

HBA RULES AND REGULATIONS - 2016-2017 Season

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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VNEA CONVENORS:

Amber (Mon) Kara Korven (Tues) Barb Watson (Wed)

Welcome to the 2016-2017 winter season. Any questions regarding *the rules and regulations* during the season should be directed to Ernie Valente, Doug Daye or your Convener.

Start Dates: Monday, Sept 5th 2016 to Thursday, Sept 8th 2016.

Sanctioning: All HBA and VNEA league members are required to pay a sanction fee (**\$15 for HBA and \$20 for VNEA**). This is due by Thanksgiving (October 12, 2016) at the latest!

League Fees: All players are required to pay a weekly fee of **\$14 for HBA** and **\$15 for VNEA**.

Holiday Scheduling:

- ⊗ League matches will be played on all holiday Mondays (Labour Day, Thanksgiving and Easter) except through Christmas Break.
- ⊗ If a team can't play on a holiday Monday, allowances will be made for make-up matches.
- ⊗ Christmas break will run from Thursday, Dec 22nd through Thursday, December 29th, 2016.
- ⊗ League play will resume on Monday, January 2nd 2017.

Playoff Dates: Playoff dates will be posted no later than the end of September 2016.

Placement Money (regular season): Each team will receive a cash prize for their placement at the end of the regular season. This will be awarded during the playoffs.

Ball Money (regular season): Each player will receive 10¢ per ball pocketed in ball money. *This is based on an 8 for the win not 10.* Ball money is awarded at the year-end banquet.

Cash Prizes: A cash prize is awarded in each division to the player who accumulates the most ERO's over the season (1 per division). This is awarded at the year-end banquet.

Playoff money: All teams will receive a cash prize for their placement in the year-end tournament. These are awarded as teams are eliminated from the tournament.

Trophies: There will be trophies presented at the year-end banquet for the following:

1st place – 5 individual* + names on large in-house trophy; 2nd place – 5 individual*

Top player – one male, one female (must **play** at least 26 weeks & **be in good standing**)

Sportsmanship – one male and one female per division

* *The league will pay for five individual trophies for the winning teams. If a team has more than five players you will be required to pay for any additional trophies.*

General Regulations:

- ⊗ All matches are to start at 7:30pm sharp (HBA) and 7:00pm sharp (VNEA). Under extreme circumstances, there is a **15-minute grace period** allowed.
- ⊗ League fees are due to your convener by 7:15pm (HBA), 6:45pm (VNEA).
- ⊗ All players must be a minimum of 18 years old to play in HBA league & 19 years old in VNEA.
- ⊗ **Intentional** jump or massé shots (more than 45deg) are allowed in VNEA but **NOT** allowed in HBA.
- ⊗ All teams are required to sell 50/50 tickets. **All money raised goes back into the league prize fund.**
- ⊗ Handicaps will start after the 3rd week of league play.

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Team Regulations:

- ③ A team will consist of five (5) full time members plus a maximum of three (3) spares.
- ③ **If a team adds or changes a player during the year, the team must have prior League approval before the player can participate in the League.**
- ③ If you have a player starting that has no average, leave their average blank and it will be calculated using their score for that night.
- ③ **Players must have a minimum of ten (10) weeks (50 games) for both HBA and VNEA of regular season play on one team to be eligible to play in the playoffs.**
- ③ **NOTE: Taking a default (5's in HBA or 6's in VNEA) or having another player play for you (in HBA) does NOT count towards your 10 weeks.**
- ③ Players may not combine their weeks from other league nights to meet the requirement. (E.g. A player who has five weeks in Monday night and five weeks on Wednesday night would not be eligible to play).
- ③ Any additional tables for slow playing teams will be assigned at the discretion of the bar.
- ③ **Players may only play in one (1) league per night (e.g. HBA or VNEA, not both)**
- ③ All teams are subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Team Regulations (HBA only):

