



## OFFICIAL RULES OF THE OCAPA LADIES DIVISION

*All rules of the APA Official Team Manual and OCAPA By-Laws are in effect with the exception of the following:*

**FEES** – The weekly team fee is \$30

**NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON A TEAM** – Teams can have up to 5 players on their roster. 3 players will participate in each team match.

**HANDICAPS** – The handicap limit in this division is 13 meaning that the total of the 3 players participating in a match cannot exceed 13 points. If a team cannot field their lowest 3 eligible players listed on their roster to 13, then the team will be able to play 2 players to 10 and forfeit 1 match.

**3-POINT SCORING** – Matches will be scored using the APA 3-point scoring system.

**BONUS POINTS** – 2 bonus points can be earned each week if: the weekly fees are paid in full, your envelope is postmarked the day following your match and your team prints the scoresheet each week from the website. If your team uses a copy of the scoresheet or a blank scoresheet without league office approval then you will not earn the bonus points.

**MAKE UP MATCHES** – There will be no make-up matches allowed in this division. Exceptions do apply if at least half of the players on a team are participating in an OCAPA or APA National event.

**FORFEITS** - Any individual forfeited match will be scored 2-0. A full team forfeit will be scored the same as a BYE. In the case of a full team forfeit, the forfeiting team is responsible for both team's fees. A forfeit in playoffs or higher level tournament play will be scored 3-0.

**BYES** - Byes will receive 4 points plus 2 bonus points if a team is current with all weekly fees. No weekly fees or scoresheets are due to the League Office for a bye week.

**TEAMS THAT DROP OUT** – If a team drops at any time during the session they will be responsible to pay the remaining weekly fees for the session. If a team drops within the first 4 weeks they will try to be replaced. If after the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the session the team cannot be replaced or another team drops, that team will turn into a BYE regardless if there is a BYE in the division. If a team drops causing the division to fold then that team will be responsible for all division fees for the remainder of the session.

**ROSTER CHANGES** – Roster changes will be allowed until the last 4 weeks of the session. If a team is qualified for the Ladies Local Team Championships from Season One, they will not be able to modify their roster after week 4 of Season Two.

**MATCHES PLAYED REQUIREMENT** – All players must have played at least 4 times with a team during the session to become eligible for playoffs or higher level tournament play. All players must have at least 10 8-Ball scores within the last 2 years to be eligible for higher level tournament play.

**PLAYOFFS** – Playoffs will be held over 3 weeks with the first place team in division standings earning a bye until the final round (based off of 8 teams or more). The number of teams advancing to playoffs and number of weeks will be based upon division size. Information about the division playoffs will be available on the website ([orangecountyapa.com](http://orangecountyapa.com)) after the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the session.

**CASH DIVISION** – This is a cash division with advancement to a higher level tournament. Patches and trophies will not be awarded to teams.

**LADIES CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFIER** – Any team who wins the playoffs will advance to the APA Ladies 8-Ball Championships at The Westgate Resort & Casino in Vegas in August. In order to remain eligible for this tournament, the team must return to the OCAPA Ladies format the following session, all players must have played at least 4 matches on a Ladies team in Season Two and all players must be on a current OCAPA Ladies team and/or an OCAPA 8-Ball team in the Summer Session. The roster the team will use in the APA Ladies 8-Ball Championship is the roster the team has at the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Season Two (Spring Session).