

2017 BCAPL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

DIVISION FORMATS & ELIGIBILITY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Important Dates

June 5: Early entry discount ends
 June 12: Last day for personal checks
 June 26: Registration ends for most events
 June 30: Last day for refund requests
 July 3: TBA names due
 July 7: Last day for change requests

Refunds & Division Changes

Refund requests must be received in writing by email, fax, or postal mail by June 30, 2017 and will be processed after Aug. 14, 2017. A \$20 processing fee will apply to all refund requests. Change requests must be received by July 7, 2017 and a \$10/player processing fee will apply. Admin fees are non-refundable.

Membership Card Needed!

IMPORTANT! All participants are required to have their CSI membership card. If you have not received your card, contact your League Operator immediately. There is a charge for replacement cards at the event.

Hotel Reservations - Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino!

Book by June 30, 2017 to receive the special group rate of \$81/\$132. **NO RESORT FEES REQUIRED! NO PARKING FEES!**

- Online: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SRCUE7>
- Phone: (888) 746-6955; Group Code: **SRCUE7** (be aware that a processing charge applies to phone reservations)

FargoRate

FargoRate has replaced the outdated system of subjectively classifying players as Leisure, Open, Advanced, Master, & Grandmaster. Players with at least 200 games of data in the FargoRate system have an established rating. Those with fewer than 200 games have a transitional rating based on any data in the FargoRate system and a starter rating assigned by the BCAPL.

Example: John has a computed Fargo Rating of 593 based on just 50 games. He was assigned a starter rating of 560 by the BCAPL. John's transitional rating would be calculated by a proportional combination of the two numbers (593 x 25%) + (560 x 75%). Therefore, John's transitional rating would be 568. Starter ratings may be adjusted at the discretion of the BCAPL at any time.

Division Start Times

Divisions may begin as early as 9 a.m. on the date listed on the entry form. However, various factors could delay start times. Check the tournament brackets for the exact start time of your match or ask the Tournament Director.

Don't Get Disqualified!

We take player ratings very seriously. A player who intentionally enters an event with a transitional or starter rating that is too low for his or her ability, is cheating. **Be aware that we have tools in place to monitor players who are consistently and significantly performing above their rating during the event.** CSI reserves the right to disqualify any player without refund. Therefore, if you believe you are underrated, contact CSI prior to the registration deadline.

Mixed Divisions vs. Women's Divisions

While women's-only divisions are offered at the BCAPL National Championships, Fargo Ratings provide women the opportunity to compete on a level playing field against men. A woman rated 450 plays at the same level as a man rated 450. Therefore, women are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the mixed divisions.

No Changes after the Draw!

Once the brackets are drawn for a division, no changes are allowed.

Dress Code

Dress Code "A" (see Tournament Regulations)

Know Your Match Time & Location!

Matches are not announced at the event. You are responsible to know when and where your matches are scheduled. Please review Appendix A – Using CTS (CueSports Tournament System). If you still need help, please ask our staff at the Tournament Director's desk.

Match Conflicts

Participants are free to register for divisions that overlap. However, the BCAPL will only schedule around match conflicts between specific divisions. PLEASE NOTE that if any other match conflicts occur, the player must forfeit one of the matches without refund. The BCAPL will schedule around conflicts between the following divisions:

- Mixed 9-Ball Singles or Women's 9-Ball Singles; and
- Wheelchair 9-Ball Singles or Junior 9-Ball Singles; and
- Scotch Doubles; and
- Mixed 8-Ball Singles or Mixed Senior 8-Ball Singles or Women's 8-Ball Singles or Women's Senior 8-Ball Singles; and
- Wheelchair 8-Ball Singles
- THE PLAYER OR TEAM ASSUMES THE RISK FOR CONFLICTS BETWEEN ALL OTHER DIVISIONS.

SCOTCH DOUBLES (AMATEUR-ONLY)

The following divisions are for amateurs only. No male rated higher than 720 and no female rated higher than 660 may register.

Team Check-In Not Required

Team check-in is not required for scotch doubles divisions. Roster change requests must be made at the BCAPL Registration Desk prior to the start of the division and final league standings are required. Photo IDs of both players must be presented to all opposing teams or BCAPL staff upon request.

