



**OFFICIAL RULES BOOKLET
2025**

Please Keep This Booklet at Section:

-APA RULES for 8 BALL:

The Rule Book is available on our Facebook Page. Also you can download it here:

<http://media.poolplayers.com/TMRB/Rules-Booklet-English.pdf>

It is the responsibility of each team to know the rules. Rule books will be available at the tournament as well! Here are some general rules:

Some random rules by section (SEE FULL APA RULE BOOK FOR MORE DETAILS!!):

1: Lagging: Players Lag at same time to see who wins the break. Ball closest to rail wins. Ball must hit a rail.

2: Racking: Racked by non-breaking player. 8-Ball in center. Additional balls placed in any order.

3: Breaking: Player must break from behind the head string. The head ball or the second row of balls must be struck first.

4: See Section 4 of rule book for scratching on a break, 8 ball pocketed on break, and pocketed balls on break.

5: See section 5 of rule book for shooting wrong balls.

6: See section 6 of rule book for combination shots.

10: Close hits: Please read this full section before playing. See section 10 of the rule book on close hits.

15: Fouls: APA Rules play Ball-in-Hand. Must hit a rail or pocket a ball after contact. See section 15 of the rule book for more information.

16: Winning the game: Players MUST properly mark the pocket for 8-ball shots. You may not play the 8-ball at the same time you play the last ball of your category. The 8-ball must be pocketed through a separate shot. If you pocket the 8-ball at the same time you pocket the last ball of your category, you lose the game.

16: Marking the Pocket: The APA rule book is vague on what objects can and can't be used to mark shots or pockets. Marking the pocket with chalk is not recommended. Also the Venue would prefer that players do not use currency to mark a shot or pocket. You MUST properly mark the pocket for 8 ball shots. If any player needs a proper marker, please see Chris prior to play.

AGAIN, SEE FULL APA RULE BOOK FOR MORE DETAILS!!

-TOURNAMENT RULES:

1: Tournament is open to any MA Elk in good standing. Elks in good standing can represent a Lodge that is not their own Lodge, as long as they are a MA Elk. Any player found to not be a MA Elk in good standing causes the entire team to forfeit further play. Any monies paid will not be reimbursed.

2: Any player who is removed by the Venue for misbehavior causes the entire team to forfeit further play. Any monies paid will not be reimbursed.

3: Once tournament play starts, no team may switch out players already registered under such team. If this happens, this causes the entire team to forfeit further play. Any monies paid will not be reimbursed.

4: Any team registered and paid by the date of Printing the Tournament Bracket (usually mid-February,) regardless if a full 3 Player Team has yet to be determined, such team will forfeit all monies paid if team is not able to participate in the tournament for any reason. In other words, once the bracket has been sent to print, any monies paid will not be reimbursed.

5: Any team that has registered who fails to show up by 9:00am with complete team causes the entire team to forfeit further play. Any monies paid will not be reimbursed.

6: Once it is a team's turn to play, if not all 3 team members are present by a reasonable amount of time, this causes the entire team to forfeit further play. Any monies paid will not be reimbursed.

7: If any team is not fully paid by the start of tournament play, this causes the entire team to forfeit further play. Any monies paid will not be reimbursed.

8: All "Staff" of the MA Elks State Pool Tournament are VOLUNTEERS! Please treat every volunteer, player, and bar staff with respect. Also, please be aware that as the day moves on, we will be sharing the venue with outside patrons. Please be respectful to them as well. They will be made aware by the venue that there are important matches being conducted. If you have any issues, please see Chris Melanson or the Bar's Manager.

-MATCHES:

9: During each round, there will be a total of 9 Matches available to play. Whichever team reaches 5 wins first is declared the winner of that round. Once 5 wins has been completed by a team, there is no need to continue playing.

10: Before each round, a player 1, 2 & 3 shall be determined by each individual team. Score sheet will determine who plays who during each match. No player shall play an opposing team's player twice during each round!

11: PLEASE!!! When your matches / round has completed, please return the score sheet to the front table!!! PLEASE!!!

12: Only one scoresheet will be given for each round. It is the responsibility of the playing teams to determine who fills out the scoresheets (see scoresheet example on the MA Elks State Pool Tournament Facebook Page.)

13: Any damage to property of the venue or of another party is the responsibility of the player or guest or team who caused the damage. The MA Elks Association holds no responsibility or liability.

14: It is the individual player's responsibility for safe transportation to and from the venue.

-Other Important Information!

The venue does not serve food. A lunch will be served to the players, while supplies last, courtesy of the Tournament. If desired, there are also many fine restaurants in the area. During the tournament, see CHRIS MELANSON on timeframes for your play. The longer you're in the tournament, the longer your day will be! You will have time to leave the venue to rest, grab a bite to eat, or a coffee, but please just confirm with Chris first on when you'll need to be back. We will conduct raffles at this tournament. We appreciate your participation in the raffles!

-50/50 Raffle Tickets: 3 Tickets for \$5.00 or 10 Tickets for \$10.00

-Pools & Cues & Spas, Too Raffle. Winner has a choice of 1) a \$300 Pools & Cues & Spas, Too Gift Certificate OR 2) a Cue & Case valued at \$300. Tickets: 3 Tickets for \$5.00 or 10 Tickets for \$10.00.

CALL IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OR WITH QUESTIONS: Chris Melanson 508-962-2475.