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The Larry Hubbart Trophy

In August 2013, APA co-founder and Hall of Famer Larry Hubbart passed away. Larry truly embodied many of the same qualities the U.S. Amateur Championship stands for. In 2014, the Larry Hubbart Trophy was unveiled. Each year, the U.S. Amateur Championship winner will be presented with this prestigious award. Each winner's name will also be added to the Larry Hubbart Trophy of Champions displayed at the APA National Office.

As the Governing Body of Amateur Pool, the American Poolplayers Association (APA) is honored to conduct the 24th Annual U.S. Amateur Championship. Since the inauguration of this event in 1994, the level of competition continues to improve year after year. Only a small percentage of the best amateur players choose to play for the glory and love of the game. Those who enter this event will experience the highest level of amateur billiard play. Therefore, the U.S. Amateur Championship is only intended for the finest amateur players. The competition will be relentless, and every match won will be well deserved. If you think you've got what it takes to be the next U.S. Amateur Champion, we encourage you to enter this event and find out!



THE U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL AMATEUR PLAYERS, AGE 18 AND OLDER. THE WOMENS U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP IS OPEN TO FEMALE AMATEUR PLAYERS, AGE 18 AND OLDER. BOTH CHAMPIONS RECEIVE PAID TRAVEL*, LODGING AND ENTRY INTO A 2018 PRO EVENT.

EVENTS

2017 Preliminary Rounds

Sept. 22-24** (unless otherwise indicated) Venues throughout North America

2017 Championship Rounds

Womens U.S. Amateur Championship: Nov. 8-9

U.S. Amateur Championship:

Nov. 10-12

Stroker's – Palm Harbor, Fla.

The 2017 Championship Rounds will be non-smoking.

AWARDS

- In addition to advancing to a pro event, each Champion will receive a magnificent trophy and event jacket.
- Both Champions receive a one year free APA membership and are invited to return to the Championship Round the following year to defend their titles. Returning Champions also receive complimentary airline travel, courtesy of APA.

ENTRY FEES

2017 Preliminary Rounds

\$50 for APA members \$75 for Non-APA members

LODGING

All contestants advancing to the Championship Rounds of the Womens U.S. Amateur Championship receive 2 nights complimentary private lodging. U.S. Amateur Championship contestants advancing to the Championship Rounds receive 3 nights complimentary private lodging. APA will also cover an additional night of lodging for those players still competing on Sunday. Reservations must be made by Oct. 6, 2017.

*Ground transportation (cab, rental car, etc.) will be at player's expense.

**Not all preliminary locations will begin on Friday. Participants will receive additional information the first week of September which will include the official start time of their preliminary location.

PRELIMINARY ROUND LOCATIONS

Bumpers Billiards

Huntsville, AL

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This event will be held on 7ft. Tables Mobile, AL

Main Street Billiards

Mesa, AZ

Edgie's Billiards

Milpitas, CA

Stix Billiards

Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Antique Billiards Museum

Colorado Springs, CO

Match-Ups Pool Hall Fort Collins, CO

Shooter's Billiards and Arcade 0

Held Sept. 8-10

Southington, CT

Stroker's Sports Bar & Grill

Palm Harbor, FL

Shooters Billiards

Port St. Lucie, FL

Zingales Billiard Room & Sports

Bar - Held Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 Tallahassee, FL

Mr. Cue's II - Held Sept. 30 - Oct 1

Atlanta, GA

Sharky's Bar & Grill

This event will be held on 7ft. Tables

Davenport, IA

Pyramid Club

Addison, IL

John Wayne's Pub & Eatery

This event will be held on 7ft. Tables Indianapolis, IN

Side Pockets

This event will be held on 7ft. Tables

Lenexa, KS

Bank Shot Billiard Inc.