General Eligibility (all scotch doubles divisions)

- Teams must consist of one (1) male and one (1) female.
- At least one (1) teammate must be a sanctioned member in a BCAPL league and play a minimum of eight (8) full scheduled weeks in a single session of the same division during the 2016-2017 league year (June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017).
- One (1) teammate may be a CSI member (\$25 membership fee) but must reside in the same state as the league-qualified member.
- The team's combined rating cannot exceed the limit set for the division at the time of registration.

Divisions

Players will register for a specific scotch doubles division based on the members' combined ratings. Entry fees, start dates, and races are listed on the entry form. All scotch doubles divisions are true double elimination.

Platinum Scotch Doubles

- The team's combined rating cannot exceed 1,300 at the time of registration.
- Each entry includes: \$15/player green fee and \$155 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Gold Scotch Doubles

- The team's combined rating cannot exceed 1,150 at the time of registration.
- Each entry includes a \$15/player green fee and \$115 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Silver Scotch Doubles

- The team's combined rating cannot exceed 1,000 at the time of registration.
- Each entry includes a \$15/player green fee and \$55 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Team Rating Increases

There is a 10-point per player "cushion" if the team is eligible for a specific division at the time of registration but one or more members' ratings increase before the tournament to push them over the limit. If the team's rating moves beyond this 20-point cushion, they will have the following options:

- Option 1:* Move up into the next division if possible
Option 2: Replace one (1) player to get back within the division limit (must still meet all eligibility requirements)
Option 3: Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 50 points over the cushion

Example:

A Platinum Scotch Doubles team is below the 1,300 limit at the time of registration but their rating increases to 1,318 (18 points over the limit) – there is no penalty in the match because it did not exceed the 20-point cushion. If their rating increases to 1,352 (32 points over the cushion), they will incur a one-game penalty in each match. Note: If both teams in a match have been penalized, the penalty in that match will be the difference in the two penalties. For example, if Team A has a one-game penalty and Team B has a two-game penalty, Team B will incur a one-game penalty in that match. If both teams have a one-game penalty, there will be no penalty in that match.

Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point "cushion" if a male is rated 720 or lower or a female is rated 660 or lower at the time of registration but his or her rating increases above those limits before the tournament. If a player's rating moves beyond this cushion (730 or 670), the team will have the following options:

- Option 1:* Move up into the next division if possible (must still meet other eligibility requirements)
Option 2: Replace the player (must still meet other eligibility requirements)
Option 3: Play and accept a 1-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over the cushion (730 or 670)

Example: The male player has a rating of 717 at the time of registration but it increases to 735 before the tournament (5 over the cushion), the team will incur a one-game penalty in each match. If the same player's rating increases to 758 (28 over the cushion), the team will incur a two-game penalty in each match.

SINGLES (AMATEUR-ONLY)

The following divisions are for amateurs only. No player rated higher than 720 may register for mixed divisions and no female rated higher than 660 may register for women's divisions.

Check-In Not Required

Check-in for singles divisions is not required. However, it is your responsibility to know when and where you play!

General Eligibility (all amateur singles divisions)

- Must be either a sanctioned member of a BCAPL-sanctioned league and play a minimum of eight (8) full scheduled weeks during a single session in the same division during the 2016-2017 league year (June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017); or
- A CSI Member (\$25 membership fee)

Singles Divisions

Each division's start dates, races, and entry fees are listed on the entry form. All singles divisions are true double elimination.

Mixed 9-Ball Singles / Women's 9-Ball Singles

Players register for either Mixed 9-Ball Singles or Women's 9-Ball Singles. After registration ends, the field is separated into two (2) divisions based on player ratings. Each entry includes a \$35 green fee and \$50 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Platinum Division: Upper 25% of field (approx.)

Gold Division: Lower 75% of field (approx.)

Mixed 8-Ball Singles / Women's 8-Ball Singles

Players register for either Mixed 8-Ball Singles or Women's 8-Ball Singles. After registration ends, the field is separated into four (4) divisions based on player ratings. Each entry includes a \$35 green fee and \$110 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Platinum Division: Upper 15% of field (approx.)

