



League Rules and Player's Guide

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About the League

Q-Time pool leagues was established to offer pool players in Saskatoon and area a league in which to play, whose sole purpose is to offer competitive, fair play. The league operates as a club organization. Membership is open to all players, as long as they maintain good standing with the club.

Rule and Rule Precedence

Q-Time Pool Leagues use the rules of the BCAPL. Their rulebook is available at playsibca.com or at qtimepool.com

Additional rules exist in this document. In the event of contradictory or differing rules, this league rule book supersedes the BCAPL rulebook.

Referees

Regular league play is a recreational endeavour and referees are not provided. Where a rule interpretation is required, players should seek out a league representative, committee member or a league operator.

If a particular shot may lead to disagreement, either player in the match may request a third party to observe the shot. The judgment of the third party is final.

Sportsmanlike Behaviour

Players are to behave in a sportsmanlike manner always.

League Management

Your league operators reserve final decision in all matters pertaining to the operation of the league.

The management of the league consists of League Operators and Assistant Operators. There is also a League Committee, and League Representative for each division.

The League Representatives are voted for at each divisions year end windup.

Current contact information for each League official can be found on the league website.

Administration funds are collected from fees and are used for the operation expenses of the league. Funds are normally used to:

- Top up divisions and tournament prize funds
- For the promotion of the league and game in general.
- Table time costs used during the Christmas tournaments and windup tournaments

No statement will be provided for Administration funds.

Sanctioning and Registration Fee

All players and divisions are sanctioned with the BCAPL. The benefits of the sanctioning and details can be found at playbca.com

*Each player, upon playing their 2nd week within Q-time Pool Leagues, is required to pay a yearly \$25 Q-Time registration fee.

This registration fee is still required if a person plays in another BCAPL league.

The registration fee permits a player to play in all divisions for which they qualify.

The calendar year for registrations starts from spring league in May to the regular season that runs until April.

Player Eligibility/Acceptable Behaviour

Players are expected to be respectful of other players and pool hall employees at all times.

League management reserves the right to restrict or revoke the privileges of a player to participate.

Players may face restriction or disqualification from the league for inappropriate actions. Examples include:

- Failure to pay fees
- Cheating
- Threatening, assaulting, or verbally abusing another person
- Disobeying league rules or the rules of our host pool halls
- Any behaviour which reflects poorly on the league or the sport
- Any player who's in poor standing with a host pool hall is also in poor standing with Q-Time Pool Leagues.

League management will be the sole arbiter of any situation and the appropriate corrective action.

Official Start

Tables are available for warmup at 6:30pm. The official start time of a match is 7:00pm.

A forfeit may be scored against a player once all the following criterion are met:

- Their name is called to a table based on their position on the scoresheet.
- A third party is asked to start a timer on the absent player
- They are not ready to play within 15 minutes of these two criteria being met

A 10-0 loss will be recorded at that point. Subsequent losses will be recorded each time the players name appears on the scoresheet to play with no further waiting period.

A team with a missing player may make a substitution for the player **before** the next round starts.

Racking

Q-Time is a league that believes in sportsmanlike behaviour. Normal procedure is for a player to rack for their opponent who is breaking. However, if a player wishes to rack their own, they may do so.

Slow Play

Teams that show a consistent pattern of completing their matches in a longer than reasonable amount of time shall receive a slow play warning from league management.

Team captains are responsible to ensure their players are aware of this warning and work as a team to keep their matches on pace.

If a team continues to complete their matches at a slow pace, league management shall take whatever corrective action is needed.

Postponement/Forfeit

In the event that a team needs to postpone a match, the team captain on the opposing team must be notified of the postponement.

Postponed matches must be made up within 4 weeks. These matches must be played at the pool hall where they were originally scheduled. Teams are responsible to ask permission from the pool hall management about table availability for their makeup match ahead of time.

If a match is postponed and team players still come out to practice on the scheduled tables they must pay the hall normal table time cost.

When 24 hours notice is given of a postponement, the two captains are responsible for scheduling a makeup match. If there is no agreement between the captains, consult league management for a resolution.

Makeup matches cannot be played during that divisions regular time.

Regardless of timeframe, league management may override the 24 hours notice when it involves out of city players/teams and unfavourable weather conditions.

