

Mohawk Valley APA Newsletter

September 2025

A Message from Rob, our APA League Operator

Mohawk Valley APA is excited to announce that starting this upcoming 2025-2026 Fall session, we will be adding new changes and improving on all the great things we already offer our members.

We would like to thank all our members for helping Mohawk Valley APA continue to grow. With the continued growth, we will be able to offer more giveaways and send more teams to Las Vegas for The World Pool Championships!

- We will be increasing travel assistance to Vegas from \$5500 - \$6600 per team!
- We will be increasing cash Payouts for our tournaments!
- We will be offering more discounted singles boards to Qualify more players to the Singles Regional tournament so we can hold our own Regional Event! More Raffles and Giveaways
- AND MUCH MORE!!!

The National Office requires each league area increase weekly fees every three to five years or based on surrounding markets. **Starting in the Fall 2025 Session, all 8 ball and 9 ball teams will go from the current team fee of \$45 to \$50 (\$1 additional per person if you play).** With this modest increase, it will allow us to maintain all the current benefits and add all the benefits listed above and much more. As we continue to grow, so do the benefits and incentives we offer to our members!

Thank you for helping Mohawk Valley APA grow the sport of Pool and be the best league around! We appreciate each and every one of you!

Upcoming events during the Fall session:

- Tri-Cup (Cash Tournament)
- MVP tournament (Cash and prizes)
- 8 Ball Heavy Hitters (Cash Tournament)
- 9 Ball Heavy Hitters (Cash Tournament)
- Singles Regional (Vegas Qualifier)
- Border Battle Qualifier (Border Battle Qualifier)
- Team Tournament (Cash added Tournament)
- Holiday Tournament (Cash and prizes)

You're not going to want to miss all the action. When I was a player my favorite tournament was the Border Battle. Its a lot of fun, you meet new people, and you get to know your teammates a lot better. This is what APA is about, having fun, and building better relationships

The By-Laws were updated and approved 7/7/25. They can be found on APA app.

Highlights

Playoff Winners

Congratulations to the Mohawk Valley's Playoff winners and those that finished the Summer Session in first place. Wishing you luck at Tri-Cups September 13th and 14th. This year it is being held at **Copper City Billiards**, 322 E. Chestnut Street, Rome, NY 13440. Doors open at 8:00 and matches to begin at 9:00.

Team Roasters and Brackets will be posted soon to include the playoff winners that will be joining the following teams that finished in first place.

8 Ball (9/13/25)

Side Show (Herkimer 011)

Nice Out (Utica 015)

Backcuts with a Z (Abe Immerman Memorial 016)

The Americans (Schoharie 023)

Straight Shooters (Oneonta 024)

The Pond Effects (Lewis County 8 Ball 032)

Alpha Cue 2 (Miles Nichols Memorial 042)

The Variety Pack (Copper City Billiards 052)

9 Ball (9/14/25)

The Wrong Livers (Oneonta 211)

Straight Jacket Society (Utica Billiards 215)

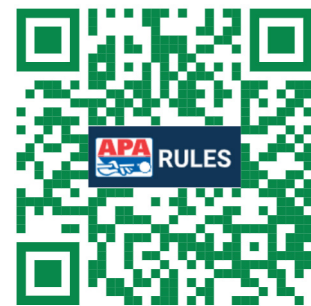
not rotted just rusty (Abe Immerman Memorial 216)

The Americans (Schoharie 223)

Tete's & F.R.I.E.N.D.S (Herkimer 232)

Average Joe's (Copper City Billiards 252)

One Time (Karen Pope Memorial 271)



You can always access the online rule book using the QR code or by visiting <https://rules.poolplayers.com/>. It is highly recommended that you bookmark the site.

If there is ever a question about a rule, the rule book is the best place to find the answer. Take the time to look before an issue occurs between teams.

Eligibility Reminders from By-laws: (Approved 7/7/25)

Session Playoffs

At the end of the regular session, teams will compete in the Playoffs (see chart below). The winners of the Playoffs will qualify for the Tri-Cups. In divisions with five teams or more, the High Point Team will qualify directly into Tri-Cups, bypassing Playoffs. Teams that qualify for Tri-Cups and don't show up will face the penalty of not being able to sign up for fun tournaments. Ex: Northeast Challenge, Montreal Invitational, etc.