Louisville, KY

Lacy's Cue Sports Bar

Chalmette, LA

Ivory Billiards ◊

Held Sept. 8-10

Holyoke, MA

Diamond Jim's Pool Hall

This event will be held on 7ft. Tables Adrian, MI

Two Stooges Sports Bar & Grill Fridley, MN

Blue Diamond Sports Bar

This event will be held on 7ft. Tables Cape Girardeau, MO

Smokin' Cue

Charlotte, NC

Brown's Billiards

Held Sept. 15-17

Raleigh, NC

Clifton Billiards Espresso Bar & Grill

Clifton, NJ

West Side Charlies

This event will be held on 8ft. Tables, 19 ♂ over only

St. John's, NL

Steinway Cafe-Billiards

New York, NY

8-Ball Sports Bar & Billiards

Columbus, OH

Shooterville Billiards

Burlington, ON

The Cue Ball

Salem, OR

Summit Lanes

This event will be held on 7ft. Tables

Pocono Summit, PA

Dooly's Saint-Hyacinthe

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World Cup Billiards

Greenville, SC

High Pocket's

Memphis, TN

The Grand - Social Club and

Billiards Room

Held Sept. 8-10

Austin, TX

Bogies Billiards & Sports Bar

Houston, TX

The Billiard Den

This event will be held on 8ft. Tables

21 & over only

Richardson, TX

The Revolution Darts & Billiards

Fairfax, VA

Q Master Billiards

Virginia Beach, VA

♦ U.S. Amateur Only **♦♦** Womens U.S. Amateur Only

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- Double Elimination
- APA & Pro Rules Apply
- Winner of Lag Chooses Break or Format

U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

• Race to 7

5 Games of 8-Ball

8 Games of 9-Ball

-FINALS MATCH-

• Race to 11

8 Games of 8-Ball

13 Games of 9-Ball Single Elimination

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WOMENS U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

• Race to 5

3 Games of 8-Ball

6 Games of 9-Ball

-FINALS MATCH-

• Race to 9

6 Games of 8-Ball

11 Games of 9-Ball

Single Elimination



LOCATION MANAGERS

If you have several patrons who want to participate, you can host a Qualifier event and sponsor the winner. The entry fees you generate would cover your cost to send him/her to a Preliminary Round. Each year, national billiard magazines and local newspapers across the country feature participants and winners of the U.S. Amateur Championship. This is a great promotional opportunity for your business. If you sponsor a player who finishes in the Top 5 of the U.S. Amateur Championship or Top 3 of the Womens U.S. Amateur Championship, you'll receive a commemorative plaque for your establishment.

U.S. AMATEUR OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

ONLINE ENTRY AVAILABLE AT POOLPLAYERS.COM/USAM

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Print and complete this form, sign and return with check or money order made payable in U.S. funds to American Poolplayers Association.

Mail to: American Poolplayers Association, Inc. • 1000 Lake Saint Louis Blvd. • Suite 325 • Lake Saint Louis, MO 63367-1387.

Entry form available online at poolplayers.com/USAM. Entry fee for APA Members is \$50. Entry fee for Non-APA Members is \$75.

APA will confirm receipt of this entry within two weeks of receiving.



Runner-Up **Daniel Gambill Hickory, NC**

3rd Place

James Adams

Brooksville, FL

4th Place Fernando Vaca Gaithersburg, MD 5th Place Brett Stottlemyer Pasadena, MD 5th Place

David Singleton

Port Orange, FL

Runner-Up
Jackie Blomlie
Ocala, FL

3rd Place Betty Lea Conyers, GA

U.S. AMATEUR OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Check tournament site choice—September 22-24, 2017 (unless otherwise indicated).

We will make every effort to send you to the site of your choice. If you do not check your site of choice or a site does not have enough participation to qualify for a Preliminary Round, you will be sent to your second location choice or the site closest to you.

Please indicate a 1st and 2nd tournament site choice. Players may only participate in one Preliminary.

