

Dear Singles Finalist:

Congratulations and good shooting! You are now a finalist in the 2002 APA 8-Ball Classic to be staged at the luxurious Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas on May 2- 4, 2002. The APA will cover the cost of your lodging for Thursday, May 2nd – Saturday, May 4th at the Riviera Hotel & Casino, based on double occupancy. In addition, the APA will cover the cost of your travel to and from Las Vegas for the weekend.

In order to provide this service to you, we ask that you follow a few simple steps. First, review the materials enclosed in your finalist envelope concerning your travel choices. Then, carefully and fully complete your Registration Form, showing your current mailing address, and select your travel choices. Make certain that you return your Registration Form to the Tournament Director before you leave your Regional Tournament site.

To ensure full coverage of your travel and lodging expenses by the APA, it is important that you contact Travel Concepts by March 18, 2002 to make your reservations. You must call to make your reservations; the Registration Form is not a reservation form. If any of your family or friends intend to accompany you to Las Vegas, encourage them to coordinate their travel plans with yours, and then call Travel Concepts at 1-800-489-9911 to book your flights and lodging together. Also, in order to avoid additional calls to Travel Concepts, have your method of payment for the extra airline tickets available when you call.

Please refer to the various fliers enclosed for more detailed information on the Singles Championship weekend. Remember, you will need a current certified positive picture I.D. from your state of residence, a passport, or a military I.D. during the tournament. If you do not have a proper picture I.D. contact your state license office to obtain a picture I.D. prior to the event. You will not be allowed to participate in the event without this I.D. Also, please review the enclosed tournament dress code carefully. This dress code will be strictly enforced.

You will be seeded by your skill level and will be playing against opponents that are at or near your skill level. All skill levels are in the process of being reviewed by the National Handicap Review Committee. If your skill level is adjusted by the Committee, we will make every attempt to notify you and your League Operator prior to the event. All skill levels will be updated after each round of the National event.

The APA would like to thank you, in advance, for showing the same good sportsmanship and friendly competition during this event, which prevails throughout the League year. We wish you the best of times and the best of competition during the Championship weekend! See you in Las Vegas!

Best regards,

AMERICAN POOLPLAYERS ASSOCIATION, INC.



Reneé Poehlman
President

Enclosures

The APA 8-Ball Classic

is an

ADULT ONLY

Event

TOURNAMENT

PARTICIPANTS & SPECTATORS

will be asked to present a valid Picture I.D. before they will be allowed to enter the tournament room.

ABSOLUTELY

NO ONE

UNDER THE AGE OF 21

**WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE
TOURNAMENT ROOM.**



CONGRATULATIONS!

**You have just
qualified for the**

2002 APA 8-BALL CLASSIC

*Mark your calendars to call
Travel Concepts
1-800-489-9911*

By March 18, 2002

**to make your travel arrangements. If you
choose to room by yourself the
charges will be one-half the
normal room rate plus tax.**

Good Shooting!



Transportation



**From The Airport To
The Riviera Hotel**
2901 Las Vegas Blvd. South
702-734-5110



The most common forms of transportation from the airport to the hotel are:

Transportation

Cost

Taxi Cab

Approx. \$15.00
(Does not include tip)

Shuttle

\$4.00 Per Person
(The shuttle runs every half hour 6:00 a.m.-6:00p.m. You must call for service at other times.)

There are also car rental companies on site at the airport if you are interested in renting a car while in Las Vegas. Please keep in mind that ground transportation expenses to and from the hotel and during your stay in Las Vegas are your responsibility.

We look forward to seeing you there!



2002
APA 8-BALL CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP
REGISTRATION FORM

Complete the following information and return this Registration Form to the Tournament Director before leaving the tournament site. Incomplete forms may cause a delay in processing your registration. Please print.

NAME _____ APA MEMBERSHIP# _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ - _____ - _____

DAY PHONE _____ NIGHT PHONE _____
(AREA CODE/PHONE NO.) (AREA CODE/PHONE NO.)

