

**Greater Seattle APA (GSAPA)**  
**ALOHA SESSION AND TOURNAMENT RULES**

Updated as of December 30, 2019

In 2020, the GSAPA League Office (League Office) will help plan and organize the GSAPA Aloha Tournament (Aloha Tournament), which will occur on August 29, 2020 (or such other rescheduled date). The Champion Team of the 2020 Aloha Tournament will receive: (1) a cash prize of up to \$10,000, as further detailed in these Aloha Tournament Rules (Rules); plus, (2) paid entry fee (\$700) for the team to participate in the February 2021 Aloha Challenge. Only those GSAPA teams (and players) that have complied with the following Rules shall be eligible to participate in the Aloha Tournament. These Rules may be modified by the League Office, as provided herein.

The League Office, together with each of the Team Captains and players that comprise the teams in the GSAPA Aloha Divisions (Aloha Divisions), agree as follows:

**1. Aloha Divisions.** To be eligible to play in the Aloha Tournament, a team must have played in one or more of the Aloha Divisions in the same calendar year as the Aloha Tournament. For the 2020 Aloha Tournament, the GSAPA will have two (2) Aloha Divisions (i.e., the Aloha North and Aloha South Divisions).

**2. Aloha Session.** Every team (i.e., the Team Captain and each of the players that comprise that team) that registers to participate in one of the Aloha Divisions, understands and agrees that they are making a commitment to the League Office (and all the other teams in the Aloha Divisions) to register for, and complete, two (2) full consecutive sessions playing in the Aloha Divisions in the same calendar year as the Aloha Tournament (those two (2) consecutive sessions shall be collectively referred to herein as the Aloha Session). In addition, to be eligible to participate in the Aloha Tournament, a team must have completed the full Aloha Session in the same calendar year as such Aloha Tournament. For example, for the 2020 Aloha Tournament, a team must complete the 2020 Spring session and 2020 Summer session (collectively, the 2020 Aloha Session) to be eligible to participate in the 2020 Aloha Tournament. **If a team withdraws or otherwise quits at any time during the Aloha Session, then that team will be subject to the payment obligations detailed in Paragraph 9 (Aloha Session – Early Withdrawal) below.**

**3. Nightly Team Fees for the Aloha Divisions.** For the Aloha Divisions, the total nightly team fees (Nightly Team Fees) for each team is \$80 during the regular session, and is equal to the sum of: (1) a \$40 GSAPA Team Fee; plus (2) a \$40 Aloha Fee. The Nightly Team Fees for each team during the session Playoffs is equal to only the \$40 GSAPA Team Fee (i.e., teams are not charged the \$40 Aloha Fee during the session Playoffs). For each night of play, each team shall properly submit to the League Operator their Nightly Team Fees, together with their completed scoresheet(s). Each team will decide how best to split such Nightly Team Fees among their players.

**4. Bonus Points.** Bonus points for each night of play are awarded to teams in the Aloha Divisions as follows (at the discretion of the League Office): three (3) total points possible (one (1) point for ON TIME scoresheet, one (1) point for ON TIME and correct payment, and (1) point for complete scoresheet).

**5. Rules of Play; Player Eligibility.** The Rules of Play in the Aloha Divisions are the same as in regular 8-Ball divisions. Moreover, scorekeeping for each individual and team match is the same, using the 3-point APA system. However, teams must consist of 7 to 8 players in order to compete in the Aloha Challenge (Hawaii's requirement). Team nightly handicap is a max of 23 points. Playoff and Tri-Cups eligibility is the same as any other 8-Ball division. To be eligible to play in the Aloha Tournament, a player must have: (1) played at least five (5) matches during the same session as the Aloha Tournament (e.g., for the 2020 Aloha Tournament a player needs to have played five (5) matches during the 2020 Summer session); and (2) a minimum of ten (10) 8-Ball matches on their record.

**6. Aloha Tournament.** The Aloha Tournament will include all eligible teams in the Aloha Divisions. The Aloha Tournament will be held at a date, time, and place to be determined by the League Office. Rules and format TBD.

**7. Aloha Tournament – Total Aloha Fee(s) Distribution Breakdown.** During the Aloha Session, all of the Aloha Fee(s) that are actually collected by the League Office shall be tallied and recorded by the League Office. The total amount of all such collected Aloha Fee(s) shall be referred to herein as the Total Aloha Fee(s). The Total Aloha Fee(s) will be distributed as follows: (1) 95% of the Total Aloha Fee(s) will go towards prize money to teams, which dollar amount shall be referred to herein as the Total Payout Amount; and the remaining 5% of the Total Aloha Fee(s) may go to the League Office.

**8. Aloha Tournament – Prize Money to Teams.** The Total Payout Amount (as calculated in Paragraph 7 above) shall be distributed to the Top 4 Finishing Teams in the Aloha Tournament as follows:

(Tier 1) Champion Team of the 2020 Aloha Tournament: The Total Payout Amount shall be applied first to paying the Champion Team of the 2020 Aloha Tournament a cash prize of up to \$10,000 (or such lesser amount that is equal to the Total Payout Amount), plus paid entry fee for the Champion Team to participate in the February 2021 Aloha Challenge;

The cash prize that the Champion Team of the 2020 Aloha Tournament receives shall be used for the team's travel costs and expenses to compete in the Aloha Challenge, which will be held in February 2021. All such cash prizes must be used for this purpose. Funds will be disbursed in Hawaii.

