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Local Rules Section 1 - Players

1-1. Residence

All members of the Villages BCA Pool League must be a resident of The Villages.

1-2. National Membership

All members of the Villages BCA Pool League must be members of the national BCA Pool League

Local Rules Section 2 - Teams

2-1. Number of Players

Each team shall consist of a minimum of three and no more than six active players. Players that appear on the weekly roster because they were used as a substitute player shall not be counted when determining the number of active players on the team roster.

2-2. Player Assignment

Players are assigned to a team when they join the league.

2-2.1 Player Request

Any player that is new to the league may request to be placed on an existing team. A group of players new to the league may request to be placed on the same team.

2-2.2 Team Request

A team captain may request that a player that is new to the league be place on that captain's team.

2-2.3 League Operator Assignment

Players new to the league that are not assigned by either of the two preceding methods will be assigned to a team by the League Operator.

Any player that is new to the league may join an existing team or an existing team may request that a player new to the league be placed on their team. A player remains on the team to which the player is initially assigned each successive season. A player can request to be reassigned to play on a different team for the next subsequent season.

The player can make the request to his current team captain or to the League Operator. The League Operator will review these requests to insure that the neither the teams nor the league will be adversely effected by the change in assignment.

2-3. Length of Assignment

A player remains on the team to which the player is originally assigned for each successive season that the team exists unless one of the following occurs:

2-3.1 Player Quits

A player is no longer considered on the active roster if the player quits.

2-3.2 Team Disbands

A player becomes a free agent if the team disbands. The League Operator must be notified that the team is disbanding and which players wish to remain in the league.

2-3.3 Player Requests Reassignment

A player can request to be reassigned to play on a different team for the next subsequent season. The player can make the request to his current team captain or to the League Operator. The League Operator will review these requests to insure that the neither the teams nor the league will be adversely effected by the change in assignment.

2-3.4 Captain Requests a Player Transfer

A team captain can request the transfer of a player currently on the roster of another team to that captain's roster (See Player Transactions below)

2-4. Player Transactions

Player transactions may also be initiated by a team captain. A team captain that would like to acquire a player from another team in the league must first request permission of the desired player's current captain to invite the player to play on the new team. If the player's current captain refuses to allow the new captain to discuss the matter with the player then the new captain can request the same permission from the League Operator. The League Operator will consider the proposed transaction and consider any and all adverse effects on the player, the teams, and the league. The decision of

the League Operator will be final.

2-5. Tampering

Team captains should not tamper with the roster of any other team in the league by inviting any player to switch teams. All transactions will take effect no earlier than the next subsequent season and should be proposed in time to allow the effected team to find a suitable replacement player.

Local Rules Section 3 - Expense

3-1. Annual BCA National Fee

BCA Pool League annual membership dues are only $15 per year. Each league "year" starts June 1 and ends May 31. A league membership allows you to enjoy all the benefits of league play, including the opportunity to qualify for local, state, regional, and national tournaments.

3-2. Prize fund

Currently, there is a fee of $10 for the prize fund. The fee covers the expense of the awards party dinner for the member. If a member plays in more than one division there is only one $10 fee. If the member wishes to bring a guest to the dinner an additional $10 fee will be assessed

Local Rules Section 4 - Play

4-1. Day and Time

The 9-Ball division plays every Wednesday evening. The start of play is at 6:00 PM. Players should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of play

4-2. Location

Two recreation centers are currently used: Hibiscus and Odell.

4-3. Beginning a match

Prior to beginning play of the first game of a four-game match the opponents will lag or flip a coin to determine which player breaks to begin the first game. For subsequent

games in the match between those players the break will alternate between the two players.

4-4. Late Arrival

Occasionally, a player may be late in arriving. If this does happen you should make every attempt to play all of the scheduled games for that player.

4-5. 9-Ball Called Shot

Except for the opening break shot, in order for the 9-ball to be legally pocketed the shooter shall designate the called pocket before shooting. You should designate the 9-ball and the called pocket before attempting to pocket the 9-ball. You may make the designation verbally or by a clear, unambiguous gesture. You are not required to call the 9-ball on an obvious shot. You are not required to indicate incidental kisses and caroms, or incidental cushion contacts that do not constitute bank shots or kick shots. Not all kisses, caroms and cushion contacts are incidental. If a dispute arises as to whether a shot was obvious based on such contact, the referee is the sole judge.

An obvious shot is a shot in which the non-shooting player has no doubt as to, or does not question, the called ball and the called pocket. The following types of shots are exceptions and are defined as being "not obvious":

a. Anytime that the 9-ball is not the lowest ball on the table

b. Bank shots

c. Kick shots

d. Combination shots

e. Shots that include, caroms, kisses, or cushion contacts that are not incidental

f. Any shot judged as not obvious by the referee

If the 9-ball is pocketed in a different pocket, it is spotted. If you legally pocket any other ball, but do not legally pocket the 9-ball, the other ball or balls remain down and if you did not commit a foul your turn continues.

4-6. Handicap

The 9-Ball division plays with a 50% handicap as provided by the Leaguesys scoring

system.

4-6.1 The handicap is derived by subtracting a player's losses from the player's wins and dividing by the number of games played.

4-6.2 A player's handicap will be in the range of -15 to +15

4-6.3 When a new player begins play in the division, the result of computing the handicap as detailed above will be used for the first night's play.

Local Rules Section 5 - Captain's Responsibilities

5-1. Schedule

It is the responsibility of the team captain to make sure that the players on the team are aware of the schedule with concern for location, date, and time.

5-2. Substitutes

Each captain should make it clear to his players that it is essential to obtain a substitute player when the player must be absent for a given match. The captain can look for a suitable substitute or have the player find the substitute. Any player that is currently a member of the BCA Pool League can be used as a substitute. Players that are not current ly a member of the BCA Pool League are not eligible to be used as a substitute and will not have their scores entered if used.

5-3. Submit Team Roster

Prior to the start of each season it is the responsibility of the team captain to submit a team roster sheet (available on the Links page of the website) along with the associated fees. The captain should collect the fees from his returning members prior to the awards party and arrive early at the awards party to pay for the team. The captain should indicate which players have paid their local prize fund fee, their national BCA membership fee, and which members are already currently paid national BCA members

5-4. Score Sheet

It is the responsibility of the home team captain to provide a score sheet for the match. The score sheets are available on the website: http://thevillagesbca.com. The visiting captain should bring a score sheet as well, just in case the home team forgets to bring one.

Local Rules Section 6 - Score Keeping

6-1. Order of teams

The home team players should be listed on the left side of the score sheet. The visiting team players are listed on the right side of the score sheet.

6-2. Order of players

The home team captain will list their players on the score sheet and then allow the visiting team captain to list the visiting players on the score sheet.

6-3. Scoring each game

Care must be taken when entering scores to ensure that the scores are entered properly in the boxes for the proper players. Games are entered from top to bottom for each player. Make certain that the score is entered for the proper players. The opposing players are indicated below the scoring lines in each box.

6-4. Indication of a win or loss

For each game a win is indicated on the score sheet with a numeral 1. A loss is indicated on the score sheet as a numeral 0.

6-5. Indication of 9-ball on the break

If a player wins a game by pocketing the 9-ball on the break shot it is indicated by placing a circle around the numeral ①.

Local Rules Section 7 - Sportsmanship

When playing any of the billiard sports good sportsmanship is a must. Players should exercise good sportsmanship at all times. This includes notifying your opponent of any fouls or rules violations that you have committed and notifying your opponent that he has ball in hand. League play is governed by the BCA Pool League Rules.