

Mohawk Valley APA Newsletter

May 2025

A Message from your APA League Operator

Spring Session: We are scheduled to start the first week of May!

1. Make sure your teams are registered so schedules can be created.
2. Make sure your roster's are up to date with the players on your teams.
 - a. Changes to the rosters can be made on the Scorekeeper App.
 - i. If you were able to add to our APA community with some new members, or have a returning member please make sure they are registered so your rosters are up to date.
 - ii. Remember every player on your roster needs to have paid any membership dues to prevent the loss of points for unpaid team members.

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Bounty Updates/Help Please: We are struggling with having a picture of the player that has the bounty. If each captain can take a picture of their team's players and send it in, that would help greatly. You can take a team picture and we can crop the picture as needed. Please make sure that each team member that is in the photo gives their consent to having their picture posted in the newsletter when you take and send in a team picture. Pictures can be sent to Rob.

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.

Highlights

Spring 2025 1st Place Winners

Congratulations to all of our 1st place winners. You all advance to the Tri Annual tournament at Copper City Billiards where you will play for \$600 and a spot in the World Qualifier. Captains will get a form so you can pick your 1st place gift.

The Teams are:

1. 011 - **Drunken Bunch** - Herkimer area.
2. 015 - **Nice Out** - Utica area.
3. 016 - **Backcuts with a Z** - Utica area.
4. 023 - **Diamond Dogs** - Schoharie County area.
5. 024 - **Beer Barrel #2** - Oneonta area.
6. 032 - **Out of Shape** - Lewis County area.
7. 042 - **Alpha Cue 2** - Chenango County area.
8. 052 - **Average Joe's** - Rome area.
9. 211 - **The Wrong Livers** - Oneonta area.
10. 215 - **Dream Killers** - Utica area.
11. 216 - **Mighty Ducks** - Rome area.
12. 223 - **Nine Ball Nomads** - Schoharie County area.
13. 232 - **Flaming Marshmallows** - Herkimer area.
14. 252 - **Are You Chalkin to Me?** - Rome area.
15. 271 - **One Time** - Chenango County area.

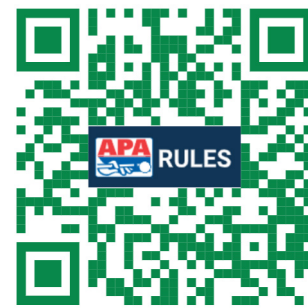
Splashboard Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the April Spalshboards held at Mandy's Bar and Grill.

8 Ball winners: Carol Neale, Kevin Thomas, George Rickard, Sara Hook and Dave Pitt.

9 Ball winners: Aurora Cornell, Kevin Thomas, Gary Brown Jr., Dave Pitt and Travis Cornell.

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Reminder 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.

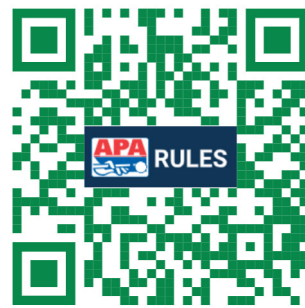
Qualified teams that fall below 50% after their qualifying session are subject to loss of World Qualifier eligibility and/or heavy scrutiny of their handicaps

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

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.

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Game Rules:

