

# TREASURE COAST BCA

Thursday Night 8-ball League

Rules and By-laws

*Spring Session February 24, 2011 – June 23, 2011*

## 1) League Coordinators:

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## 2) The League:

- a) The Treasure Coast BCA Thursday Night 8-Ball League (hereinafter referred to as "The League") is setup to qualify teams for the BCA National 8-Ball Tournament in Las Vegas (hereinafter referred to as "Las Vegas Trip" or "Trip"). The League has 2 Divisions that will each play 3 16-week sessions (Spring, Summer and Fall) per League year. The league year begins with the Spring Session starting in February and ends with the Fall Session starting in October. The highest placing team in each division that has not already won a Las Vegas trip in the current league year wins a Las Vegas trip. The number of Las Vegas trips and qualifying tournaments will depend on how many teams we have in each session (see proposed prized distribution sheet for further explanation). A team can only win 1 Las Vegas trip per league year. The Las Vegas trip awarded to qualifying teams cannot be exchanged for cash. If a team wins a Las Vegas trip and does not meet team eligibility as defined in section 9 below, that team forfeits their rights to said Las Vegas trip. A team roster may be modified to remain active and avoid forfeiture of prizes as set forth in the league rules.

## 3) League Play:

- a) League night is Thursdays at 7:30p.m.
- b) Teams will consist of five players with no more than 7 players on a roster. Match format will be a 25 game handicapped-race format played on two tables in the A Division and a 15 game handicapped-race format in the B Division. The handicapped-race will be based on each team's past win average against that week's opponent. New teams will be assigned a win average based on their known ability by the competition committee. The competition committee reserves the right to adjust a team's win average if it is in the best interest of the league and fair play.
- c) Forfeits for matches not played: Three points (in the A Division) and two points (in the B Division) will be awarded to the team that showed up and zero points to the team that did not show.
- d) In the A Division time-outs must be initiated by the shooting player, not the shooting player's team captain, coach or other team member.
- e) You have until week 8 of play to make any changes to your roster. In special cases, where participation falls, the league captains or competition committee may vote to allow a team to add additional players.
- f) Players are not allowed to change teams during a session. This will help prevent the formation of "all star" teams. If any team is dissolved during a session, its players (upon approval of league officers and the competition committee) may join other teams in the league, unless the dissolution of the team is due to poor sportsmanship or other unacceptable conduct.
- g) Each player must play a minimum of 5 weeks in that session to qualify for the end of the session tournament. A player must play a minimum of 8 weeks in any 1 session (in our division), and play a minimum of 5 weeks in every session throughout the year to be eligible for the Las Vegas Tournament. League coordinators reserve the right to modify eligibility requirements on a situation by situation basis for special circumstances such as pregnancy, injury, illness, working out of town for extended time, etc. providing player still meets BCA requirement of 8 weeks in any 1 session.
- h) League matches can be rescheduled as long as both team captains agree to reschedule. Matches should be rescheduled as soon as possible, but no later than 2 days before the next position round is scheduled to be played.

4) Any match that has not started the 3<sup>rd</sup> round by 10:00 PM is required to begin being played on a 2<sup>nd</sup> table if one is available. If the match does begin playing on 2 tables the 5<sup>th</sup> game for each round does not have to begin play until the other games from that round are completed. This rule is to help prevent a match from ending too late.

**5) Fees and Dues:**

- a) Weekly dues to be paid by each team per week is \$50.00, plus quarters. Double dues will be paid for the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 weeks so no dues will need to be collected the final 2 weeks. It is the team captain's responsibility to make sure all dues are paid weekly.
- b) A \$15.00 sanction fee per person needs to be paid the 1<sup>st</sup> week of play along with weekly dues. If you are already sanctioned please provide us with your sanction number. You only need to sanction one time for all BCA leagues. If you have paid sanction on Wednesday Night 8 ball or Monday Night 9 ball you need not pay again. The BCA year goes from June through May. Everyone must renew their sanction in June.
- c) Each home team will get a manila envelope containing a copy of the League rules, a schedule, a BCA player handbook (these three items should stay in your manila envelope throughout the year), a white envelope for weekly dues and sanctions, a score sheet, and weekly standings and player handicaps at the start of each night. Team captains must sign the score sheet and dues envelope and place them back in the manila envelope at the end of the match. The manila envelope should be left with the bartender or brought to Riverside Billiards after the match is over.
- d) All money paid in to the league will be paid back out, either by trips to Las Vegas, male and female MVP and end of League year payouts for those teams not winning a Las Vegas Trip. The only money that will be taken out is Secretary Fees and supplies. Each team captain can receive a projected budget at the start of the year and an expense statement at the end of the year upon request.

**6) Tardiness:**

- a) League play is to start at 7:30 p.m., with a grace period of 15 minutes per round. If a team does not show up, fill out their roster and start play by 7:45 p.m. the team captain that is present may force a forfeit of the 1<sup>st</sup> round. If play is not started by 8:00 p.m. the 2<sup>nd</sup> round is subject to forfeit and by 8:15 p.m. for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent rounds.

**7) Substitutes:**

- a) A team can only use 1 (one) sub per night on their team. You may use subs from Thursday night BCA, Wednesday night BCA or Monday night 9-Ball as long as the player is sanctioned with any of the above leagues. If the sub is a new player they must pay for their sanction that night.
- b) Subs can only be used during the last 4 weeks of play if they have played 5 or more weeks in the previous year in any of the above leagues. Subs may be used during tournaments as long as they meet the above guidelines and the sub has to be of equal or lesser ability than the player they are subbing for. League officials have the final say on a sub's eligibility.
- c) If a sub is not available, or if you have 3 team members and a sanctioned sub, the opposing team captain may choose one of your players to play twice. That player's scores will count towards their average, but only their original (1<sup>st</sup>) roster spot scores will count towards their MVP and Power Average standings. The team is still responsible for all the weekly dues.

