



## APA Policy: League Play at Coconut Bowl\*\*

### **POOL BALLS OFF THE TABLE AT 10PM.**

Any match incomplete at that point will result in ZERO points for either team for that particular unfinished match.

**For this reason, play MUST move to 2 tables by 7:15pm.**

**What if our opponents agree with us to continue playing at 10pm if we only have one rack - or even just a few balls - remaining?** NO, teams cannot make exceptions for themselves or others regarding this rule... NO exceptions. Pool balls off the table at 10pm.

**Who enforces this?** Just like all league rules, team members are responsible for following and adhering to the rules of the league. If the League Office finds out that any team breaks this rule for any reason, those teams will be subject to losing ALL points for the night (rather than just losing points for the incomplete match). Choosing to ignore this policy is not acceptable.

**If we can find a Coconut Bowl staff member who will let us play later than 10pm, isn't that ok?**

No. This is an APA rule, not a Coconut Bowl rule, so asking Coconut Bowl staff for an exception is inappropriate.

Once 10pm rolls around, as long as Coconut Bowl is okay with it, you can take time to sign paperwork, pick up your things, say goodbye to your teammates, etc. - BUT - **the GAME MUST STOP AT 10PM – no exceptions.**

**TURN OVER – THIS IS A 2 PAGE FLIER!**

### **What if we can't finish by 10pm?**

If you aren't finishing by 10pm, there are players on at least one team (likely both teams) who are playing way too slow—plain and simple. The fact that Coconut Bowl allows teams to play on TWO tables for every match means that you have 5-8 hours of felt time to finish what should be no longer than a 4-hour match.

*If you can't finish by 10pm, BOTH teams forfeit any incomplete matches. Full \$50 is still due.* This is clearly a situation we all want to avoid. If you realize your matches are taking particularly long during any given night, do whatever it takes to get things moving along (example: don't play your slow players on those nights, move to 3 tables if needed during that last hour, etc.).

### **There is a player on my team who consistently takes more than one hour to finish his/her match? What should I do?**

Make your player aware of it. One effective way to do this is to write down the start and stop times of ALL of your players next to the match on the scoresheet. Do this for 4-5 weeks. If the same player takes more than about 45-50 minutes on a normal basis, there's a problem! Talk to your player about speeding up his/her pace of play. Most times, once the player realizes that he/she is significantly slower than everyone else, the behavior will change.

Remember, Coconut Bowl allows teams to play on TWO tables for every match. **Most players see this as a huge benefit of playing here. Many league-players have jobs where they have to wake up very early in the morning, so earlier-out times are part of the reason they LOVE playing at Coconut Bowl.**



**SLOW PLAY ISN'T GOOD FOR ANYONE. THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR HELPING KEEPING LEAGUE PLAY MOVING ALONG AND FUN FOR EVERYONE.**

**Questions? Call the League Office at 775-443-8844.**