A team may declare a forfeit if they are given less than 24 hours notice of a postponement. Scoring of a forfeit match will be:

- Team point average for the opposing team at the point in the season the match occurs.
- Team point average less 25% for the forfeiting team at that point in the season.
- *4 rounds awarded to the non-forfeiting team in a division that uses rounds for scoring.

Regular league fees are due from both teams regardless of whether a match is postponed or forfeited.

Repeat Forfeits

Any team that forfeits 3 matches in a row, or 4 matches in a league season may be disqualified at league management's discretion.

Quorum of Players and Substitution Players

*Intermediate Division

- 1 rostered players must play in each round of a match

*Advanced Division

- 2 regular players must play in each round of a match

*Novice Division

- 1 rostered player must play in each round of a match
- Regular players may play in another match taking place that evening. Courtesy dictates that they take care not to delay either match they participate in

*Open Division

- 2 rostered players must play in each round of a match

There is a list of players willing to sub, including contact information and availability on the website. Teams are encouraged to contact these players when they require a sub.

Payment of Fees

Weekly league fees are due on the night of play. Team captains are responsible for ensuring their team has paid in full.

Fees are payable in cash only, unless the league treasurer gives special permission.

League Management will deduct points from a team with fees in arrears of more than 2 weeks, or in the request of a team captain league will disqualify a player from playing without the option of replacing that player (zeros will be scored in this event).

One envelope is provided for the use of the home and visiting team each week. The home team is responsible for the safekeeping and submitting the envelope to league management, as well as ensuring the correct funds are enclosed prior to sealing and turning in the envelope.

Each team is responsible for marking the responsible players name and amount paid on the front of the envelope.

NOTE! Scoresheets are **not** to be placed in the envelope, but handed in separately.

Scoresheets

The home team of a match is responsible to enter scores correctly on a scoresheet and turn in to league management at the completion of a match. If a league representative is not available at a pool hall to collect the sheets and envelopes, they will write at the top of the scoresheet what you are to do that evening with the sheet and envelope.

To ensure correct scoring, both teams are responsible to:

- Write names neatly as they appear in the stats system
- Include the first and last name for a player who has not played on the team so far that season
- Write the first and last name, phone number and email address for a player new to the league on the back of the score sheet.
- Mark scores neatly

In the event of incomplete information for a player, the league may enter that player's scores as zeros. Changing these scores from zeros to the actual scores is the option of league management if the correct information is received within 2 weeks. After 2 weeks, no changes will be made.

Handicaps

Each player on a team has a handicap that is calculated based on their actual play in a division.

A player's handicap in one division does not affect their handicap in another division.

Players that have never played in a division before will start as a 0.

When league management enters scores into the stats system, a player's history in that division is automatically calculated to provide their handicap. That history may include any prior years of play in that Q-Time division.

Substitutes

When a team uses a substitute who is more than 2 handicap points above their regular player, the handicap difference of the sub and regular player is added to the substitute player's handicap.

Example: Regular player's handicap is -1, the sub's handicap is 3. The difference of the regular player and sub's handicap is 4, therefore the sub's handicap will be 7 for that match.

This will not affect their handicap calculation in the future, only the handicap points awarded for that match.

Team Rosters

*3 Player Division: Team rosters may contain a maximum of 5 rostered players.

*4 Player Division: Team rosters may contain a maximum of 7 rostered players.

The request for a player to be added to a team roster must be placed to league management prior to a match, or the stronger sub rule above will still apply.

Player Rankings

To maintain fair competition across each division, limits are set on the overall skill level a team may field. Prior to the start of a league season, a rankings list is published on the website. In the event of different rankings being published in the rankings list (pdf file) and the stats system, the rankings list is deemed correct.

*Rankings are re-calculated every year between league seasons. The formula and cut-off points are set by league management and committee. Player improvement may increase a person's ranking for the next season.

Player rankings do not change during the course of a season, except at the discretion of the league committee.

Any player may have their ranking adjusted or assigned based on known ability by league management.

*If an illegal team is formed by using a substitute or registered player the team will be penalized 30% of the highest scoring player in points in each round for each player rank above the violation and 15% of that player's score will be added to the other team for each player rank above the violation. Decimals will be round to hole numbers.