**8) Unsportsmanlike Conduct:**

- a) During league play team captains need to control and ensure their players do not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct. If a player or captain observes this behavior please bring it to the attention of the team captains. The situation should be addressed and resolved immediately. If it is not resolved the League Coordinators should be contacted right away. League Coordinators will have the right to suspend, disqualify or reprimand any player with or without warning. Examples of unsportsmanlike conduct are as follows but are not limited to:
  - i) Any type of harassment (verbal or physical) towards any player, bar host/hostess or any persons in the establishment during play.
  - ii) Arguing during match play.
  - iii) Disrupting play, being near the table when you are not shooting (standing in front of the pockets, talking to the player when shooting, comments under the breath, etc.)
  - iv) Purposely sandbagging.

## 9) Being Barred:

- a) If any BCA player is barred from any establishment during league play, that player will be removed from the BCA league rosters and will not be able to substitute for any teams.

## 10) Team Eligibility:

There are 2 forms of eligibility. There is eligibility for the Las Vegas trip by a team that has won a trip (hereinafter referred to as a "qualified team"), and a team's eligibility to participate in any end of the session qualifying tournaments (hereinafter referred to as a "qualifying tournament").

### Las Vegas trip eligibility:

A qualified team must meet both the BCA and the league's eligibility terms to participate in the National 8-Ball Tournament.

The league's requirements are as follows.

- a) All qualified teams must continue league play through the Las Vegas trip they have won (qualified teams must play the Spring Session that starts before the Las Vegas trip).
- b) All team members must remain active and continue participation in the league through the Las Vegas trip they have won.
- c) A team must remain current with all its weekly dues and BCA sanctions.
- d) A team can split and form multiple teams to help expand participation in the league. If a team does split, the Las Vegas trip stays with the original team. All team members that were on the original qualified team are still considered the qualified team regardless of what team they are playing on at the time of the Las Vegas trip unless a team member agrees to relinquish their rights to said qualified team or does not meet league requirements for individuals as set forth in the League Play section of the League rules, under rule e.).

The BCA's requirements are as follows.

- a) All mixed and open teams are 5-person teams and may have up to 10 players on the roster. [Exception: Ladies teams may have a minimum of four players.] All players must have played a minimum of eight (8) weeks during a sanctioned session in the same league and meet the BCA Pool League amateur requirements. Men's/Mixed Trophy and Open teams must consist of at least three (3) original players from their league team. Additional players may come from other teams within the League Operator's sanctioned system. The Women and Master teams may consist of any players within the same League Operator's system.

### End of session qualifying tournament eligibility:

A team that has not yet won a Las Vegas trip is eligible to play in our end of session qualifying tournaments if it meets the following requirements.

- a) If there is a qualifying tournament after the 1<sup>st</sup> session all teams that participated in said 1<sup>st</sup> session that have not won a Las Vegas trip in the current league year and are current with their weekly dues are eligible to play in said qualifying tournament.
- b) If there is a qualifying tournament after the 2<sup>nd</sup> session all teams that participated in said 2<sup>nd</sup> session that have not won a Las Vegas trip in the current league year and are current with their weekly dues are eligible to play in said qualifying tournament.
- c) If there is a qualifying tournament after the 3<sup>rd</sup> session all teams that participated in all 3 sessions that have not won a Las Vegas trip in the current league year and are current with their weekly dues are eligible to play in said qualifying tournament.

## Rules to be aware of or changes made by Treasure Coast BCA

Most rules are stated in the 2010-2011 BCA Pool League Player Handbook. Please note these changes or enforcements you may not have been aware of.

a) Racking the balls- you must have the 8-ball in the middle of the row with 3 balls, a stripe in one corner of the back row and a solid in the other.

b) Legal break. If the breaker fails to make a legal break it is a foul, the incoming player may accept the table the way it is and shoot, or they may ask for a rerack and either allow the player to break again or break themselves. There are 6 sections to the Legal Break rule. **(Please make all team members aware of this rule as defined in the handbook)**

c) Table is always open after the break shot. The table remains open until a called ball is legally pocketed.

d) If you foul on a legal break and do not pocket the 8-ball, your inning ends and your opponent receives ball in hand.

e) It is a foul if you miscue on any jump or masse shot.

f) Cue Ball Fouls Only. **(Please make all team members aware of this rule as defined in the handbook as it has many different scenarios)**

g) Balls jumped off the table. It is a foul if any ball including the cue ball is jumped off the table. Please learn this rule. **(Please make all team members aware of this rule as defined in the handbook)**

h) The player playing the match may not practice during matches.

i) Coaching time outs are not allowed in Las Vegas, but since this is a social league and there are lower handicap players we will allow one time out for coaching per player per match. Please limit time outs to one minute. **[See 3d) TOURNAMENT DIVISION FORMAT for variation.]**

j) If a player proceeds to unscrew their playing stick during his play or opposing player's turn it is a loss of game.

k) Intentional Foul Penalty. There are 6 scenarios in which you can be called for an intentional foul, most notably "picking up the cue ball in order to end your inning". **(Please make all team members aware of these scenarios as defined in the handbook)**. The mandatory penalty for an intentional foul is an unsportsmanlike conduct warning. A second violation results in a loss of game.