LODGING*: The APA will furnish lodging based on double occupancy for Thursday, May 2nd - Saturday, May 4th, 2002. Should you elect this option, you will share a room with another contestant. Should you desire single occupancy, or to share a room with someone other than a contestant, then you will be charged 1/2 of the normal room rate plus tax.

TRANSPORTATION*: All players within 250 miles of Las Vegas, Nevada, **will not** be eligible for airline tickets. They will instead, receive a prorated mileage allowance to cover the cost of driving.

All players outside of 250 miles have the option to either fly or drive. Be sure to CHECK one.

_____ FLY: A round trip airline ticket will be provided for you.

_____ DRIVE: Players outside of 250 miles who choose this option will receive a total of \$125.00 driving allowance.

*APA covers Lodging and Travel only if accommodations are made through our Official Travel Agency by the Deadline.

REMINDER
YOU WILL NEED TO CALL THE APA'S OFFICIAL TRAVEL AGENCY, TRAVEL CONCEPTS BY
March 18th.
TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!
1-800-489-9911

As part of your National Qualifier Money, you will receive an official Singles Championship Finalist Jacket for the event you are participating in. You will receive the jacket at Player Registration when you arrive in Las Vegas for the Championship.

Please circle your jacket size below:

S (34 - 36) M (38 - 40) L (42 - 44) XL (46 - 48) XXL (50 - 52) OTHER (IF AVAILABLE) _____

All jackets are special ordered for the size that you request.

Participants qualifying in both the APA 8-Ball Classic and the APA 9-Ball Shootout will receive only one Travel and Lodging package to the Singles Championship Event.

Signature



CURRENT PICTURE I.D. REQUIRED

All Higher Level Tournament participants will be required to present current certified positive picture I.D. in the form of a state I.D. from their state of residence, a passport or a Military I.D. prior to competing in the event.

All airlines are now requiring a positive picture I.D. for air travel.

If you have a legal problem that does not allow you to have a Driver's License, **this rule still applies.**

If you do not have a proper I.D., check with your state officials to obtain a picture I.D. prior to the event.

League Operators **will not** be allowed to verify the identification of a player.

**If you do not have a proper picture I. D.,
you will not be allowed to play!!!**

**2002 APA
8-BALL CLASSIC
May 2 –4, 2002**

Preliminary Agenda

Thursday, May 2, 2002

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Player Registration and Practice
3:30 PM	Player's Meeting
4:00 PM	Opening Ceremonies
4:30 PM	Play Begins

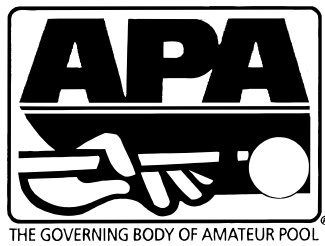
Friday, May 3, 2002

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Player Practice
9:00 AM	Play Resumes

