

# Playoff Rules (2021-2022)

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Playoff matches will be played over the course of two nights. Only officially registered team captains are permitted to schedule playoff matches. If both registered team captains agree on a schedule, the matches may be played on any two nights. However, if no scheduling consensus can be reached, matches must be played on either Tuesday & Wednesday nights or Wednesday or Thursday nights. We ask that the registered team captains work it out amicably. Once matches are scheduled and the match has begun, no schedule changes are permitted.

Playoffs are a race to 20 wins (best of 39 games). Even though play will be over the course of two nights, it is one continuous match. Players in the last two racks of the first night must still sit out two games before being eligible to shoot again. This applies even if one or both of the next two games take place on the second night. For example, games 19 and 20 are played on the first night. Players in game 19 must sit out game 20 on the first night and game 21 on the second night while players in game 20 on the first night must sit out games 21 and 22 on the second night. Teams **MUST** play on the table used throughout the season. An exception is allowed if the table is being used by another team or league.

A minimum of seven players is needed to play a legal match. Teams may play with six players, but must forfeit every 4<sup>th</sup> game until the 7<sup>th</sup> player plays; teams with five players must forfeit every 3<sup>rd</sup> game; teams with four players must forfeit two games every second game. No team may play with fewer than four players. Additionally, no player can shoot more than a maximum of six games per night (a total maximum of 12 for the entire match.) The 7<sup>th</sup> player must play a minimum of three games per night (a minimum of six games overall) for a team's lineup to be considered legal.

The moving of any ball during the normal stroke of a shooter's turn, whether by touch, clothing, stick, or bridge, etc. constitutes a foul and a loss of shot. The opposing team will then take possession of the shot.

No ball may be shot at after any scratch unless the object ball is entirely over the foul line; likewise, the cue ball must be entirely behind the foul line.

Please be considerate of time. Please keep "time outs" to a minimum. No more than three players are allowed at the table at any given time. Do not tag other members of your team in for the time out.

During playoffs, League Board Members (if present) will have the authority to eject any league member for any disruptions, disturbances, rule violations, or other behavior that is deemed unsportsmanlike or that interferes with match play. Future penalties, if deemed necessary and appropriate, will be discussed with league captains prior to the start of the new season. Any member causing a disturbance with the league or other members may be voted out of the league by his fellow league members. Any team member who continually causes disturbances against his or any other team will be ejected from the league. These disturbances may include, but are not limited to: abusive language, threats, heckling the shooter, continual harassment, or any such behavior unbecoming of the rules of sportsmanship and fair play. Heckling a shooter could result in a loss of current rack of game play for the violating team. This rule also applies to bystanders associated with either team. The captain of the home team is responsible for ensuring that spectators adhere to all applicable rules regarding appropriate behavior.