



OFFICIAL RULES OF THE OCAPA MASTERS 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 4 players on their roster. 3 players will participate in each team match.

HANDICAPS – There is no team handicap limit in this division. Individual handicaps will not show on the scoresheet and will not be used in determining games must win.

MATCH SCORING – Matches will be scored by games won. Each individual match will be worth up to 7 points. A player will earn 1 point for each game won, regardless if they win or lose the match. If Player A loses the match 7-2, Player A will receive 2 points and Player B will receive 7 points. The total points a team can earn in an evening is 21 plus 7 bonus points.

BONUS POINTS – 7 bonus points can be earned each week if: the weekly fees are paid in full, your envelope is postmarked the day following your match (or by Monday for Saturday divisions) 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.

GAME RACE FORMAT - Each match will be a race to 7 games – which includes 8 games of 9-Ball and 5 games of 8-Ball. The winner of the lag chooses the format or the opening break. If 9-Ball is chosen, the entire 9-Ball set needs to be completed before players move onto the 8-Ball set. For example: If a player wins 7 games of 9-Ball, then the match is over and the 8-Ball set will not be started. If all 8 games of 9-Ball have been played and neither player has won the match then the players move onto the 8-Ball set. The first player to win a total of 7 games (8-Ball and 9-Ball combined) will be the match winner.

TABLE SIZE – The home team determines that table used for play. Play must take place on 7ft tables.

JUMP CUES/PUSH OUTS – Jump cues will be allowed in this division. Push outs will be allowed in 9-Ball on the first shot following the break.

MAKE UP MATCHES – A team will be allowed one make up match per session. Please see the OCAPA Bylaws for more information on requesting make up matches

FORFEITS - Any individual forfeited match will be scored 7-0. A full team forfeit will be scored the same as a BYE. In the case of a full team forfeit, the forfeiting team will be responsible for both team's fees.

BYES - Byes will receive 14 points plus 7 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 4th 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.

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.

PLAYOFFS – Playoffs will be held over 3 weeks with the first place team in division standings earning a bye until the final round. The number of teams advancing to playoffs will be based upon division size. Information about the division playoffs will be available on the website (orangecountyapa.com) after the 4th week of the session. Playoffs will be a race to 2 matches. The team that wins 2 individual matches first will be considered the winner.

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

MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS – Any team who wins the Season One or Season Two Playoff will earn a spot into the APA Masters Championships in Las Vegas. In order to remain eligible for this tournament, the team must return to the OCAPA Masters format the following session, all players must have played at least 4 matches on an 8-Ball, 9-Ball or Masters team in the Spring Session (Season Two) and all players must be on a current 8-Ball, 9-Ball or Masters team in the following Summer Session (Season One). The roster the team will use in the APA Masters Championships is the roster the team has at the 4th week of Season Two.