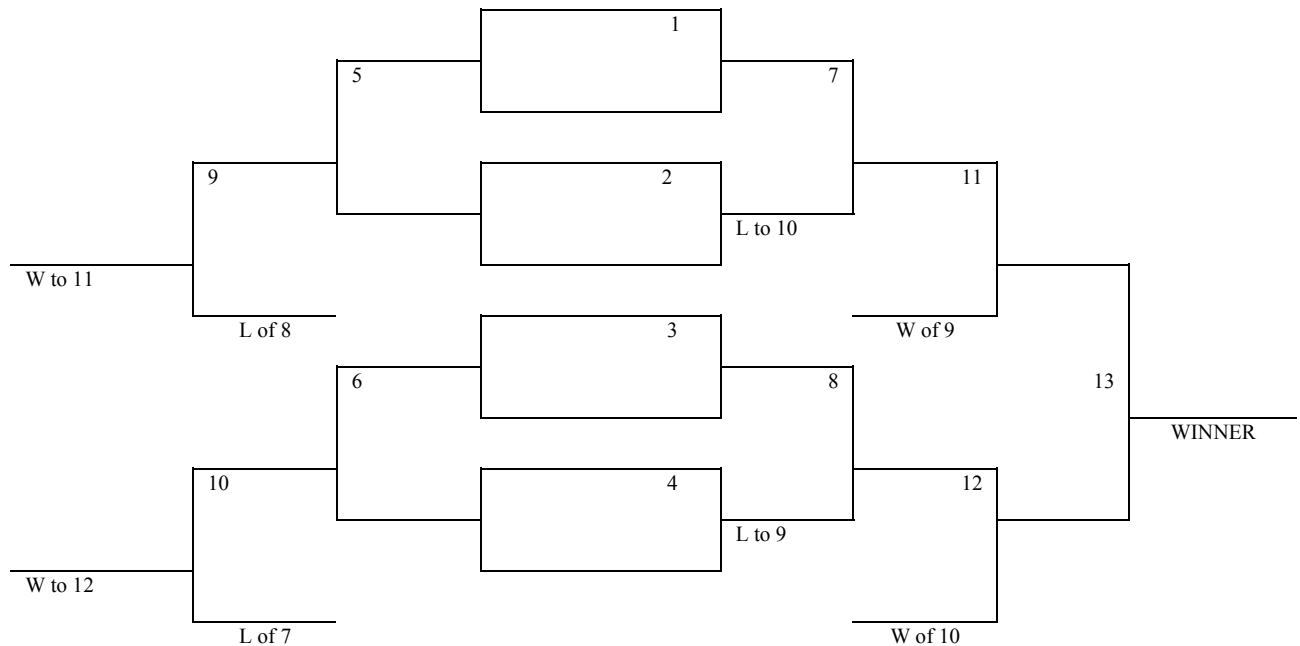
Saturday, May 4, 2002

10:00 AM	Play Resumes
Immediately Following	Awards Presentation
8:00 PM	Party

Note: This is a preliminary agenda and is subject to change.



APA 8-BALL CLASSIC NATIONAL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP



MODIFIED SINGLE ELIMINATION FORMAT

The APA has created a format where all participants will have an opportunity to play in this event *a minimum of twice* and possibly more! This does not guarantee each participant two losses, but guarantees two chances to play. If you receive a Bye in the first round, you will still have two opportunities to play.

All participants should confer with tournament officials to check the time of their next round of play.

If you lose your match, do not assume you are out. Please confirm with tournament officials that you are indeed finished.

TOURNAMENT DRESS CODE

Tournament Play

Men's proper dress will include dress slacks, nice jeans, dress shorts, polo's, and collared shirts with casual leather or canvas shoes.

Women's proper dress will include dress slacks, skirts and dress shorts of appropriate length (shorts must have at least a 5" inseam), nice jeans, designer warm ups, polo's, dress blouses or sweaters, non-collared shirts in good taste, with casual leather or canvas shoes.

Finals Matches

The attire for men and ladies during the finals will be nice casual.

No jeans will be allowed during the finals matches.

You are competing in one of the most prestigious amateur singles tournaments in the sport of pool. Please be aware that this event attracts local and national media attention. Radio and television media, as well as local newspaper and national sports magazine reporters, are becoming increasingly interested in the sport of pool and some of these people may only appear to be spectators in the crowd.

Expect that you will be taped for televised segments of sports news, amateur tournament videos, or you may be professionally photographed at any time during the event. Be prepared by dressing appropriately.

The dress code for the event will be nice casual. The Tournament Director will determine any dress code violations. Any person deemed by the Tournament Director to be in violation of the dress code will be asked to leave the tournament room and return in the proper dress prior to their match. However, no match will be delayed due to dress code violations.

Please do your part in enhancing the image of the sport by adhering to this dress code.

Please note that hats or T-shirts are not allowed at the National Event!



PLEASE--
NO FLASH
PHOTOGRAPHY

Please be courteous of other players while they are shooting.

If you would like to take pictures, you may use
400-speed film,
which does not require using a flash.



BE CAREFUL!

KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR POSSESSIONS!!!

When you travel, be aware of pickpockets and purse snatchers.

PLEASE!
BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS!

Airline Travel Information for the National Singles Championship

- Due to increased Security measures American Airlines suggests that you arrive at least 90 minutes before departure.
- Photo ID is now required at Check-in and before boarding the plane. (The photo identification must be current and government-issued, such as driver's license or passport.)
- All Airlines are now required to start 100% screening of all passenger baggage.
- When checking any luggage be sure your name and contact information is on the outside and inside of each item.

