



2018 Louisiana ACS Billiards Association State 8-Ball Championships

Paragon Casino Resort, Mari Showroom, Marksville, LA
Wednesday, September 12th, 2018 thru Sunday, September 16th, 2018



8-Ball Scotch Doubles Entry Application

8-Ball Scotch Doubles starts 11am, Wednesday, September 12th, 2018 with best-effort to complete by 11am Thu 9/13/18

NO MAIL-IN ENTRIES ACCEPTED WITH POSTMARKS AFTER SEPTEMBER 7th, 2018 - - - - NO ON-SITE ENTRIES
See Entry deadlines in next section

___ **Scotch Doubles (i.e. Mixed) 8-Ball**

On-Time Entry Fee
postmarked by 8/31/18
\$115.00

Late Entry Fee
If postmarked 9/1/18 thru 9/7/18
\$140.00

Above fees includes a \$15/player registration fee and \$25 green fees/team.

Races: 5 winners / 4 loser

NOTE:

1. **8Ball Scotch Doubles Races:**
 - a. Races above are "baseline" (i.e. if both players, on a team, are Open), and are "best-effort/as long as time, and # of tables, allows". See #3.
 - b. Race is +1 for EACH Advanced Player on team, +2 for each Master. With a Maximum of +5.
 - c. To help meet desired estimated time-to-finish target... When "+" adjusted teams play each other, "lower" team races to baseline. I.e. Assuming baseline of 5, if a +1 Open/Advanced team plays a +2 Advanced/Master team (normally that race would be 6-7), their race will be 5-6
2. **ALL RACES AND STARTING TIMES ARE "BEST-EFFORT" AND MAY BE ADJUSTED FOR NUMBER OF ENTRIES, NUMBER OF TABLES, AND/OR TIME ALLOWED.**

All matches will be played on bar tables

Female Player: _____ **Male Player:** _____

Address: _____ **Address:** _____

City, State, Zip: _____ **City, State, Zip:** _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Textable **Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Textable**

Email Address: _____ **Email Address:** _____

League Name and city: _____ **League Name and city:** _____

City ABBR: _____ (For Tournament use) **City ABBR:** _____ (For Tournament use)

READ THIS ---- LEAGUE OPERATOR and PLAYERS ----- READ THIS

By signing this entry form, the players and League Operator acknowledge that they have received and read the regulations of this tournament, starting below, and continuing on PAGE 2 OF THIS ENTRY APPLICATION.

At least one player submitted here, HAS NOT played in at least two previous LaBA State tournament Singles competitions (for Ranking assistance).

Female Player: _____, Date: ___/___/___

Male Player: _____, Date: ___/___/___

League Operator: _____, Date: ___/___/___

There is NO-SMOKING in the tournament competition areas. Smoking is only allowed where specifically designated.

1. **PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES:** Entry fees must be submitted with this application and be for the appropriate division in the form of a cashier's check, traveler's check, or money order. No personal checks! **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED THRU YOUR LOCAL LEAGUE OPERATOR.**
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** All players must ...
 - a. ... Have played ...
 - i. ... For **8Ball** tournaments, a minimum of SIX (6) matches over a minimum of SIX (6) weeks within the 365 days before the start of this tournament, in the same LaBA sanctioned league system.
 - ii. ... For **9Ball** tournaments, a minimum of FIVE (5) matches over a minimum of FIVE (5) weeks within the 365 days before the start of this tournament, in the same LaBA sanctioned league system.
 - b. ... Player/Captain must select, above signature, this player, or any a player on this team that has not played in at least two previous LaBA state Singles tournaments, for ranking purposes. Failing to accurately provide this information may be cause to change a player's ranking during the tournament.

- c. ... meet amateur requirements. (i.e. No player may be a professional player by any definition of the LABA).
- d. ... be 18 years of age by the first day of competition.
- e. ... be a member-in-good-standing of the league system, from which their qualifying weeks are derived.
- f. ... be a member-in-good-standing of the Louisiana ACS Billiards Association.
- g. ... if applying to play in the Senior Division, affirms they are: NOT a Grand-Master or Master player; and are 50 years of age as of the first day of applicable Senior Division competition.

3. FORMAT:

- a. **Racking: Rack Your Own Break**
- b. **Races:** All divisions are double elimination (except 2nd Chance). All matches will be played on 7ft bar tables.
- c. **Team Original Members:**
 - i. ... for **8Ball Scotch Doubles**... there is no "original team members" requirements, as the Male/Female pair of Scotch Doubles players, may come from any sanctioned LaBA league system.
 - ii. ... for **8Ball teams**... Open Division Teams must consist of a minimum number of original members from their local league team, and that same minimum number of original members must play in every round of every match. The minimum number of original members is as follows:
 - 1. For **5x5** leagues and **4x4** leagues: **2** original members (changed from 3 for 2018), for **3x3** leagues and leagues **<51** members: **2** original members.
 - 2. Ladies and Master teams may be All-Star teams (not subject to minimum number of original members from their local league team), but still must be from within the same league system.
- d. **Insufficient entries in a division:** In the event that an advertised division fails to meet minimum entry requirements:
 - i. The LABA will include those entrants in the next most suitable division.
 - ii. The LABA will not be liable for any change of division
 - iii. The LABA will attempt to notify those entrants (or captains if team event) immediately after entries close if a division is cancelled, and those entrants will have the option to request a refund instead of being included in the next most suitable division.