Racking

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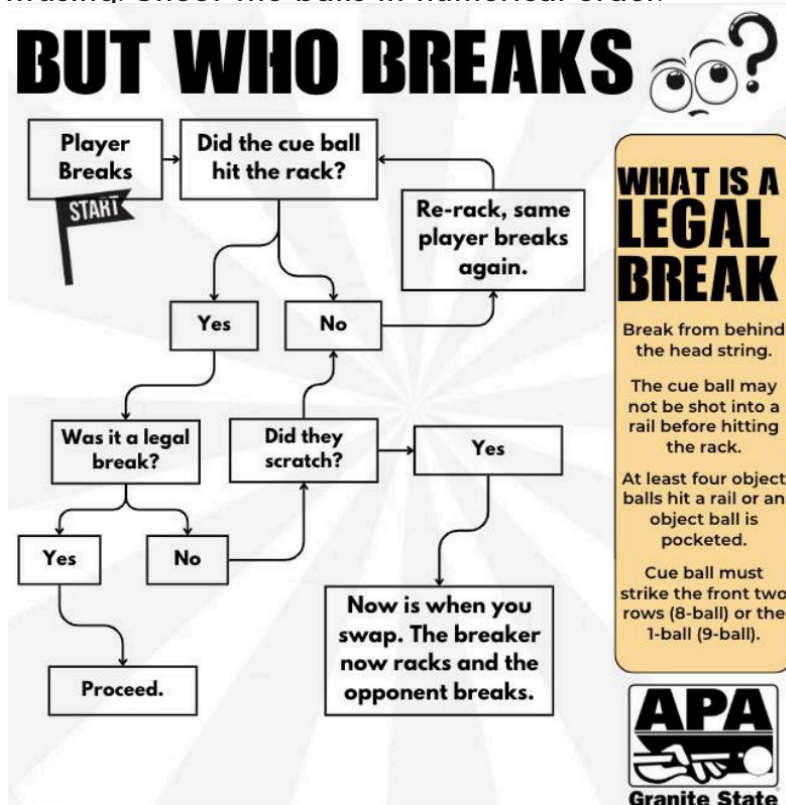
All balls should be frozen (touching) as tightly as possible. Balls are racked by the non-breaking player, with the head (front) ball on the foot spot. The breaking player may request and receive a rerack. The loser of the lag, and/or the loser of any subsequent game, racks for the opponent. In each format, the ball placement in the rack is as follows:

8-Ball - All 15 balls are racked in a triangle, with the 8-ball in the center. The remaining balls can be placed in any order.

9-Ball - The balls numbered 1 through 9 are racked in a diamond shape. The 1-ball is placed at the front of the diamond, the 9-ball in the center. The remaining object balls can be placed in any order. When using coin-operated tables, teams have the option to substitute any unused balls (10-ball to 15-ball) for pocketed balls following a short game; this will save both teams money during League night. The breaker can ask for the lowest available nine balls to be used in each game.

Example: If the 3-ball and 9-ball are made on the break (because a 9-on-the-Snap is a win, unless you scratch), you can use the 10-ball and 11-ball in the next rack. The object ball sequence in the next game would be 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11. The 11-ball, in effect, is the "9-ball" (last ball) in this game. Do not use the 10-ball to replace the 3-ball, as this can be confusing. Shoot the balls in numerical order.

Here's a great visual to help when discussing Who Breaks. It was featured in last month's Newsletter and Mohawk Valley's APA Facebook on February 19th.



Approaching Events

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

Mohawk Valley 8 Ball Spalshboards/Singles

- Nothing Scheduled

Mohawk Valley 9 Ball Splashboards/Singles

- May 4th
- Sidney Moose Lodge 277
- Time TBD
- Please reach out to Tracey Philhower on Facebook if interested.

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

May

Summer Session (5/4/25 - 8/16/25)

- 17th
 - Spring Tricup 8 Ball @ CCB
- 18th
 - Spring Tricup 9 Ball @ CCB
- 30th- June 1st (Friday start @ 6:30pm)
 - World Qualifier 8 Ball @ NW

June

- 6th - 8th (Friday start @ 6:30pm)
 - World Qualifier 9 Ball @ NW

July

- 13-18 Northeast Challenge
 - Mohegan Sun Casino & Resort
 - See attached flyer and 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
- 20th
 - Appreciation Day @ NW

August

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

September

- 13th
 - Summer Tricups 8 Ball @CCB
- 14th
 - Summer Tricup 9 Ball @ CCB
- 20th
 - Heavy Hitters 8 Ball @ CCB
- 21st
 - Heavy Hitters 9 Ball @ CCB

October

- 3rd - 5th
 - Singles Regionals @ TBD

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!



May's MOHAWK VALLEY APA's

WANTED

Danny Kilpeck
215

Scott Jubar
211

Jon Brown
232

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May's MOHAWK VALLEY APAs'

WANTED

Chad Boecke
024

Mark McKeon
011

Mary Mitchell
015

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