*Pool Cues & Cases **are not allowed** as a carry-on item. It must be checked in as luggage prior to boarding your flight.*

Here are some suggestions for traveling with your cue(s):



-Bubble-wrap your case with cue(s) enclosed in a box that you can check through as luggage. Sealed boxes that are checked-in are not required to be opened. They will be screened prior to being placed on the airplane.

-Check-in your cue case as luggage but bubble-wrap cue(s) separately in your clothing luggage.

-Bubble-wrap your case and cue(s) in your clothing luggage.

- New Federal Carry-On rules allow one standard-size carry-on bag and one personal item. That personal item is limited to:
 - Purses, Briefcase, Laptop computer, Small bookbag style backpack

All items allowed beyond the restrictions are:

- Coats or wraps
- Safety seats for Children
- Books or newspapers
- Small bags of food that is consumable
- Disk player or similar sized personal entertainment item
- Assistive devices such as wheelchairs, walkers, oxygen, etc.



The above information was received from American Airlines. Specific Airports and other Airlines may have more restrictions that apply. We suggest you contact your Airline prior to departure for specifics. If we receive updated or additional information regarding this situation, we will post it on our website at www.poolplayers.com.

1. **PRACTICE TIME** - Practice is not allowed on any tournament table, except during specified periods, and only with the permission of your Tournament Director. You are encouraged to practice on all tables designated for that purpose, and are asked to share the practice tables with any other contestants who wish to use them. Generally speaking, a 10 or 15 minute time limit is advised for any one or two individuals using the practice table, if other contestants are waiting. Any table designated as a practice table during the event should be reserved for those contestants who have not yet been eliminated from the tournament. Practice will be allowed on the tournament tables on Thursday in the Ballroom. Thereafter, practice is not allowed on tournament tables during play, even though a table may not be in use during short periods. Rather, all players who survive the action on Thursday are encouraged to use all the tables during a short practice period Friday morning.
2. **NO GAMBLING** - Gambling is not permitted and will not be allowed at any League function. Therefore, League members are not permitted to gamble at the tournament site, even following elimination from the tournament. Any contestant involved with gambling risks disqualification from the tournament and forfeiture of all awards and prize money.
3. **BEVERAGES** - Hotel regulations prohibit coolers or outside beverages in hotel ballrooms. Beer and other beverages are available. Please do not bring in coolers or outside beverages.
4. **FORFEIT TIME** - Forfeits will be determined 15 minutes after a match has been called. If a player has registered for the tournament, every effort will be made to locate the player before a forfeit is declared. The Tournament Director determines when a match is officially forfeited.
5. **WARM UP TIME** - If time permits players will be allowed to run one rack of balls (four minute limit) in order to prepare for their match. Any player who exceeds four minutes will be asked to leave the table or begin the lag.
6. **COACHING** - Coaching is not permitted. Violations could result in a foul being called for illegal aid. Do not confer with anyone other than your opponent, referee or the Tournament Director; it could be misunderstood as coaching.
7. **CHECKING PLAYER ID** - All players must have current certified positive picture I.D. in the form of a state I.D. from their state of residence, a passport, or a military I.D. In all Higher Level Tournament events, it will be considered the standard procedure for good sportsmanship at the beginning of each match to provide proper identification to the opponent before shaking hands. Each player in a match at a Higher Level Tournament event should be satisfied with the identity of the opponent in the match. The Tournament Director is the only person who can make a judgement on any form of I.D. in question and will decide what course of action will be taken concerning the identity of the player in question.
8. **SCOREKEEPING** - Scoresheets with "innings" recorded and "defensive shots" marked must be kept by both players or an official scorekeeper. If it is determined that a player is not marking defensive shots, then the Tournament Director may arbitrarily raise that player's skill level. Please mark early 8's (E8), 8-ball scratches (8S), 8-on-the-breaks (8OB), and break and runs (BR) on your scoresheets. Scoresheets must be signed and turned in to the control table to receive credit for match wins. Refusal to sign a scoresheet does not affect any match protest.

