

DATE: November 3, 2025
TO: Northern Nevada APA Community
FROM: Seth & Heather Allison, League Operators, Northern NV APA
RE: Changes to the MVP Program

Effective with the Spring (January – April) 2026 session, we will be implementing changes/enhancements to our current Northern NV APA MVP Program.

Currently, the top 3 placing players in each tier in each division are recognized as our “MVP-tournament-qualified” players. Those players are all invited to participate in an optional MVP tournament. This tournament occurs at the end of each session. In addition, the #1 placing player in each tier in each division receives an individualized plaque.

Starting at the end of the Spring session (that is, in April 2026), we will no longer be offering an MVP tournament.

Instead of being invited to play in an MVP tournament, all players who would have qualified for that tournament (that is the **TOP 3** players in each tier in each division each session) will receive a nice quality personalized award (with the 1st place award being a glass plaque). Awards for the **Top 3** players in each tier will include the individual player’s name, session/year, and finishing place.

Why are we removing this tournament?

- As the league has grown, even a 40-50% sign up rate for this MVP Tournament is not feasible at our current locations, unless we resort to significant reductions in “Games Must Win” and/or unless we change the format to Single Elimination. We feel these changes would significantly diminish the quality of the tournament.
- By eliminating this tournament, we will have room/time to add other more popular tournaments that can accommodate a much larger percentage of our league community.

Tournaments we plan to add in lieu of the MVP tournament over the next year include:

- More local singles qualifiers, run at *multiple* different APA host locations.
 - We know the demand to get qualified for Regionals - and ultimately hopefully for the APA Poolplayer Championships in Las Vegas - is growing. Running more local singles qualifiers will lead to more Northern Nevada players qualifying for those prestigious events!
- The player-favorite High/Low Doubles Tournament.
 - In the “High” tier, teams with up to a combined SL of 13 can compete together. In the “Low” tier, competing teams must be a combined SL8 or less maximum.
- A new annual Blind Draw Scotch Doubles tournament.

- In this event, you will sign up as an individual - and then be paired with a partner (via a random in-person draw) upon arrival to the event.

In summary, enhancements you will see with these changes include:

- Individualized awards for Top 3 players in each tier in each division (instead of only the Top 1 in each tier, as has been the case up until now).
- More player-favorite tournaments that are open to the entire league community.
- More opportunities to qualify for Singles Regionals.

To clarify, these changes to the current MVP Program do NOT impact players who qualified for MVP this fall 2025 session (end of December). Those players will in fact still be invited to participate in a March 2026 MVP tournament. Again, these changes go into effect in the Spring (January-April) session.

You'll see the new/additional tournaments added to the League Calendar throughout 2026. Make sure we have your up-to-date email address to ensure you get timely tournament announcements.

Questions? Feel free to contact Heather at 775-443-8844 or Seth at 775-276-1213.

Happy Shootin'!