

Mohawk Valley APA Newsletter

June & July 2025

A Message from your APA League Operator

All teams qualified for the APA World Qualifier must maintain 50% of their original qualified roster during the Summer Session to remain eligible for the World Qualifier.

Appreciation for Host Locations:

Please remember to support the local establishments that are part of APA by purchasing beverages and/or food. Without them, we wouldn't have a place to play. If the host location has table fees for the evening, please try and pay it before your match begins.

Appreciation for YOU!

I want to thank all of the Mohawk Valley APA Players for being part of this APA Pool Family and Community! This year's Appreciation Day will be held on July 27, 2025 at the Norwich Legion. Fun to be had with games, raffles, baskets, food and an award ceremony. I do ask that you register by July 21, 2025! Registration for Active APA players is free and the cost for all others is \$15 a person. Tournament Rules on Page 5, Dashboard and Facebook.

Appreciation Day

APA
POOL Leagues
Mohawk Valley

FREE TO ACTIVE MEMBERS/REGISTRATION DUE BY 7/21
\$15 per additional non member

\$1,000 in Cash and Prizes

What: Food, Fun, Raffles, and Giveaways

When: July 27nd
Doors open at 8am

Where: Norwich Legion

OPEN TO ALL ACTIVE MOHAWK VALLEY APA PLAYERS

WHAT TO EXPECT

Appreciation Tournament will start at 9am. There will be games, baskets, and prizes to win. Each member will earn a ticket for prizes by pre-registering. Food will be served around lunch time along with a small award ceremony.

Highlights

World Qualifiers

8 Ball:

We crowned 2 winners. Congratulations to **Mandy's** (out of Oneonta- Mandy's Bar & Grill) and **Backcuts With A Z** (out of Utica - Utica Billiards on the Boulevard). These 2 teams played wonderful to bring home the Championship and will be representing Mohawk Valley APA in Vegas this Aug. Diamond Dogs (out of Schoharie County) and Mighty Ducks (out of Rome) fought hard. I'm sure ill see them again next year.

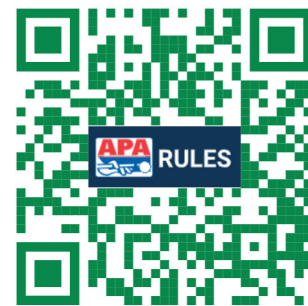


9 Ball:

What a weekend of 9 ball. Congratulations to **Dream Killers** and **Boomsticks** (both out of Utica - Utica Billiards on the Boulevard) for winning the championship to go to Vegas this year. Our Runner Up's were Are You Chalkin To Me and Definitely Table Drift. They will be getting a spot in CPA / APA Americana Border Battle, Montreal Invitational, or APA Northeast Challenge.



APA Rule Reminder



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Eligibility Reminders from By-laws:

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 players; must play at least 6 matches (10 matches in the Spring) prior to Playoffs.
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.

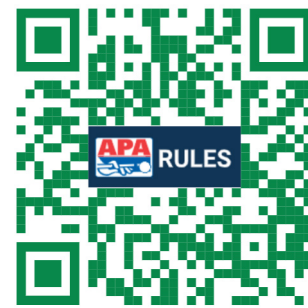
NOTE: A team cannot forfeit more than five individual matches within the last 2 weeks of regular weekly play. Teams who do not adhere to this rule will forfeit eligibility for playoffs.

Your team may lose eligibility if your team is deemed ineligible due to Sportsmanship or handicap violations.

Qualified teams that fall below 50% after their qualifying session are subject to loss of World Qualifier eligibility and/or heavy scrutiny of their handicaps

If your team is not returning the following session, you are not entered into the wildcard draw for playoffs.

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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.

World Qualifiers Eligibility:

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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.

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).

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 matches played lifetime in the particular format** and be in good standing with the League (no past due fees or sportsmanship violations).

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

Calculation:

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%

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

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

Please remember that registration for most events can be done at our Mohawk Valley Website
<https://mohawkvalley.apaleagues.com/Default.aspx>

None scheduled at this time

Important Dates

July

- 13-18 Northeast Challenge
 - Mohegan Sun Casino & Resort
 - See Facebook Post
 - 8 Ball July 15-18
 - 9 Ball July 13-15
 - Ladies 8 Ball Team July 13-15
 - Masters Team July 15-17
 - Seniors 8 Ball July 14-15
 - Triple Play July 17-18
- 27th
 - Appreciation Day @ NW



Modified single elimination
Entry is \$60/team
100% payout to top teams
Max field 32 teams

Scotch Triples max SL 15
3-Person Teams
Format 8 Ball
Handicapped race

July 27th Norwich Legion @ 9:00 am
29 Sheldon St, Norwich, NY 13815

Team Rules for Eligibility

Players are expected to be familiar with standard APA Doubles game rules outlined in the APA Official Team Manual. Race will be determined by max SL of all 3 players.



Skill Level

8 Ball SL to make up the max 15. If you don't have an established 8 Ball SL then your 9 Ball SL will be used.



Matches Played

To ensure all players have a fair handicap they must be established. Each player needs a minimum of 10-lifetime matches by the date of the tournament.



Active Status

Players must be listed on any active team in the Mohawk Valley APA, 8-Ball or 9-Ball.



Registration

Teams must pre-register through the website under tournament registration. Team entry is due on site, if you register and can't make it you need to give 24 hours notice.

August

Fall Session (8/17/25 - 12/20/25)

September

- 13th
 - Summer Tricups 8 Ball @CCB
- 14th
 - Summer Tricup 9 Ball @ CCB
- 20th
 - MVP 8 Ball Tournament @ CCB
- 21st
 - MVP 9 Ball Tournament @ CCB

October

- 3rd - 5th
 - Singles Regionals @ TBD
- 11th
 - Heavy Hitters 8 Ball @ CCB
- 12th
 - Heavy Hitters 9 Ball @ CCB

November

- 8th - 9th
 - Team Cash Tourney

December

- 13th
 - Holiday Tournament @ NW

Mohawk Valley APA's Bounty

How it works



Every month 3 Pool Criminals will be chosen to be on the run! There will be 3 in each format, 8 and 9 Ball. During that month, they are on the run and trying to evade capture. If they can make it without getting caught, the person capturing them gets the bounty.

Quick Notes:

- You can capture the bounty by beating that person in a standard APA match on league nights.
- Bounty is division specific (If they are the bounty for 9 Ball Herkimer, beating them in 9 Ball Herkimer doesn't count, nor does 9 Ball Oneonta count.
- Dues are due every night! Bounty awards will be credited to your team for you to use. Credits will be credited at the beginning of the following month.
 - The chosen Bounty HAS to play at least 3 of the 4 weeks to collect the bounty.
- Once chosen for the bounty, you will NOT be chosen again, but may be chosen for a different division.

Please send in your picture to Rob once you beat the bounty!



WANTED

Bryan Kilpeck
252

Lucas Markell
211

Tonya Card
271

**Don't let them get away!!! Collect the
bounty & gain the glory!!!!**



WANTED

James Johnson
016

James Birsén
023

James Priestly
042

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WANTED

Cody Everard
216

Joann Lawyer
223

Mike Gonzalez
215

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WANTED

Jim Costello
052

Derek Martin
042

Wesley Marshall
032

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