Gold Division: Upper Middle 35% of field (approx.)

Silver Division: Lower Middle 35% of field (approx.)

Bronze Division: Lower 15% of field (approx.)

Mixed 8-Ball Senior Singles & Women's 8-Ball Senior Singles

Open to men age 55+ and women age 50+. Players register for either Mixed 8-Ball Senior Singles or Women's 8-Ball Senior Singles. After registration ends, the field is separated into two (2) divisions based on players' ratings. Each entry includes a \$35 green fee and \$110 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Platinum Division: Upper 25% of field (approx.)

Gold Division: Lower 75% of field (approx.)

Wheelchair 9-Ball Singles

Open to all male and female wheelchair players. Medical proof of wheelchair necessity must be available upon request. Each entry includes a \$35 green fee and \$50 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Wheelchair 8-Ball Singles

Open to all male and female wheelchair players. Medical proof of wheelchair necessity must be available upon request. Each entry includes a \$35 green fee and \$110 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Junior 9-Ball Singles

This division is open to boys and girls age 17 & below. Races are handicapped based on age. Each entry includes a \$20 green fee. The remainder is an admin fee. Please note the following:

- There are no cash payouts for this event. Plaques or trophies are awarded to the top three (3) finishers.
- No BCAPL or CSI membership required.
- Anyone under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

AGE	16-17	14-15	12-13	11 & under
RACE TO	6	5	4	3

Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point "cushion" if a male is rated 720 or lower or a female is rated 660 or lower at the time of registration but his or her rating increases above those limits before the tournament. If a player's rating increases beyond the cushions (730 or 670), he or she will have the following options:

- Option 1:** Move into an open/pro division (9-Ball Challenge, 10-Ball Challenge, 8-Ball Challenge, US Open 10-Ball Championship, or US Open 8-Ball Championship). The player must pay any difference in entry fees.
- Option 2:** Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over the cushion (730 or 670)

Example: A male had a rating of 717 at the time of registration but it increased to 735 before the tournament (5 over the cushion), he will incur a one-game penalty in each match. If his rating increases to 758 (28 over the cushion), he will incur a two-game penalty in each match.

SINGLES DIVISIONS (OPEN / PRO)

These divisions are open to men and women of all skill levels.

9-Ball Challenge / 10-Ball Challenge / 8-Ball Challenge

These divisions are true double elimination. Each entry includes a \$35 green fee and \$110 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

- Must be either a sanctioned member of a BCAPL-sanctioned league and play a minimum of eight (8) full scheduled weeks during a single session in the same division during the 2016-2017 league year (June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017); or
- A CSI Member (\$25 membership fee)

US Open 10-Ball Championship / US Open 8-Ball Championship

No BCAPL or CSI membership is required. Each entry includes a \$25 green fee and \$300 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

TEAM DIVISIONS (AMATEUR-ONLY)

The following divisions are for amateurs only. No player rated higher than 720 may register for mixed team divisions and no female rated higher than 660 may register for women's team divisions. All team divisions are true double elimination.

Team Check-In Required

Team check-in begins Sunday, July 23 at noon. The Team Captain or League Operator must check in at the BCAPL Registration Desk prior to the start of the division and get an official team roster. Roster change requests must be made prior to the start of the division and final league standings are required. The official roster and photo IDs of all players must be presented to all opposing teams and BCAPL staff upon request.

Dress Code A – Team Shirts

Please note the following team shirt requirements from Dress Code A:

- Team shirts are required during team competition.
- Color and style of team shirts (front & back) must match (except for the player names)
- Each member must have his or her own team shirt. Borrowing the shirt of a teammate is not permitted. Visit the official team shirt provider of the BCA Pool League, www.ultimateteamgear.com.

General Eligibility (all team divisions)

- Must be a sanctioned member of a BCAPL-sanctioned league and play a minimum of eight (8) full scheduled weeks during a single session in the same division during the 2016-2017 league year (June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017).

