

# C&M POOL LEAGUE RULES

**OCT. 2017**

All play is governed by the Valley National 8 Ball League Association (VNEA) Official Rules of Play. C&M rules will supercede VNEA rules where the same issues are addressed. Each team Captain will receive the VNEA 2017-2018 rules booklet.

1. **THE TEAM ROSTER** will consist of 5 regular members and up to 8 substitutes. Players must be 21 years of age to participate.
2. **THE STARTING TIME** for the match will be 7:30 p.m. Lineups will be filled out and play will begin at this time. Teams are allowed a 15 minute grace period. If the opposing team has less than 3 members present at 7:45 the match will be forfeited. The grace period is not to be used for additional practice time.
3. **THE COST OF PLAYING** pool league will be \$5.00 per person per night plus the quarters for the Pool games. Each player plays 4 games – each player will be responsible for paying the quarters for 2 games.
4. **SANCTIONING.** Players must be members of the VNEA to participate in the pool league. The VNEA sanction year runs from June to May of each year. VNEA sanction fees are \$11.00 per year. Applications are to be filled out and sanction fees paid the first night of league. Substitutes must sanction on their 3<sup>rd</sup> night of play. If the substitute does not pay the sanction fee on his 3<sup>rd</sup> night of play, it will be deducted from your league fees. All players must be sanctioned and sanction fees not paid will be taken out of prize payouts at the end of the season.
5. **TEAM CAPTAINS** are responsible for checking the standings sheet weekly and notifying their Team members of any pertinent information. Any team location or scheduling changes will be listed on the standings weekly. The standings will be mailed or emailed to Team Captains. Weekly standings will also be listed on our website forum. Team Captains are responsible for verifying the league fees and the wins and losses on the standings weekly. Any corrections should be brought to the attention of the League Secretary immediately. Changes will not be made to a match or league fees associated with that match after the match is two weeks old. Team Captains are responsible for checking their rosters and notifying the league secretary of any incorrect players or misspelled names.
6. **TEAM MONIES** are to be collected by the Team Captain, put in the envelope and placed in the slot on the side of the dart machine in the location you are playing at. Use your own envelope. If both teams use the same envelope and the money is short, the money received will be split between the two teams. Any team not paying league fees will forfeit all wins for the match. Checks will be accepted made payable to C&M Pool League. Any returned checks are subject to a \$20.00 service charge. The check amount and service charge will be deducted from your league fees.

**THE POOL MATCH** will consist of 20 games, which will equate to 5 possible team wins. Each team will play 4 rounds of 5 games. A team win will be awarded for each round with an additional win awarded for the highest overall total. Each player plays 4 games following the game rotation on the score sheet. At 9:00 pm if both teams agree a second pool table may be used to finish the match

7. **THE HOME TEAM** will list their line up on the score sheet first. The opposing team will match their players as closely as possible according to the player averages.

Teams may not play with less than 3 players. Once the first round of play has been completed, changes may not be made to the roster.

8. **PLAYER AVERAGES-** Players with established averages cannot drop more than 1 point below their book average at any time during the season. Example: If someone comes in at an 8 then they cannot play with an average any lower than a 7
9. **MISSING PLAYERS-** If a team has less than 5 players but at least 4 players the team may still play with a "full" roster by one of the present players playing a second spot in the roster. The captain of the opposing team will have the option of which player will play a double for the team with only 4 players. This only applies to regular season and not playoffs. If a player arrives late, and his name is listed on the score sheet, he may play in any games he has not missed. Once all players present have played the match for that round, the round is complete and the late player will receive a zero for that round. If the opposing team allows you to play a player in 2 spots it is up to the opposing team to determine which player will play 2 rounds.
10. **SUBSTITUTES** - Substitutes may be added to your roster by filling out the Roster Change Form and including it in the envelope with your league fees. All information must be filled out. Substitutes may not be added after the 14th week of the season without prior approval from the League Coordinator. Roving substitutes are not allowed. Once you have substituted for a team, you may not substitute for another team in the same division.
11. **IF A PLAYER IS CAUGHT PLAYING UNDER SOMEONE ELSE'S NAME** the team will forfeit all games of the match.
12. **FORFEITS** - Both teams must pay for forfeits. The forfeiting team will not receive any wins. The team receiving the forfeit will receive 4 wins and 1 loss. Any team that forfeits three times will be dropped from the league. Any team that forfeits 2 consecutive weeks will be dropped from the league. Any team that forfeits in the last 2 weeks of the season will be dropped from the league. Dropped teams will forfeit all money and prizes.
13. **SANDBAGGING WILL NO LONGER BE TOLERATED.** Sandbagging is purposefully shooting lower than your ability to skew your average. If your team plays against a player that is sandbagging, you should file a written complaint with League Management, signed by all team members along with a brief description of the circumstances. After written complaints from three different teams in the division, League Management will monitor the team or player being accused. If it is determined that the player is sandbagging, the player will be expelled from the division for the remainder of the season.
14. **BYES** - Some divisions may start the season with a bye – a missing team. If a division begins with a bye, league management has 4 weeks to find a team to take the bye. If a team is found in the allotted time, make up games must be scheduled. All make up games must be played before the last two weeks of the season. If a team drops from the league, league management has 2 weeks to replace the team. The incoming team will assume all scores of the dropped team except forfeits. Teams who received forfeits will be required to play the incoming team.
15. **RESCHEDULES** are allowed. Rescheduled matches may be played in advance of the scheduled match date. If a team calls for a reschedule 4 hours in advance, the reschedule must be allowed. Any other reschedules will be at the discretion of the team Captain. Rescheduled matches must be played within 2 weeks of the original