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	Bumpers Billiards Huntsville, AL		Two Stooges Sports Bar & Grill Fridley, MN
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	Main Street Billiards Mesa, AZ		Smokin' Cue Charlotte, NC
	Edgie's Billiards Milpitas, CA		Brown's Billiards Held Sept. 15-17
	Stix Billiards Rancho Cucamonga, CA		Raleigh, NC Clifton Billiards Espresso Bar & Grill
	Antique Billiards Museum Colorado Springs, CO		Clifton, NJ West Side Charlies
	Match-Ups Pool Hall Fort Collins, CO		This event will be held on 8ft. Tables, 19 & over only St. John's, NL
	Shooter's Billiards and Arcade ♦ Held Sept. 8–10 Southington, CT		Steinway Cafe-Billiards New York, NY
	Stroker's Sports Bar & Grill Palm Harbor, FL		8-Ball Sports Bar & Billiards Columbus, OH
	Shooters Billiards Port St. Lucie, FL		Shooterville Billiards Burlington, ON
	Zingales Billiard Room & Sports Bar Held Sept. 30 - Oct. 1		The Cue Ball Salem, OR
	Tallahassee, FL Mr. Cue's II		Summit Lanes This event will be held on 7ft. Tables
	Held Sept. 30 - Oct 1 Atlanta, GA		Pocono Summit, PA Dooly's Saint-Hyacinthe Saint Hyacinthe OC
	Sharky's Bar & Grill This event will be held on 7ft. Tables Davenport, IA		Saint-Hyacinthe, QC World Cup Billiards Greenville, SC
	Pyramid Club Addison, IL		High Pocket's Memphis, TN
	John Wayne's Pub & Eatery This event will be held on 7ft. Tables Indianapolis, IN		The Grand - Social Club and Billiards Room - Held Sept. 8-10 Austin, TX
	Side Pockets This event will be held on 7ft. Tables		Bogies Billiards & Sports Bar Houston, TX
	Lenexa, KS Bank Shot Billiard Inc. Louisville, KY		The Billiard Den This event will be held on 8ft. Tables 21 & over only
	Lacy's Cue Sports Bar Chalmette, LA		Richardson, TX The Revolution Darts & Billiards
	Ivory Billiards ♦♦ Held Sept. 8–10 Helvolo, MA		Fairfax, VA Q Master Billiards
	Holyoke, MA		Virginia Beach, VA
	Diamond Jim's Pool Hall This event will be held on 7ft. Tables Adrian, MI		◊ U.S. Amateur Only ◊◊ Womens U.S. Amateur Only

RULES OF PARTICIPATION

- 1. The Preliminary Rounds of the U.S. Amateur Championship will be conducted regionally on Sept. 22-24, 2017 (unless otherwise indicated). Championship Rounds will take place Nov. 8-12, 2017, at Stroker's in Palm Harbor, Fla. The size and number of Preliminary Rounds will depend upon the total number of entries. In order to hold a preliminary, locations must have a minimum of 16 participants in a division. Maximum participation is based on size and number of tables at each individual location.
- 2. Men may compete in the U.S. Amateur Championship only. The Womens U.S. Amateur Championship is open to female contestants only. Female participants may play in either the U.S. Amateur Championship or the Womens U.S. Amateur Championship, but they must choose their event before participating in the Preliminary Rounds.
- 3. You must be at least 18 years of age to participate.
- Entry fees are as follows: Preliminary Rounds \$50 for APA members (\$75 for Non-APA members). There will be no refunds to entrants who are disqualified for any reason. No other refunds will be given after June 30.
- All players are encouraged to seek sponsorship (businesses, Host Locations, clubs, etc.) to help pay costs associated with participating in the U.S. Amateur Championship.
- 6. Matches will be a combination of 8-Ball and 9-Ball on 4 1/2 x 9 ft. tables unless otherwise noted. APA and Pro rules apply.
- 7. This is a double elimination tournament that features a combination of 8-Ball and 9-Ball. In the U.S. Amateur Championship, all matches are a race-to-7, with the exception of the final round, which is a race-to-11. In the Womens U.S. Amateur Championship, all matches are a race-to-5, with the exception of the final round, which is a race-to-9.
- 8. There will be an enforced casual dress code. Detailed information to follow to all registered participants.
- 9. Professional players are not allowed to participate in the U.S. Amateur Championship. APA will consult with several professional tours concerning the status of any player. In addition, players who possess professional characteristics will not be allowed to participate. Professional characteristics include, but are not limited to: making the majority of one's income giving exhibitions, giving lessons or playing pool. Please contact the APA if you think there is any possibility that you possess professional characteristics.
 - APA has a nationwide network of representatives and maintains a list of professional players throughout the country. APA intends to check the amateur status according to the above guidelines on every entrant into the U.S. Amateur Championship. Those entrants found to be in violation will be consulted and given an opportunity to appeal; however, APA has the final authority to make the judgment. Entry fees for those entrants found to be in violation will not be refunded.
- 10. APA reserves the right to rule on amateur status (professional or amateur) at any time before, during, or after the event.
- 11. APA reserves the right to deny participation.
- Anyone entering must be an APA member in good standing. Those who are locally suspended are not eligible (DOES NOT APPLY TO NON-MEMBERS).
- 13. APA reserves the right to disqualify anyone entering or participating under fraudulent circumstances.
- 14. Disqualification will result in loss of all titles and awards.