9. **DRESS CODE** - Proper attire must be worn at all times in and around the tournament site. The Tournament Director shall determine what is proper attire, and is responsible for requiring the change of improper attire on the part of any contestant. The dress code will be enforced.
10. **NO SMOKING AT THE POOL TABLE** - Ashtrays will be provided on the player tables.
11. **GAME RULES** - APA game rules apply. Any and all local bylaw(s) or interpretation(s) which are not in full accord with the National Rules established by the APA do not apply to your participation in an APA Regional or National Event. It is your responsibility to know what is a National Rule (or standard) and what is a local bylaw (or standard). The game rules that will be used during your event are covered in the Official Team Manual. You should be familiar with these rules.

It is especially important that the skill level at which you participate in this event reflects your true ability according to National rules and standards. **This is your responsibility.** You are advised by the APA to make certain that you fully understand and conscientiously follow all of the National rules and standards.

If you determine your skill level is not accurate, then you must notify the APA prior to entering and playing in an APA Regional or National event. Doing so will not necessarily prevent your disqualification; it will, however, help in determining your eligibility status.

12. **FOULS** - Each player is advised before taking ball-in-hand, to make certain you actually have ball-in-hand. If you do not confirm ball-in-hand with your opponent, or with tournament officials, and there is a difference of opinion, then you subject yourself to the potential costly mistake of fouling the cue ball unknowingly.
13. **CUE BALL FOULS** - The cue ball is always alive. Do not touch the cue ball while it is still rolling. Doing so may result in a foul.
14. **CLOSE SHOTS** - If a shot looks like it may result in a "bad hit", stop the game and get a tournament official to make the call. Either player may stop the game to ask for a call. The decision of the tournament official is final. If a shot is close and an official is not called, the ruling will have a tendency to be in the shooter's favor.
15. **MARK THE 8-BALL** - A coaster, pocket marker or any other reasonable marker (other than chalk) must be placed by the pocket the 8-ball is intended to enter. If a player pockets the 8-ball without marking the intended pocket, it will result in a loss of game. Both players may use the same marker. Only one marker should be on the table. However, if more than one marker is on the table, as long as you clearly mark the pocket where you intend to pocket the 8-ball you have properly marked the pocket. If the marker is already at the intended pocket from a previous attempt or game, it is not necessary for the shooter to touch it, pick it up, or reposition it. **Anyone** may remind a player to place the marker and it will not be considered coaching or a foul.
16. **DISQUALIFICATION BECAUSE SKILL LEVELS GO UP** - If Higher Level Tournament play is to be truly meaningful and rewarding, then those who play below their true ability must be penalized.

Complaints of unsportsmanlike conduct, or any evidence of a player's effort to play below his skill level, should be reported immediately to the Tournament Director.

In order to conduct a fair and equal tournament for all APA players, APA must ensure that all participants are playing at skill levels that are not below their true ability. Handicap manipulation compromises the fairness and integrity of tournament play and cannot be tolerated. Accordingly, APA may disqualify any player if, in APA's sole judgment and absolute discretion, the player is deemed by APA to be playing at a skill level below his/her true ability. The determination of whether a player is playing at a skill level below his or her true ability is necessarily subjective; APA is the sole judge of a player's ability and may make such a determination in its absolute judgment and discretion. The APA National Tournament Director will determine the status of all players that fall into the category described by this rule. The APA may rule, based on all the evidence gathered during and/or after the tournament, that a player may or may not be disqualified.

The APA is the sole judge of a player's ability and may, at any time, raise a player's skill level if the APA believes he is not playing up to his true ability.

It is the APA National Tournament Director's responsibility to investigate and review elevated skill levels to determine the eligibility status of the player(s) involved. A player may be disqualified at any time during or after tournament play, if the APA concludes the player has, without justification, played below his true ability. It is up to the player disqualified to provide a reasonable explanation or justification for elevated skill levels.