match date unless you have prior approval from the League Coordinator. After the 2 weeks it will be entered as a double forfeit until match is made up. Reschedules in the last 2 weeks of the season are not allowed without league coordinator approval. When calling for a reschedule you must contact the opposing Team Captain, bar owners or Bartenders do not count. Rescheduled matches must be played at the bar it was originally scheduled for. All make up matches must be done before the last 2 weeks or it will be put in as a double forfeit. Please contact the office if a match does not get played on its scheduled day.

16. **ANY PLAYER THAT HAS BEEN BARRED** from a bar they are scheduled to play in must call and ask permission to enter the bar. If permission is denied the team must use a substitute.
17. **SCORING.** The home Team Captain will be responsible for keeping score. Each ball made will be worth 1 point and the 8 ball is worth 3 points. The winner of the Game will record 10 points on the score sheet, and the loser will record 1 point for each ball made up to 7. Handicap points are not to exceed 15 points per round. On a break on the 8 win, the loser will record any balls made at the same time the 8 ball is knocked in.
18. **THE HOME TEAM** will choose the table for the match. The match must be played on tables designated with the VNEA stickers. If a match is played on a table that is not an operator owned table, both players will forfeit their VNEA membership.
17. **PRIZE FUND** –  $4.25 \times 5 = \$21.25$  per team  $\times 2 = \$42.50$  per match divided by 5 (combined total of wins & losses per match)  $\$8.50$  per game -  $\$6.00$  per win -  $\$2.50$  per loss. 25 cents is applied to league expenses.
18. **PLAYOFF RULES:**  
Playoffs will begin the week following the last week of regular season play (if one division has more weeks then the other then it will start the week following the longest schedule)

The top 4 teams from each division will go to the playoffs. The first night of Playoffs teams will be playing a team from the opposite Division if there is more than one division. Teams will be placed on a Single Elimination Bracket with 1<sup>st</sup> place playing the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team from the opposite Division and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams playing the 4<sup>th</sup> place teams from the opposite Division. The first week 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will be home and the matches will be played at their home bar. After the first week the teams advancing in the bracket with the highest win percentage from the season will have the home matches. This may change season to season depending on the number of divisions as well as the number of teams in divisions

If there is only 1 division and there are at least 8 teams in that division then the top 8 teams will compete in playoffs. The playoff format will be 1 vs 8, 2 vs 7, 3 vs 6 and 4 vs 5. The top 4 teams will be the home team the first week. After the 1<sup>st</sup> week the teams with the highest win percentage will be the home team.

Playoffs will be played on the 15 game format used at the state tournament and will be handicapped. The team with the most points wins, not by matches won. In case of a tie then you will play one game using the scotch doubles format with all members of the team. You must play the order on the score sheet starting with the first player and going down.

**The “8 on break” tournament rule is in effect for the playoffs.**

All players in the playoff must have 20 games played during the current season to qualify for playoffs.

League fees will still be paid with 8 teams in playoffs, if less than 8 teams there are no league fees and you do not have to put envelopes in but you will still pay the quarters for each match.

Playoff packets will be at your sponsoring bar by the Friday before the first week of playoffs.

If a team only has 4 players for the playoffs they must play a ghost in the 5<sup>th</sup> spot, they may not have a player play 2 spots.

You must call in the results after each match to 407-210-3456 OR Email to [tupper@cmdarts.com](mailto:tupper@cmdarts.com)

19. There will be a “Most Wins” award at the end of the season. The winner of this award must have participated in at least 75% of the season and it will be calculated by dividing wins by the number of games played.

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