

*Important Changes to the 2006 Edition of the*  
**APA OFFICIAL TEAM MANUAL**

Please note the following significant changes or modifications described in the new edition of APA's *Official Team Manual* (the page numbers listed are from the 2004 version for easier reference):

<b>Page</b>	<b>Paragraph Title</b>	<b>Revised – Added – Deleted - Clarified</b>
<b>8</b>	The League Structure  <b>The APA</b>	<b>Revised:</b> The APA was founded by two touring professionals, Terry Bell and Larry Hubbart. Their goal was to organize the sport of pool on the amateur level and to encourage the growth of the game. Since its inception in 1979 the APA has become recognized as <i>The Governing Body of Amateur Pool</i> . Most importantly, thanks to you, the League is <b>over a quarter million</b> members strong and still growing.
<b>14</b>	<b>Other Formats</b>	<b>Revised:</b> In addition to the basic 8-Ball and 9-Ball team formats, the APA sanctions other formats such as Junior Divisions, Super Divisions, 3-Person Team Divisions and Masters Divisions. Check with your Local League Office for information on the availability of these other formats in your area.
<b>19</b>	Age Requirements	<b>Revised:</b> You must be at least <b>18 years of age</b> to participate. Some League areas may be restricted to <b>21 years of age</b> as State and Local Laws require. Check your Local League by laws for age requirements in your APA area. Teams playing underage players may face penalties. Exception: Junior League, if available, have no minimum age restriction except where local ordinances apply.
<b>25</b>	General Rules  <b>Coaching – a.</b>	<b>Revised:</b> Any member of the team can be the coach. The coach does not have to be designated until a time-out is called, and a different coach can be designated for each time-out.
<b>26</b>	General Rules  <b>Coaching – c.</b>	<b>Revised:</b> Any member of the shooting team may call for a time-out. In order to avoid confusion, say it loudly and clearly enough for all to hear.
<b>26</b>	General Rules  <b>Coaching – e.</b>	<b>Revised:</b> During his turn at the table, the shooter may discuss strategy only with the coach designated for that time-out. A shooter receiving advice regarding game strategy from a fellow player, besides his designated coach, has committed a foul. A coach may get a group consensus from the other players on his team and pass it on to the shooter, but only the designated coach may pass it on.
<b>40</b>	General Rules  <b>33. Equipment</b>	<b>Added:</b> Any piece of equipment not covered by this rule and in question will be ruled upon by APA. Cues with moveable parts will generally not be allowed.
<b>41</b>	General Rules  <b>Rules are Subject to Change</b>	<b>Added:</b> APA also reserves the right to make exceptions to rules in order to promote fairness.
<b>47</b>	8-Ball Game Rules  <b>4. After the Break – g</b>	<b>Added:</b> Once a player makes legal contact with the 8-ball, the player assumes control of that category of wrongly pocketed balls and can win the game by pocketing the 8-ball.
<b>52</b>	8-Ball Game Rules  <b>11. How to Win</b>	<b>Revised:</b> (to avoid confusion, we do not recommend marking the pocket with chalk)

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<b>57</b>	How to Keep Score in 8-Ball  <b>3. The Innings and Time Outs Section</b>	<b>Revised:</b> An inning in pool is a completed cycle that gives both players a turn at the table. The player who won the lag is listed first and is the top half of the inning throughout the match. The player who lost the lag is the bottom half of the inning throughout the match. <b>An inning is not over and, therefore, not marked until the player who lost the lag misses or fouls.</b>
<b>57</b>	How to Keep Score in 8-Ball  <b>3. The Innings and Time Outs Section</b> <b>a. The Games Blocks</b>	<b>Added:</b> Mark early 8's (E8), 8-ball scratch (8S), 8-on-the-Break (8OB) and break & runs (BR) on your scoresheet within the game box it was made.
<b>58</b>	How to Keep Score in 8-Ball  <b>4. 8-On-The-Break and 8 Break &amp; Run Blocks</b>	<b>Revised:</b> Use the appropriate block to mark the total 8-balls pocketed on the break (8-Break) and the total of all break and runs (8-B & Run) for each player.
<b>61</b>	Other 8-Ball Formats Now titled Other APA Formats	<b>Moved entire section – it is now section 7 (switched with The 9-Ball League)</b>
<b>61</b>	Other APA Formats	<b>Revised:</b> In addition to the standard adult 8-Ball League, the APA sanctions other 8-Ball formats such as Junior Divisions, Super Divisions, 3-Person Team Divisions and Masters Divisions. These other formats may or may not be available in your area. The other APA formats are as follows.
<b>62</b>	Other APA Formats  <b>Junior Divisions</b> <b>d. 1</b>	<b>Added:</b> Exception: League areas that are restricted to 21 for standard adult Leagues may set the age limit to 20 in Junior Divisions. Check your Local League bylaws for age requirements in your APA area.
<b>64</b>	Other APA Formats	<b>Added:</b> 4. Masters Divisions
<b>65</b>	The 9-Ball League	<b>Moved entire section – it is now section 6 (switched with Other APA Formats)</b>
<b>70</b>	The 9-Ball League  <b>10. Fouls</b>	<b>Added:</b> In the unlikely event that a game should ever become <b>stalemated</b> , meaning that neither player wants or can make use of ball-in-hand, the game shall end but the points earned stand. The innings and defensive shots remain; all remaining balls on the table become dead balls. The player who broke in the <b>stalemated</b> game will break in the new game.
<b>80</b>	Conduct During League Play  <b>3. Follow Up Actions</b>	<b>Added:</b> Once a player is suspended that player will not have the privilege to coach their team, keep score or put up players, until their suspension has been lifted. Breaking this rule may result in a much lengthier suspension.

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<b>84</b>	Tournament Information & Rules  <b>5. Your Team Must Maintain Active Status</b>	<b>Revised:</b> Every eligible team must play the Spring Session to retain eligibility. If your team qualified in the summer, then you must sign up again and play both the Fall and Spring Sessions in the League area in which you qualified. A team that qualifies in the fall must continue on and play in the spring in the League area in which they qualified.
<b>86</b>	Tournament Information & Rules  <b>13. Skill Levels Updated</b>	<b>Revised:</b> Individual skill levels may be adjusted by standard updating, by tournament committee judgments, or by the APA prior to and during all levels of Higher Level Tournament play.
<b>95</b>	Definitions  Inning	<b>Revised:</b> A completed cycle that gives both players a turn at the table.
<b>97</b>	Definitions  Push-Out	<b>Modified to include reference to Masters format</b>
<b>97</b>	Definitions  Push Shots	<b>Removed: “nearly frozen”</b>
<b>105</b>	Previous Event Winners	<b>Modified to include 2004 and 2005 winners lists.</b>
<b>106</b>	Index	<b>Revised:</b> page numbers modified based on all above changes to the Manual.

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