**League Frequently Asked Rules At A Glance**

 **Grace Period**

 There is a grace period of 15 minutes, when there are at least two Players present to start the

 match. The third Player needs to be there by 7:15pm or a forfeit could be called by the

 opposing Team’s Captain/Representative. (Note: See Forfeited Match rules when 3 players

 are not present to form a legal Team of play, the opposing team can call a forfeit or choose to

 shoot). Forfeit fee applies.

**Forfeit**

Any team forfeiting a match instead of rescheduling will pay a $25 forfeit fee in addition to the $32 weekly fee.

**Scratch on break**, cue ball anywhere

 **8 Ball Breaks** do not count-If you pocket the 8-ball on the break and do

 not foul, you may:

a. have the 8-ball spotted and accept the table in position.

b. re-rack the balls and break again.

 If you pocket the 8-ball on the break and foul, your inning ends. Your

 opponent may:

1. have the 8-ball spotted and take ball in hand anywhere on the table.

b. re-rack the balls and break.

 ***Once the 8 ball is placed on the spot you may not change your mind and***

 ***re-break.***

 **Referee** Opponents responsibility to call a ref.

 If your opponent requests that play be stopped in order to summon a referee or other

event official, you must acknowledge and honor that request. After play has stopped, it

is a foul if you take any stroke or shot until a referee authorizes you to shoot.

 **Knocked balls off table**

 -Loss of game if you knock the 8 ball off the table other than the break

 (spot).

-Any other object balls knocked off the table stay down.

**Shooting the wrong balls**

-Once balls are established, groups can never change for the remainder of

the game. If at any time during the game it is discovered by either player or

referee that the players are shooting the wrong groups, the game will be

replayed with the player who broke the game breaking again. If the game

has ended and then the players realize they shot the wrong groups, the game

is not replayed and the result stands.

**Touching a moving ball** – Foul, ball in hand

It is a deliberate foul if you intentionally stop or deflect any object ball that is in motion,

or intentionally move any stationary object ball that is in play, by any method other than

a legal shot, including by intentionally contacting or moving any part of the table in any

way. (AR p. 91) Penalties First violation of (c): your opponent may have the object ball

restored (if it was stationary), pocketed or left in its position after the foul. However, it

is loss of game if it is the game-winning ball, if any deflected object ball contacts any

other ball, or if more than one ball is moved.

**Slow Play**

-If show play is observed and one of the teams notifies the league operator, both teams

will be notified to pick up the pace. If slow play continues, a 45 second stop clock will be

used for all players in the match. *This BCA rule would be difficult to enforce and have someone sit and watch a match with a stop watch all night so we will use the rule below.*

Also see “Slow Play” rule under the “Other League Rules”

If the match is not in the third frame by 9pm and there is another available table, either team can request using two tables to finish the match at a reasonable time and the other team must comply.

**Racking Procedures (Pattern Racking)**

Your opponent may inspect the rack but must not touch any ball. If your opponent is not satisfied with the rack, they may require you to re-rack the balls one time. After one re-rack, if both players cannot agree that the rack is suitable for play a referee must be called. The referee will then rack the balls for that game. If the referee racks the balls, the opponent may inspect the rack but must accept the reck as is.

**Placing Hand in Pocket**

It is a deliberate foul if you catch any ball that is falling into a pocket, or place your hand into a pocket while any ball in play is in motion near that pocket. (AR p.97)

First violation of (d): if the cue ball, ball in hand. If an object ball, your opponent may have the ball placed along the lip of the pocket, pocketed, or left in position. However, it is loss of game if the ball involved is the game winning ball. (8-ball exception for the first violation: if the 8-ball is involved and it is the break shot, it is not loss of game,).

**Breaking out of Order**

It is your responsibility to know when it is your turn to break. If the incorrect player breaks a game and the error is discovered before the game is completed, the game will be re-racked with the proper player breaking. If the error is not discovered until after the game is completed then the results of the game are final.