*Example: Novice division an Int player with 2 Nov-I's and the highest score is 20 in the round. The illegal team scores 6 points (30%) less for that round and the opposing team receives 3 points (15%).

*Example: Intermediate division has 1 Int-A and 2 Adv players and the highest round score is 32. The illegal team scores 19 points (60%) less for that round and the opposing team receives 10 points (30%).

*Division Information

Information specific to a division is published prior to the start of a season. This information may include:

- Match format
- Number of locations used
- Number of tables used
- How standings are calculated (points or rounds)
- Weekly fees
- Start date
- Team eligibility based on rankings

Scheduling

Following the first week of play, a schedule is published for each division that includes the pool hall location and tables assigned to the matches. The schedules can be found on the website and posted in the pool halls.

*If a League schedule is made where not all teams have the same number of byes the teams with more byes will receive their team average for one bye and no cost for that week.

Team Drop Out

If a team drops out of the league or is disqualified, they forfeit all prizes and privileges associated with the league.

A new schedule will be made with a Bye and likely new table arrangements.

Scoring

Normal Game: 10 points to the winner, 1 point to the loser for each object ball off the table.

***Win - Zip:** 10 points to the winner, 0 to the loser.

***First Attempt:** On a player's first turn at a table that has less than 15 object balls, the winner receives 11 points for pocketing all their objects ball and the 8-ball in one turn. 11 points to the winner and 1 point for each object ball down for their opponent.

***ERO:** On a player's first turn at a table that has all 15 object balls, the winner receives 12 points for pocketing all their object balls and the 8-ball in one turn. 12 points to the winner and 1 point for each object ball down for their opponent.

Coaching

Coaching is permitted in the Novice and Intermediate divisions. There is no coaching permitted in Advanced or Open division.

Coaching must be limited to strategic advice, given to a player in a manner that does not delay a game in an unsportsmanlike manner. Strategic information must be offered verbally from the non-players seat. Detailed shot instruction and approaching the table are not permitted in this rule.

Push Shot (League specific variation)

No player involved in a match may call a push shot. A third party must be called to the table to observe the shot for a foul to occur. The third party's judgement is final.

Shots made at a 45-degree angle to either side are not push shots.

Shots made with the cue elevated 45 degrees or more may still be ruled a push shot, based on the diagram below.



Prizes

Prize payouts are awarded at the year end windup based on team standings.

Deductions are made directly from a team's payout for any money owed to the league for any reason.

How a team divides their payout is a team issue and is not the business of the league management.

Sportsmanlike Behaviour

Players are to behave in a sportsmanlike manner always.

Most Frequently Asked Questions

Balls jumped off the table

- Any object ball that jumps off the table during the course of a shot That results in a foul (ball in hand to the incoming player). The ball is pocketed and scored as such.

Legal Break

- For a break to be considered legal, one object ball must be pocketed during the break or four numbered balls must be driven into a rail (cushion).

*Open Table after the Break

- It is legal to contact any ball on the table first, but can not contact the 8-Ball first when claiming a group
- You cannot establish a group when a safety is called.
- If every ball of each group is pocketed and the table is open the 8-Ball becomes a legal ball.

8 Ball Pocketed on the Break

- Provided no foul has occurred during the break, the 8 ball is spotted and the player who took the break shot continues at the table, or the player may rerack and break the balls again.

8 Ball Pocketed on the Break and Foul Occurs

- Opponent can spot the 8-ball and take ball in hand, or the opponent can rerack and receive the break

Push Shots

- See rule and diagram on Page 9

Handicap for New Players

- Players that have never played in a division start as a zero handicap.
- If a player is found to have a history in a division when scores are inputted into the stats system, the handicap will be adjusted automatically.

Misc

- Fill out the envelopes completely. This means listing all players responsible for payment and the amount of money they have enclosed. If there is a sub for a player, write in the regular responsible players name with 0 as the amount.
If a sub is not responsible for payment the subs name is not needed on the envelope.
- If it is a regular or substitute players first time playing on a team, fill in their first and last name on the backside of the scoresheet.
- Immediately upon completion of a match, balls are to be placed in their tray and turned in to the bar (or bartender notified to start the clock on your table). Failure to do so may result in point deductions for your team at league managements discretion.
- A * is an indicator a rule has been changed or is new for this rule book revision.