

# MVP 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 tournaments. This format ensures that every person gets to PLAY at least 2 times (but not necessarily lose twice). See tournament board for details.
3. Use the bracket board to see who, where and when you play next. **It is *your responsibility* to check the board when you arrive at tournament to make sure you appear on the board. Over 5 minutes late for any match = forfeit. This tournament is an “on call” tournament – no pre-set start times. With that said, we will still be using letters of the alphabet to inform regarding which sets of players play next. For example, A’s play before B’s, and B’s play before C’s.**
4. Play starts with lag to see who gets to break. All league rules apply. Winner of lag gets to choose whether the first rack will be 8-Ball or 9-Ball. From there, change formats every-other-rack. Continue this until one of the players reaches his or her “Games Must Win.” See the tournament board for the “Games Must Win” race charts.
5. In 9-Ball, making the 9-Ball is a win (no ball counting necessary).
6. Special HLT patches today for 4 categories only – HLT 8 on the Break, HLT, 8 Break & Run, HLT 9 on the Snap, and HLT 9 Break and Run.
7. Use the score-sheets provided at the registration table. CIRCLE the winner. Only one scoresheet is needed – share with your opponent.
8. No time outs. This is an individual event – not a team event.
9. NO head phones.
10. PACE OF PLAY is important. Slow play not ok. If your opponent is shooting slow, please let us know. Average shot should take no more than 20 seconds.
11. Players today are competing with their highest 8-Ball skill level in the past 10 matches – as of the day we ran the report for this tournament, which was about two weeks ago. Players who do not have 8-Ball scores, or who haven’t played 8-Ball in over one full year, or who have less than 6 lifetime matches in 8-ball --- will use their 9-Ball skill levels – again, highest in the past 10 matches. The League Office reserves the right to make decisions about which skill levels will be used in extenuating circumstances.
12. \$15 entry fee. 100% payback of that entry fee **PLUS \$1,500.00 added to total purse.**

**THANKS TO COACH’S FOR AGREEING TO HOST OUR TOURNAMENT! WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE EXCELLENT SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE STAFF!!!**