

“Jack & Jill” Tournament Rules

1. **Thanks for coming today! Have fun! 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/World 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 at the tournament to make sure you appear somewhere on the board.** Table numbers will appear on the bracket board, circled in color. Start times for each match are posted on the board. Match must start at posted start time. **Forfeits will be called if a team is 5 minutes late.** We will NOT come find you or call you when you’re up... it’s your responsibility to be there on time by reading the tournament board.
4. 2-person teams. One male & one female. Maximum combined current SL of 10 (using your current skill level – current referring to the day we ran the report, which was one week ago). 8-Ball only today. All participating players must be on an active 8-Ball roster. The skill level we use today to calculate your combined skill level is your highest in the last 10 matches. If you see an “11” in the tournament today, their current skill level is actually 10, but we are making them play as 11 because one of them had a higher skill level within the last 10 matches.
5. At the beginning of the match, one player from each team must lag 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. For the majority of the tournament today, we will be playing “Fast 8.” Think of this as “qualifying” to get into the “Top 8” teams in tournament. Starting with those Top 8, play will resume as normal 8-Ball. “Fast 8” is basically the same thing as regular 8-Ball, except for that you use a 9-Ball rack... that is, only 9 balls (4 solids, 4 stripes, and the 8-Ball are racked). A few related notes...
 - A. Just as in normal APA 8-Ball, when you break you can hit either the front ball of the 2nd ball. You do NOT have to hit the front ball first, like you do in 9-Ball.
 - B. Making the 8-on-the-break is NOT a win. Instead, if you make the 8-on-the-break, immediately spot it on the foot-spot. Your team gets to keep shooting, but it’s your partners turn to shoot after you make the 8-on-the-break. Related, if you make the 8 on the Break and scratch, it’s not a loss. Instead, spot the ball – opponent’s turn – ball behind the head string.

- C. If you scratch on the break, it's now your opponents turn. He or she must shoot from "the kitchen" (behind the head string).
- D. Just like in regular 8-Ball, you must mark the pocket when shooting at the 8-Ball.
- E. Scratch on the 8 is loss of game (just like regular 8 Ball).
- F. If any object ball is knocked off the table, it should be placed on the footspot immediately. It's NOT a foul.
- G. Once we get to the Top 8 teams, we will be switching back to the traditional 8-ball format where all 15 balls are racked. At that point, all regular 8-Ball rules apply (just like regular league night).

8. **Use the score-sheet provided at the registration table. This is the same scoresheet used at the national event, so this is great practice for the winners 😊.** Note the "Games Must Win" chart on the bottom of the scoresheet. **CIRCLE THE WINNER!!!** We only need ONE scoresheet per match.
9. One total time-out per team per rack.
10. **No patches today.**
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. First place team today qualifies to compete in the 2025 Jack and Jill Championship to be held in Las Vegas at Westgate Resort & Casino in May 2025. Payouts to top 8 teams will be outlined by the tournament board shortly after the tournament starts. Total purse for the event = 100% of the entry money plus \$500 added. 1st – 4th place teams get plaques.
13. Both players must have twenty (20) 8-Ball scores between 3/1/23 and 3/1/25. In addition, both players must have ten (10) lifetime 8-Ball matches played before 11/2/24.
14. No earphones.

THANKS TO COCONUT BOWL FOR AGREEING TO HOST OUR TOURNAMENT! NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS OF ANY KIND PERMITTED ANYWHERE ON THE PREMISES. HAVE A GREAT TIME TODAY, AND THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING! 😊 😊 😊