The Wild Card is a team drawn at random from all teams in the division who did not already qualify for playoffs. The purpose of the Wild Card is to keep teams engaged and excited throughout the session, since every team is still "alive" through the final week of play. In order to be eligible for the Wild Card draw, a team must be current on their session dues and have no more than five forfeits during the session. Wild Card teams will be able to earn more entries based on their placement. Ex: the last place team will get one entry, the 2nd to last place team will get 2 entries, etc.

Playoff Eligibility:

1. New/established players; must play at least 6 matches in the division prior to Playoffs.
(Note: Players must have 10 lifetime matches to play in World Qualifiers and HLT)
2. During the Summer Session, established players only need 4 matches to be eligible for the playoffs.
3. A New player is defined as a brand-new player, or a returning player who has not played in the last 2 years.

NOTE: A team cannot forfeit more than five individual matches within the last 2 weeks of regular weekly play. Teams who do not adhere to this rule will forfeit eligibility for playoffs. Your team may lose eligibility if your team is deemed ineligible due to Sportsmanship or handicap violations.

Playoffs will be scheduled on corresponding League nights. The next session will begin the following week.

**Refer to copy of By-Laws for the Tri-Annual - One Week of Playoffs for All Division Sizes for more information.*

APA Rule Reminder



MVP Eligibility:

At the end of each session (prior to Playoffs), the Local League Office will recognize 3 Most Valuable Players from each division with 4 or more teams. One from each 8-Ball tier: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 and one from each 9-Ball tier: 1-3, 4-5, 6-9. Winners are determined by their PA (Percentage of Available Match Points). This is the percentage of available points a player earns for their team during the session.

The Tie Breaker will be win percentage. Win Percentage is calculated by taking the number of League Matches you played in the session, divided into the number of matches you won during the session. For example. If you play 12 matches during the session and win 7 of them, your win percentage is 58.3%

In addition, the player must have competed in 50% of the team's played matches in that particular division and have a skill level based on at least 10 lifetime matches played in the particular format. (i.e. in a 14-week session, player must have played at least 7 times. Replays do not count.) Player must also be in good standing with the League (no past due fees or sportsmanship violations.)

In 9-Ball, skill level 6's, 7s, 8s, & 9s and skill level 6s & 7s in 8-Ball, will only need 6 matches within the division, per session to be eligible for the MVP Award.

All MVP recipients will be awarded a special MVP patch and plaque. **The Local League Office has final decision on Division MVP's.**

Tri-cups Eligibility:

You must remain an active team in the current session to participate in the Tri-Cup Tournaments. If a team wins the playoff match but is not registered for next session, the losing team will advance to the Tri-Cup. Any team that participates in the Tri-Cup and then decides to drop out will be responsible for League fees for any weeks remaining in the session.

Tri-Cups is a tournament held after every session. You qualify for Tri-Cups by placing 1st in your division of 5 or more or winning playoffs.

If your division doesn't have enough teams to fill the playoff spots, qualified teams may be required to play playoffs.

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World Qualifiers (Using Tri-Annuals) Eligibility:

The World Qualifier is an annual tournament that takes place at the end of the League year. The winning team(s) win Travel Assistance to Las Vegas and the opportunity to represent your League name here in the APA World Pool Championships.

*A maximum of 15 teams will participate in the 8-Ball World Qualifier:

***Summer** - 5 teams from the Tri-Annual

***Fall** - 5 teams from the Tri-Annual

***Spring** - 5 teams from the Tri-Annual

*A maximum of 15 teams will participate in the 9-Ball World Qualifier:

***Summer** - 5 teams from the Tri-Annual

***Fall** - 5 teams from the Tri-Annual

***Spring** - 5 Teams from the Tri-Annual

***subject to change based on team count**

- Teams that qualify for a World Qualifier slot more than once during a League year will be the first teams eligible for a random draw into any bye slots, if available, that occur on the World Qualifier boards.
- Any team that loses in the finals of a Tri-Annual Tournament to a team already qualified, except for teams from a 4-team division, from a previous Tri-Annual may also be qualified (unless already qualified from a previous Tri-Annual).
- Teams that qualify for the Tri-Annual, World Qualifier and World Pool Championships must remain active in the Mohawk Valley APA here to retain their qualified status.
- All players on Qualified teams must remain active in the Mohawk Valley APA in the format they are qualified in, in order to participate in the Tri-Annual, World Qualifier and World Pool Championships.
- All qualified teams must finish in the top half of their division in all sessions following qualification prior to the World Qualifier or risk the loss of their qualified status.
- The Travel Assistance Fund will be used to provide travel assistance to those teams advancing to the APA World Pool Championships. If a team chooses not to go to this event, the slot and the Travel Assistance will be given to the team they last eliminated on their World Qualifier board

Please refer to [World Pool Championships](#) in the Tournament Information and Rules section of the Official Team Manual for all player and team participation, eligibility, rules, etc.