- ③ The Executive will authorize a team for league play as long as they can field a team of five (5) players whose ***total baseline average does not exceed 41.5 points***. The averages are based on the HBA averages at the end of April, 2016. If a player has not played in the league, the avg will be determined by the Executive Committee.
- ③ These averages will be set as a **baseline for the rest of the season and playoffs**.
- ③ All teams must be able to submit a roster for play on any given night that does not exceed the above limits based on their players' **baseline** averages. If a team exceeds the limit, they must substitute a player with a **baseline** average that will bring their total **baseline** average in line.
- ③ **If a team is unable to do so for that evening's play, then the highest average player will be required to take a 5 for each round of the match.**

Spare Regulations:

- ③ A team must have a minimum of three players to play their match.
- ③ Teams may use one of their spares in place of a missing player, regardless of averages.
- ③ **Teams may use one of their players to play for only one missing player provided that the average is the same or lower. A player with 7.5 average or lower can play for anyone.**
- ③ **A player taking a forfeit will not have his/her score included in their average but are still required to pay for the week and will get credit for ball money.**
- ③ **Any player or team that misuses this rule by taking an excess of forfeits will be addressed by the Executive Committee.**
- ③ Any player who regularly plays on one night and occasionally plays on another night must use the highest average of the two nights. Occasionally means anything ***LESS*** than ten weeks. Anyone with ten weeks or more will be considered to have an established average and may keep it. Any player who plays only as a spare and has many averages posted must use the highest average posted for the night.
- ③ Teams may take a forfeit for a missing player, but the missing player's average will be adjusted to equal the highest average on the opposing team (unless the missing player's average is higher). A forfeit score is a 10-5 loss for each game in HBA, and a 10-6 loss for VNEA.

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Spare Regulations – playoffs:

- Ⓢ If one of your team spares does not have enough weeks on your team to play in the playoffs but has more than ten weeks on another night (same division – Mon/Wed; Tues/Thurs) you may still use that player, provided that their average is the same or lower than your missing player (HBA only).
- Ⓢ **If a team is missing a player for the playoffs, a spare may be assigned from another night provided that the average is the same or lower and as long as they are in the same division (e.g. Tues/Thurs or Mon/Wed). A player with 7.5 average or lower can play for anyone.**
- Ⓢ A team may have a maximum of 8 players in rotation during the playoffs providing all players have ten weeks (50 games) or more and that the opposing team captain is informed by the start of the next round. Averages are to be adjusted according to the incoming player.

Handicap Rule:

- Ⓢ *All HBA handicaps will remain the same regardless of team standings. For example, if a 5th place team is playing a higher place team and their averages are higher then you are still giving up handicaps*
- Ⓢ *In VNEA, a higher placed team in the standings will NOT get a handicap from a lower placed team.*

Scorecards:

- Ⓢ No team will receive a scorecard until their league fees are paid.
- Ⓢ The home team is responsible for completing and handing in the score sheet.
- Ⓢ A sheet with the players' averages will be attached to each scorecard; **DO NOT REMOVE THESE.**
- Ⓢ Both team captains must sign all scorecards. All “feats” (wins, ERO's) **must be circled or blacked out.** Once the scorecards are handed in they are official and will not be changed.

Weekly Stats:

- Ⓢ Stats will be updated & posted within 48 hours. The website will be updated as available.
- Ⓢ To have a discrepancy in your stats checked into, you will be required to place a \$10 deposit with the League Coordinator. If you are right your money will be refunded.

Re-scheduling matches:

A team may re-schedule a match during the season if the following guidelines are followed:

- Ⓢ **A minimum of 24 hours' notice should be given to Hustlers & opposing team and they agree.**
- Ⓢ **Allowances may be given for extenuating emergency circumstances.**
- Ⓢ **The re-scheduled match takes place *BEFORE* or *ON* the next scheduled league match**
- Ⓢ **If the match cannot be re-scheduled in time, the league must be informed.**
- Ⓢ **If unable to re-schedule due to fault of one team, the at-fault team gets a score of 125 (150 for VNEA) with NO HANDICAP while the no-fault team get their averages.**

Sportsmanship:

This is very important part of our league. **Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated.** This means win or lose you treat your opponents and all other league members with courtesy and respect.

