

## Northern Nevada APA: Playoff Structure

### *Divisions with Less Than 8 Teams:*

In divisions with less than 8 teams, points are calculated at the end of the session to determine seeding of Playoffs. (Unlike is the case with larger divisions—see below—there is not an automatic points winner in these smaller divisions). Teams are seeded according to their total points earned, with the highest seeded team going into Playoffs with the greatest advantage. The highest seeded team (that is, the team with the most points) is paired up against the Wild Card Team\* during week 1 of Playoffs. Simultaneously, the team with the second highest points is paired up against the team with the third highest points during that 1st week. Then, the two teams who win that first week progress to the final week of Playoffs. The team who wins during the final week of Playoffs is designated as “Division Winner” and gets a spot in the Northern Nevada APA Championships (formerly called LTC’s)\*\*, along with a large banner to hang in their home location. (Both first and second place Playoff teams get trophies).

### *Divisions with 8-11 Teams (“byes” are not included in team counts):*

In divisions with 8-11 teams, points are calculated at the end of the session to determine seeding of Playoffs. The team with the most points is designated as the Division Champion and is exempt from Playoffs; they get an automatic spot in the Northern Nevada APA Championships (formerly called LTC’s)\*\*, along with a large banner to hang in their home location. The remaining teams are seeded for Playoffs. The highest (remaining) seeded team (that is, the team with the most points excluding the Division Champions) is paired up against the Wild Card Team\* during week 1 of Playoffs. Simultaneously, the team with the second highest points is paired up against the team with the third highest points during that 1st week. Then, the two teams that win that first week progress to the final week of Playoffs. The team who wins the final week of Playoffs gets a spot in the Northern Nevada APA Championships (formerly called LTC’s)\*\*, along with trophies.

### *Divisions with 12 or more Teams (“byes” are not included in team counts):*

In divisions with 12 or more teams, points are calculated at the end of the session to determine seeding of Playoffs. The team with the most points is designated as the Division Champion and is exempt from Playoffs; they get an automatic spot in the Northern Nevada APA Championships (formerly called LTC’s)\*\*, along with a large banner to hang in their home location. The remaining teams are seeded for Playoffs. The highest (remaining) seeded team (that is, the team with the most points excluding the Division Champions) is paired up against the Wild Card Team\* during week 1 of Playoffs. Simultaneously, the team with the second highest points is paired up against the team with the third highest points during that 1st week. Then, the two teams that win that first week progress to the final week of Playoffs. The team who wins Playoffs gets a spot in the Northern Nevada APA Championships (formerly called LTC’s)\*\*, along with trophies. The 2nd place team also gets trophies.

\* Wildcard Teams are selected in a random drawing. All teams who are up-to-date with weekly dues and in good standing are eligible for the Wildcard Draw. Every team—right up until the end— has a chance to make it to Playoffs! (Note: Teams do NOT have to be present to win the Wildcard Draw, but they are always invited to attend.)

\*\* The Northern Nevada APA Championships (formerly called LTC’s) is the largest team event of the year. Top (qualified) teams compete in this prestigious event, with the hopes of earning a spot in **World Pool Championships**. This is the BIG ONE—the “Super Bowl” of APA league play. For more information about Playoffs and the Northern Nevada APA Championships, visit the website at <http://NorthernNevada.apaleagues.com> and click on “Playoffs and Beyond” in the left margin. For more information about the World Pool Championships, visit <http://poolplayers.com/wpc/>. Questions? Call 775-443-8844.