(Tier 2) Runner-up Team of the 2020 Aloha Tournament: If there is any Total Payout Amount money that still remains after paying out Paragraph 9(1) to the Champion Team, then the Runner-up Team of the 2020 Aloha Tournament will be paid a cash prize of up to \$1,000 (or such lesser amount that is equal to the remaining Total Payout Amount);

(Tier 3) 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Place Teams of the 2020 Aloha Tournament: If there is any Total Payout Amount money that still remains after paying out Paragraph 9(2) to the Runner-up Team, then the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Place Teams of the 2020 Aloha Tournament will be paid a cash prize of up to \$500 each (or such lesser amount that is equal to the remaining Total Payout Amount and split evenly between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Place Teams); and

**The League Office shall have the right to make adjustments to the amount of the cash prize paid in each of the four (4) payout tiers above, so that the team or team(s) that finish in a higher tier will be paid a higher cash prize than a team that finishes in a lower tier. All teams that finish within the same tier should receive the same amount of prize money.**

Other expenses from the collected Aloha fees may include, but are not limited to, winners' shirts, banquet in the Finals Tournament, leis in HI, dinner in HI, winner goody bags, 2022 Aloha Tournament fees, further payouts to 2nd, 3rd, 4th-8th place at the League Operators discretion depending on residual Total Payout Amounts available.

**9. Participation in the Aloha Challenge,** All players of the team traveling to Hawaii are required to be on an active GSAPA roster during the session that the tournament occurs.

**10. Aloha Session – Early Withdrawal.** A team that withdraws or otherwise quits at any time during the Aloha Session will be required to pay to the League Office the sum of all of the following amounts (collectively, the Owed Team Fees): (1) any and all past Nightly Team Fees owed; (2) the remaining balance of all Team Fees the team would have owed had they finished such session (e.g., the Spring or Summer session, as applicable); (3) the remaining balance of all Aloha Fees the team would have owed had they finished the entire Aloha Session; and (4) two weeks' fee deposit (which will be applied to the final weeks of the session) before they will be allowed to rejoin any division of the GSAPA League.

Any player who was on such a team that withdraws or otherwise quits at any time during the Aloha Session, and who wishes to rejoin the GSAPA League, must first pay their share of the Owed Team Fees to the League Office before they will be reinstated as a member in good standing with the GSAPA. A player's share of such Owed Team Fees is calculated by dividing the amount of the Owed Team Fees by the number of players on such player's team at the time the team withdrew/quit from the Aloha Division. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Team Captain of a team that withdraws or otherwise quits at any time during the Aloha Session, may not be eligible for reinstatement until the entire amount of the Owed Team Fees has been paid to, and collected by, the League Office.

**11. Tri-Cups; World Pool Qualifier (WPQ).** Teams that play in one of the Aloha Divisions have the opportunity to play in the Aloha Tournament, and the Champion Team of the Aloha Tournament will also have the opportunity to go to Oahu, Hawaii in February 2021 to compete in the Aloha Challenge. In addition, the teams playing in one of the Aloha Divisions can also qualify for Tri-Cups and the WPQ. Teams may qualify for WPQ only one time per APA league year. A team that is qualified for WPQ will not participate in playoffs or Tri-Cups in subsequent sessions.

**12. Modification of Aloha Tournament Rules.** The League Office reserves the right to modify, change, or otherwise replace these Rules at any time. Any modifications to these Rules shall immediately become effective after: (1) they have been uploaded to the GSAPA website and the League Office has notified the Team Captains in writing (e.g., email) that the Rules have been modified and the modified Rules are available for download at the GSAPA website; or (2) a copy of the modified Rules have otherwise been distributed to the Team Captains in the Aloha Divisions (e.g., the modified Rules shall become effective after they have been emailed to the Team Captains). The Team Captains agree that they will provide the players on their roster with a copy of the updated rules, or provide written notice to their players that they can download a copy of the updated rules at the GSAPA website. This is still a new opportunity for us and we're all learning as we proceed. We want to make it work out for everyone concerned, as it is our goal to continue having these Aloha Divisions each year.

## **Modified Round Robin Rules**

**(Subject to minor changes)**

# Tourney Guidelines

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1. All APA rules apply in addition to these modified Round Robin Rules, including the 23 rule. Breaking 23 will result in loss of all points for that round. If your team can't make 23, you must play 4 players to 19, or 3 players to 15.
2. This is a 4 pool Round Robin tournament, with 1 winner from each pool advancing to bracketed finals play. Each team plays every other team in their pool once. Minimum roster size is 7 players. 4 pools with 8 teams each will produce 7 rounds. Any BYEs will be awarded 3 points. Teams with only 6 players will lose 1/2 point per round, teams with only 5 players will lose 1 point per round.
3. Each match will be 1 set of 5 (five) 8-Ball games between the teams involved. Each individual set between one player from each team will be ONE GAME ONLY.
4. Each captain must declare their 5 shooters before each set of matches begins, and list them in descending order (highest to lowest skill levels) as players #1 through #5. That list determines the player match-ups that will be played and is locked. 5 players SL cannot exceed 23.
5. **Every player on your roster MUST have at least 2 games played by the end of pool play.** Teams will lose 5 points for every player that has not played 2 times.
6. Players lag for break.
7. There will be no time-outs or coaching in this event. Just put up your shooters and watch them play one rack of pool for all the marbles!
8. Teams must be in the 5<sup>th</sup> game by 1 hour after start time. Any remaining games will not be scored to either team, and the players won't get credit for a game played. Advise Tourney Director **immediately** of any delays by other team.
9. Winners: Your running win total will be kept throughout the tournament within your pool. Ties broken by your match versus the tied team. If 3 or more teams are tied, ties will be broken by your total aggregate score versus all tied teams only, then by your match versus teams that still remain tied. If teams still remain tied, prize money combined and divided in half.
10. First place team from each pool advances to bracket playoff in 4-1SE Bracket. Pools (A vs C) (B vs D) then winners play to determine 1,2,3,3 place.
11. Teams must play in entire tournament to receive any prize money.