Disciplinary actions:

To guarantee good sportsmanship a team or an individual may be suspended or expelled for unbecoming behavior, poor sportsmanship, or any other good reason considered harmful to the league.

- Ⓢ Any player/team that has been suspended or expelled may request a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee.
- Ⓢ The League **may** not award any money earned to any player/team while serving a suspension.
- Ⓢ The League **may** not award any money owing to a player/team that has been expelled.

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Captain's Duties:

- ⊗ **Make sure that your players know & understand all the rules & regulations of our league.**
- ⊗ **Make sure your team's fees are paid to the Convener by 7:15pm.**
- ⊗ **Make sure the scorecards are filled in completely and correctly.**
- ⊗ **Sign the nightly scorecard.**

Player Responsibilities:

- ⊗ **Know all the rules and regulations for our league; show up on time for all of your games.**
- ⊗ **Make sure all of your scores are marked on the scorecard correctly.**
- ⊗ **Pay your League Fees. Any player who falls behind with League payments by more than 4 weeks may be suspended from play at the discretion of the Treasurer (Ernie Valente) until payments are caught up.**

Membership Benefits:

- ⊗ **Nightly:** The tables will be open for practice from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. You must practice on the table your match is scheduled for. Please remember that your opponents want to practice as well. The tables will also be open for free pool after league. (This only applies to the night you play on)
- ⊗ **Every Sunday** from 11am to 1:30pm the tables (9' tables only) will be open for free pool. This is for league members only.
- ⊗ **Winter Special:** All league members are entitled to ½ price pool starting in Sept until end of April from 1pm till close every day including weekends when tables are available.

Year End Banquet:

This year's banquet for the Hustler league players will be held at Brookside Center on Saturday May 7th 2016.

Website:

All information pertaining to the league (stats, schedules, tournament info, etc) will be posted on our website at: www.hustlerbilliards.com

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ADDENDUM 'A' - 8-ball Rules to note

Ⓢ 8-Ball Pocketed on the Break

1. If you pocket the 8-ball on the break and do not foul, you may:
 - Ⓢ Have the 8-ball spotted and accept the table in position or
 - Ⓢ Re-rack the balls and break again.
2. If you pocket the 8-ball on the break and foul (sewer or jump the 8-ball or cue ball off the table), your opponent has the above choice.
3. If the 8-ball is pocketed on the break, and it is not noticed until after another shot has been taken, the game is replayed with the player who broke the game breaking again.

Ⓢ Balls Jumped off the table

If any object ball is jumped off the table, it is a foul and loss of turn, unless it is the 8-ball, which is a loss of game. Any jumped object balls are spotted in numerical order starting at the foot spot.

Ⓢ ACCIDENTALLY moving or touching any ball is not a foul unless:

1. *The moved ball is the cue ball.*
2. *A moved ball makes contact with the cue ball.*
3. *A moved ball that is jumped off the table or pocketed or causes any ball to be jumped off the table or pocketed. (Exception to #3: If the 8-ball is jumped off the table or pocketed it is loss of game if called by the opponent before the next shot is taken).*
4. *Only your opponent may replace the ball moved as closely as possible or leave it where it rests. If the shooter replaces the moved ball, it will be considered a foul.*

Ⓢ Using eight ball in combination after break

While the table is open, the eight ball **may be struck** as the first ball in a combination to sink a designated ball (solid or stripe).

WINTER LEAGUE DATES
2016-2017

Monday Night – 33 wks

Starts - Sept 5/16

Playoffs - April 29 & 30/17

Tuesday Night – 32 wks

Starts - Sept 6/16

Playoffs - April 22 & 23/17

Wednesday Night – 29 wks

Starts - Sept 7/16

Playoffs - April 1 & 2/17

Thursday Night – 30 wks

Starts - Sept 8/16

Playoffs - April 8 & 9/17