Teams advancing from the World Qualifier will earn Travel Assistance to the APA World Pool Championships held in Las Vegas, Nevada. Travel Assistance of \$ \$5,550 per Team will be awarded to those going to the World Pool Championship. **There will be no Travel Assistance (or cash equivalent) awarded to those players who cannot attend.**

2nd place teams from the World Qualifier will have the option to pay for a destination tournament, bypassing any qualifying tournaments.

Approaching Events

Splashboards: Must be on active roster and have 10 league matches in the format you are playing

- **None Scheduled at this time**

Tournaments and Qualifiers

2025 Spring & Summer Session MVP Tournament

When: Sept 20th & 21st The 8 Ball MVP will be held Saturday & 9 Ball will start on Sunday.

Where: at Copper City Billiards (322 E Chestnut St. Rome NY 13440).

What: This is a Modified Single Elimination Tournament. Brackets will be set based on individual skill rankings at the time of the draw. IF A MEMBER HAS ALSO QUALIFIED IN A HIGHER TIER OR THEIR HANDICAP IS NOW HIGHER THEN ORIGINAL QUALIFICATION. THE HIGHER HANDICAP WILL BE USED AND MAY ALSO BE PLACED IN THE HIGHER MVP BRACKET. MEMBERS MUST ALSO BE A PAID MEMBER ON AN ACTIVE TEAM IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT.

Cost is \$30 (includes \$5 table time) per format qualified. Entrants must register on the mohawk valley website (mohawkvalley.apaleagues.com). **Deadline for registration is Sept 17th. Payment will also be due by Sept 17th.** You can pay with your weekly dues or electronically through Venmo or Zelle.

Doors will Open at 8:00am. Player Meeting will be held approximately 8:45 with first round action to start immediately following our Session MVP Winners Award Recognition Ceremony. All Summer/Fall MVP Awards will be handed out prior to the start of play for each format.
Registration:

Singles Regionals

When: 10/4 -8 Ball & 10/5- 9 Ball

Where: Towne Bowling, 1601 Altamont Ave., Schenectady, NY 12303

Note: Green's Fees are \$5.00 per player

Registration: Please check your email for link or Facebook post; [8 Ball link](#) [9 Ball link](#)

9 Ball Border Battle Qualifier Team Tournament

When: 9/27/25 at 9:00 am

Where: Copper City Billiards

What: The format is 9 ball. This is a team event. \$225 entry fee. \$25 goes to greens fees. \$200 per team to the winner. Round Robin Tournament. Team with the most points after the round robin wins. If there is a tie, the tie breaker goes to the team that won when they played each other.

[Registration](#) - Team Tournament Please remember that registration for most events can be done at our Mohawk Valley Website <https://mohawkvalley.apaleagues.com/Default.aspx>

Border CPA / APA Americana Border Battle

When: 11/7 - 11/9

Where: Americana Resort & Waterpark - 8444 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada

What: \$1450/team - This covers entry and 3 hotel rooms.

Important Dates

September

- 13th
 - Summer Tri-Cups 8 Ball @ CCB
- 14th
 - Summer Tri-Cup 9 Ball @ CCB
- 20th
 - MVP 8 Ball Tournament @ CCB
- 21st
 - MVP 9 Ball Tournament @ CCB
- 27th
 - 9 Ball Border Battle Qualifier Tournament

October

- 4th
 - Singles Regionals 8 Ball @ Towne Bowling, 1601 Altamont Ave., Schenectady, NY
- 5th
 - Singles Regionals 9 Ball Towne Bowling
- 11th
 - Heavy Hitters 8 Ball @ CCB
- 12th
 - Heavy Hitters 9 Ball @ CCB

November

- 7th - 9th
 - Border Battle @ Niagara Falls, Canada
- 8th - 9th
 - Team Cash Tourney

December

- 13th
 - Holiday Tournament @ NW

You can always stay up to date using the APA app, website listed above, and on Facebook: [Mohawk Valley APA Page](#)

Note:

CCB- Copper City Billiards

NW- Norwich American Legion Post 189

*Nationals determine location for regionals, this has not been done yet