- 15. I understand APA may contact my employer to verify my employment.
- 16. APA has the authority, at its sole discretion, to make modifications to the rules, formats or any other aspect of the U.S. Amateur Championship.
- 17. Release of APA & Tournament Sponsors

I, the undersigned, being of lawful age, as inducement for and in consideration of the agreement by American Poolplayers Association, Inc. (APA), verify that I may take part in the U.S. Amateur Championship (the Event) and hereby covenant and agree that APA and all other sponsors and their respective affiliates, directors, officers, employees and agents (collectively Releasees) shall not be liable for any damages arising from personal injuries, including death, and/or damage to property that I may sustain in any way which result from or arise out of my preparation for or any participation in the Event. I hereby fully and forever release and discharge and covenant not to sue Releasees from any and all claims, demands, damages, rights of action or causes of action, present or future, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of my preparation for or participation in the Event.

I warrant that I am in good health and have no physical condition that would prevent me from participating in the Event.

This release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law, and if any portion is held invalid, the balance shall continue in full legal force and effect. This release shall be binding on my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

I have read and fully understand the above Release.

18. Graphic/Video/Audio/Media Appearance Release

In connection with my appearance at and participation in this Event and all related activities and my visit to the U.S. Amateur Championship, I give APA (and its licensees, designees and assigns) the full, unconditional and irrevocable right to (1) film, photograph, tape, record and edit me and to use my personal biographic information, including without limitation, my appearance, likeness, identity, name, nickname, behavior, actions, voice, and conversations at any time during the Event by use of any means, media or technology (collectively the "Appearance"), (2) use, broadcast, reproduce, distribute and exhibit my Appearance freely in any media or for any purpose, including for any and all advertising, promotional and commercial purposes, (3) edit, modify, adapt, make derivative works from, copyright and otherwise use my Appearance as APA chooses. I recognize that content of my Appearance (including how the content is edited or any of us may be depicted or portrayed) may be viewed as favorable, positive, humorous, embarrassing, unfavorable, or negative, and I hereby waive any claim that I may have against APA or any employee, agent, assign or licensee relating to how my Appearance is edited, depicted or portrayed in any work that may be created. I expressly waive any claim of any right or interest in the Appearance and any compensation or other benefits for my Appearance in any media or distribution outlet. I acknowledge and agree that APA shall be the exclusive owner of all copyrights and other rights to and in connection with such Appearance, and APA shall have full rights to license others to use them in any manner at APA's discretion.

19. If any level of the U.S. Amateur Championship is canceled, or the place or date of any level of the U.S. Amateur is changed, for any reason, I understand that my only remedy is a refund of my entry fee.