Team Divisions

Mixed 9-Ball Platinum Teams (3 core players / max. of 2 subs)

- The team's combined rating in any round cannot exceed 1,950.
- All players must come from the same league.
- This division overlaps the scotch doubles and 8-ball singles divisions on Tuesday, July 25. Teams with players still competing in those divisions should have enough players on their roster to field a team in the event of a match time conflict. Matches will not be rescheduled.
- Each entry includes a \$25/player green fee and \$200 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Mixed 9-Ball Gold Teams (3 core players / max. of 2 subs)

- The team's combined rating in any round cannot exceed 1,800.
- All players must come from the same league.
- This division overlaps the scotch doubles and 8-ball singles divisions on Tuesday, July 25. Teams with players still competing in those divisions should have enough players on their roster to field a team in the event of a match time conflict. Matches will not be rescheduled.
- Each entry includes a \$25/player green fee and \$140 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Mixed 8-Ball Platinum Teams (5 core players / max. of 3 subs)

- The team's combined rating in any round cannot exceed 3,250.
- At least two (2) players from the same league must play each round.
- Other players may come from any BCAPL-sanctioned league in the same state.
- Each entry includes a \$35/player green fee and \$300 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Mixed 8-Ball Gold Teams (5 core players / max. of 3 subs)

- The team's combined rating in any round cannot exceed 3,000.
- At least two (2) players from the same league team must play each round.
- All players must come from the same league.
- Each entry includes a \$35/player green fee and \$200 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Mixed 8-Ball Trophy Teams (5 core players / max. of 3 subs)

- The team's combined rating in any round cannot exceed 2,750.
- At least two (2) players from the same league team must play each round.
- All players must come from the same league.
- There are no cash payouts – prizes include trophies, championship jackets, and pride.
- Each entry includes a \$35/player green fee and \$50 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Women's 9-Ball Gold Teams (3 core players / max. of 2 subs)

- The team's combined rating in any round cannot exceed 1,500.
- All players must come from the same league.
- This division overlaps the scotch doubles and 8-ball singles divisions on Tuesday, July 25. Teams with players still competing in those divisions should have enough players on their roster to field a team in the event of a match time conflict. Matches will not be rescheduled.
- Each entry includes a \$25/player green fee and \$140 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Women's 8-Ball Platinum Teams (4 core players / max. of 2 subs)

- The team's combined rating in any round cannot exceed 2,200.
- At least two (2) players from the same league must play each round.
- Other players may come from any BCAPL-sanctioned league in the same state.
- Each entry includes a \$35/player green fee and \$235 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Women's 8-Ball Gold Teams (4 core players / max. of 2 subs)

- The team's combined rating in any round cannot exceed 2,000.
- All players must come from the same league.
- Each entry includes a \$35/player green fee and \$155 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Women's 8-Ball Trophy Teams (4 core players / max. of 2 subs)

- The team's combined rating in any round cannot exceed 1,800.
- All players must come from the same league.
- There are no cash payouts – prizes include trophies, championship jackets, and pride.
- Each entry includes a \$35/player green fee and \$35 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

Team Rating Increases

There is a 10-point per player "cushion" if a team is eligible for a specific division at the time of registration but one or more members' ratings increases before the tournament to push them over the limit. If the team rating moves beyond this cushion, they will have the following options:

- Option 1:* Move up into the next division (if possible)
Option 2: Replace one or more players to get back within the division limit (must still meet other eligibility requirements)
Option 3: Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 50 points over the cushion.

Example: A Mixed Gold Team is below the 3,000 limit at the time of registration but their rating increases to 3,093 (43 points over the cushion), they will incur a one-game penalty in each match. If their rating increases to 3,127 (77 points over the cushion), they will incur a two-game penalty in each match.

Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point "cushion" if a male teammate is rated 720 or lower or a female teammate is rated 660 or lower at the time of registration but his or her rating increases above those limits before the tournament. If a player's rating increases beyond the cushion (730 or 670), the team will have the following options:

- Option 1:* Move up into the next division if possible (must still meet other eligibility requirements)
Option 2: Replace the player (must still meet other eligibility requirements)
Option 3: Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over the cushion (730 or 670)

Example: A male on a team has a rating of 716 at the time of registration but it increases to 735 before the tournament (5 over the cushion), the team will incur a one-game penalty in each match. If the same person's rating increases to 758 (28 over the cushion), the team will incur a two-game penalty in each match.