



“9-Ball Doubles” Tournament Rules

1. **Thanks for coming today. Excellent sportsmanship is #1.**
2. The tournament will be run today, following the “modified single elimination” format that is used at most major APA Regional and National tournaments. This format ensures that every team gets to PLAY at least 2 times (but not necessarily lose twice).
3. Use the bracket board to see who and where you play next. **It is your responsibility to check the board when you arrive to make sure you appear somewhere on the board.** Table numbers will appear on the bracket board, circled in color. **It is also your responsibility to know when and where you play next.** We will NOT come find you or call you when you are up, so check the tournament board frequently.
4. 2-person teams. This is 9-Ball only today. All participating players must be on an active 9-Ball roster.
5. At the beginning of the match, flip a coin to see who breaks first.
6. Alternate shot. This means that after you pocket a ball, it's now your partner's turn to try. Take turns each shot, even from game to game. So, if you win one game, your partner breaks on the next game. (The same person on your team who lags can also break, or you can alternate from lag to break... that's up to you).
7. **Use the score-sheet provided at the registration table.** The scoresheet includes a “Points Must Win” chart. This is the same scoresheet used at the national event.
8. One total time-out per team per rack. Limit time-outs to one-minute on average.
9. Once play starts, it must be continuous. Take breaks for bathroom, smoking, etc. BEFORE your team is playing (not during your match).
10. **SUDDEN DEATH:** At the 45-minute mark from the time your match starts, you should be finished. **Your start time will be written next to your name on the tournament board.** **Please write your “Sudden Death Time” on your scoresheet, so that you remember to watch the time!** If your match is still going on at the 45-minute mark, you enter the realm of “SUDDEN DEATH.” This is MANDATORY (even if both teams would prefer not to enter sudden death). As soon as the current rack is over, all subsequent racks will result in “double points.” That means that every ball is worth 2 points, and the 9-Ball is worth 4 points. It is in everyone's best interest to avoid sudden death. Be ready to play when it's your turn; avoid slow play. 20 seconds per shot average.

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11. Do NOT talk to your team-mate while it's your team's turn at the table. No giving advice to eachother (unless you're using your official time-out). Doing so will result in a ball-in-hand foul the first time, followed by disqualification from the tournament. If a team complains that they "think" their opponents are giving eachother advice without using a time-out, BOTH teams will be required to stand "away" from their own teammates throughout the rest of that entire match. "Away" means at opposite sides of the table. Don't let it come to this... obviously, this would take a lot of fun out of the event for you and your teammate.
12. If your team makes it to the TOP 4 teams today, you progress to the local 9-Ball Doubles Finals here at the Coconut Bowl on April 17. 9-Ball Doubles on April 17th starts at 4pm. That event will include the TOP 4 teams from April 10 and April 11 (so 8 teams total). Every team who makes it to April 17th is "in the money." Prize money will include 100% payback of all entry fees PLUS \$500 added by the League Office. The FIRST PLACE team will get the majority of prize money to fund their trip to Las Vegas. That money will be given to that first place team when the team arrives in Vegas.
13. The winning team on April 17th progresses to Vegas to compete in the National APA 9-Ball Doubles Championship. The national event takes place on August 5-6.
14. Plaques awarded today to top 2 teams on April 17th.
15. No earphones.
16. Face coverings required. #playsafe
17. Skill level used today is your highest 9-Ball skill level in the past 10 matches (as of the day we ran the report – approximately 1 week prior to August 10).

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