed by the rules and regulations of the APL, (Amateur Pool League), the official team manual, and these By-Laws during regular session play and any playoffs held by the APL. If your league is a BCAPL sanctioned league the BCAPL Player Handbook of rules will take precedence at any BCAPL Regional or National sanctioned events.

A) Cheaters: Players who are cheating by intentionally missing shots, losing games, or coaching teammates to not play to their ability needs to be eliminated. The following procedure will be used when dealing with them. When the League Office receives (2) valid complaints about an individual or teams a Board meeting will be called. The League will ask the Captains, of the Division in question, to fill out a ballot asking them to expel the player/Captain/team. It is mandatory that each Captain votes. The majority will rule!

## ARTICLE XII Changes/Amendments

The Amateur Pool League may change without notice and at any time these rules and guidelines. These rules and guidelines are for the Amateur Pool League only and may not apply in other territories or events.

99% of the circumstances, which may lead to a disput, are covered in the Rulebook or these By-Laws. Do not become involved in an argument. Refer to the Rulebook, these By-Laws, contact your Division Rep or contact you LO.

In the other 1%, USE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND COMMON SENSE to resolve a situation. Pool Matches were designed to be on at the pool table.  
GOOD LUCK AND GOOD SHOOTING!