17. **PROTESTS** - All protests must be made to the Tournament Director in a sportsmanlike manner. Any player disrupting the tournament, causing a scene, or causing other problems at or around the tournament site will lose the right to protest. The Tournament Director will attempt to resolve all issues on the spot. The APA is the highest authority in the League. Any rulings made by the APA will be final.
18. **RULES OF CONDUCT** - Read the "Rules of Conduct" and make sure you understand the penalty level system. It is designed to stop a problem while it is still a small problem. The rules of conduct may be used by the Tournament Director or designated tournament official at this event for **any** form of misconduct.
19. **SPORTSMANSHIP** - The primary objective of the League has always been to provide players of all abilities with the fun and enjoyment of friendly competition. Naturally it is expected each player arrived hoping to do well, and it is expected all players will be doing their best to win. Each player is also expected to accept defeat in a sportsmanlike manner.

Two common violations of good sportsmanship are conceding an unfinished game, and undoing a cue during play. Both forms of conduct are frowned upon by professionals, and should be eliminated from amateur play. All players are asked to allow opponents to finish the game before racking the balls or undoing your cue. No penalty will be assessed unless, in the opinion of the Tournament Director, a repeated violation of this conduct rule occurs.

Another area of good sportsmanship concerns fouls. A foul is a foul and should be observed as such. Occasionally a player

feels that a foul is a foul only if he gets caught. Generally speaking, a professional player will call a foul on himself.

Likewise, good sportsmanship in the amateur ranks requires a player to admit a mistake, and live with the consequences. On the other hand, it is technically each player's responsibility to protect himself. Pay attention to your game.

20. **EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS** – In general, any piece of equipment designed specifically for pocket billiards, with the exception of jump cues, is acceptable in APA League play. Special equipment, such as bridges and cue extenders, are legal. A player may use one cue stick for breaking and a different cue stick for shooting. During the course of a game a player may not change cue sticks or shafts unless their cue becomes damaged. A player can change shafts or cue sticks between games, but once he has made a shot in a game he must continue playing with that cue stick until that game is over. Jump shots are legal, when executed properly, but such shots must be attempted using your regular game cue. Those cues especially designed for jump shots MAY NOT be used in competition. Players are not allowed to break their cues down to attempt jump shots.

Any equipment bearing any message or image of a sexually explicit or political nature, or a message or image which may be offensive due to the use of profanity or by virtue of its promotion of violence, alcoholism or substance abuse, shall be prohibited from use in all APA events. The Tournament Director shall be the enforcing authority of this regulation.

The Tournament Director shall have the right to inspect a player's cue(s) at any time during a tournament without prior notice to the player, and if the cue(s) is found to be in violation of this regulation, the player shall immediately cease using the objectionable cue during tournament play, or face immediate disqualification and forfeiture of all prize money earned and/or entry fee.

RULES OF CONDUCT

The American Poolplayers Association has established the following conduct rules for Higher Level Tournament play. They will be strictly enforced.

1. No loud, abusive or profane language will be tolerated at this tournament. The APA knows most of you are in the League to have a good time and to enjoy some friendly competition. If there is a problem, simply bring it to one of the tournament officials, and the official will handle it. Remember in each situation the ruling must go for one side and against the other side, and it is required each player be able to accept being ruled against without causing a scene.
2. Unsportsmanlike conduct toward the opposing player or tournament official is not allowed.
3. Any player involved in an incident that includes either physical abuse or the throwing of an item at the opponent or tournament official will be disqualified immediately, and required to leave the tournament premises.
4. Any player caught hitting a cue against the table, wall, floor, etc., or recklessly swinging a cue will be disqualified immediately, and required to leave the tournament premises.

5. Abusive behavior towards the Tournament Director or any of his/her designates will not be tolerated.
6. Excessive slow play will not be tolerated.

The penalties for violating any of the six categories detailed above are as follows:

- * A warning may or may not be given, depending upon the severity of the situation.
- * **Penalty Level 1** - Your opponent will be given ball-in-hand. If the player is still shooting, or already has ball-in-hand, then that player will be allowed to shoot until missing, and then be given ball-in-hand again.
- * **Penalty Level 2** - Your opponent will be granted the game.
- * **Penalty Level 3** - Your opponent will be granted the match.
- * **Penalty Level 4** - Disqualification.