4. CHECK-IN: All players and/or teams must check-in at the tournament site at least one hour before the start of their division/bracket, and be ready for a player's meeting, and also be ready to play immediately following any Calcutta, if applicable.

5. DRESS CODE:

- a. **Purpose:** Dress code requirements are established to add to the prestige and respect associated with this championship tournament. Your cooperation in wearing neat, clean apparel at all times during competition, for the betterment of the sport, is appreciated.
- b. **When applicable:** This dress code does NOT apply during Practice and Mini Tournaments (but discretion is still requested... thanks!).
- c. **Men:** Sleeved shirts of polo/golf or button-down style w/ conventional fold-over collar; neat, clean, closed-toe shoes at all times. Slacks or dress/nice/not-raggedy jeans.
- d. **Women:** Sleeved shirts/blouses of polo/golf style or conventional style with a fold-over collar; dress pants; Capri-style pants; neat, clean jeans; culottes; skirts or sleeved dresses of conservative length are also allowed; neat, clean, closed-toe shoes or sandals with a backing, at all times.
- e. **Not Allowed:** Absolutely no T-shirts, sweats, warm-up/jogging suits, cutoffs, shorts, ripped or torn jeans, swimwear or flip-flops, allowed.
- f. **Matching attire: Currently the only Divisions that DO require matching attire are:**
 - i. **Ladies 8Ball Teams**
 - ii. **Open 8Ball Teams**
 - iii. **Master 8Ball Teams**
 - iv. Color and style of matching team attire must match (except for the players' names) for all team members. This includes front and back of attire if they have a logo or monogram (i.e. artwork).
 - v. An **"Official Event Shirt"** (collared and displaying the LaBA logo and Current tournament venue/verbiage) **purchased onsite** from the official LaBA event apparel supplier **will be considered eligible Team Attire for any Player on any Team that requires matching attire.**
- g. **Exceptions:** Should a player require a footwear exception for medical reasons, the player must provide a letter on official letterhead from the player's health care provider before the tournament, and keep a copy of this letter in their possession at all times, available for review by a tournament official.
- h. **Enforcement:** The dress code will be in effect and enforced at all times during tournament play. A player who attempts to compete while not in dress code will be required by a referee to comply with the dress code before continuing to play. Any player found in violation of the dress code during match play will be given 15 minutes to correct the violation and return to the match site. If not back in 15 minutes, the player will lose one game of the match and will lose one additional game for each additional 5 minutes until he/she returns. If it is a team event, the Team Captain may not substitute another player for a player found in violation of the dress code until after the player returns in proper attire. Players or teams may protest an opponent's dress code **ONLY BEFORE** the match begins.
- i. **Final Authority:** All players must abide by the tournament dress code. Referees are the final authority on dress code at all times. Referees may require immediate compliance or compliance at their discretion.

6. PLAYER RANKING: There are various methods used to Place a player in their appropriate category. Although standard "Player finished in top x% of their current category moves them up to next category" are applied, there is also KA (Known Ability) that is utilized, where players are ranked by votes of Participating LaBA sanctioned League Operators to help insure a player is placed in their proper category. Any player may request that their ranking/category be reviewed, but... that request still must be submitted thru, and approved, by their League Operator, **AND be submitted at least 10 days before the start of competition.** Also... any player may voluntarily play in a "higher" category than they are required to. In these instances, that player may "step down" back to their pre non-voluntary category... **UNLESS** that player finished high enough in that voluntary category, to be moved up. Still KA placement can be applied.

7. DISQUALIFICATION: Violators of any of the above rules may be disqualified from this tournament.

8. VERIFICATION OF ENTRY: All entries will be posted online at www.louisianabilliards.com, as they are received, but should be available no later than 48 hours before the start of competition. Players (or Team captains for team entries) agree to confirm their entry online and report any discrepancies to their league operator immediately so that any corrections can be made in a timely manner.

9. PERMISSION TO SHARE INFORMATION: By entering this tournament, all participant agree to provide their Players card number and grants the LaBA permission to share Name, Address, Phone Numbers, and Date-of-Birth with VENUE ONLY, for the purposes of verifying and/or issuing the VENUE's Players card. VENUE agrees not to share this information with anyone other than what the VENUE's Card agreement allows.

10. ACCEPTANCE: By submitting/signing this entry form, and/or entering the tournament, the Participant(s) and League Operator acknowledge that they have received, read, acknowledge, and agree to the terms, conditions, rules and regulations governing this tournament.

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By submitting this entry form, the Team Captain and League Operator are both acknowledging that they have received, read, and agree to the terms, conditions, rules and regulations associated with this tournament.

Female Player "page 2" Initials: _____, Male Player "page 2" initials: _____, League Operator "page 2" initials: _____