If the violation or disturbance that caused the initial penalty level to be levied does not cease, the Tournament Director and/or his/her designated assistants have the right to go from one penalty level to the next penalty level immediately.

MATCH TIME GUIDELINES

The APA has established guidelines to limit match play time in an effort to produce a tournament that adheres to a schedule that is productive and enjoyable for all the participants. We have a full schedule of rounds that must be completed in a timely manner. We strive to offer the best environment and playing conditions to our participants, while fulfilling our obligations to the tournament facility.

The guidelines we have set are more than adequate for tournament status play; in most cases actual match play will take less than the time allotted. Please be courteous; long matches are exhausting to all the players. We ask for good sportsmanship in keeping to the schedule. Your cooperation will help make this tournament fun and exciting for everyone.

TIME GUIDELINES FOR INDIVIDUAL MATCHES

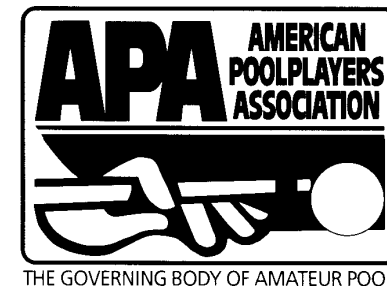
Games must win	Match Time	Average Game Length
4 - 6	45 minutes	10 minutes
7 - 10	60 minutes	8 minutes

EXAMPLE: If a player with a "games must win" of 5 is matched with a player with a "games must win" of 4, the total of their "games must win" is 9; so their match should last no longer than 60 minutes.

ADDITIONAL TIME GUIDELINES

Each practice period	4 minute time limit
Average shot	20 seconds
Special shooting situation	40 seconds-max.

Good Luck & Good Shooting!



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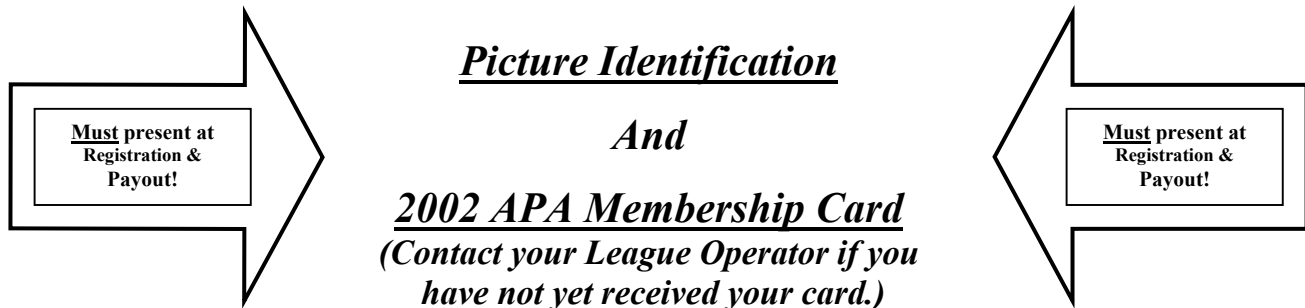
Tournament Rules

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Information

APA MiniMania Returns

During the APA National Singles Championships, the APA will conduct
Mini Tournaments in the MiniMania room from
May 1st - May 4th



Your 2002 APA Membership Card has a new feature—a bar code. We will be using the bar coding system to register you for the MiniMania events. This is the only way you can register. If you do not have your card with you, we will print you a replacement card at a charge of \$5, however replacement cards will be printed only at specified times during the event.

MiniMania Tournaments are open to all current APA members with at least 10 actual League match scores and guarantees 100 percent payback of each tournament's entry fees. Entry fees are \$10-\$20 and must be paid upon registration, which occurs daily at the MiniMania Registration Desk.

All slots are filled on a first-come first-serve basis.

\$1.00 Tables

A variety of formats offered will be:

- 8-Ball
- 9-Ball
- Doubles
- Scotch Doubles
- Ladies Only
- Seniors Only
- Tournament for each Skill Level
- 8 & 16 Field Boards



Party Under the Stars

SATURDAY EVENING

POOLSIDE AT THE RIVIERA

CASUAL DRESS

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED AT REGISTRATION

