# Your guide to APA/CPA League Play

## League Years 2020/2021, 2021/2022 & 2022/2023

**This is not an all-inclusive list but covers the significant changes to the APA Official Team Manual for League Years 2020/2021, 2021/2022 & 2022/2023.**

- **3-Year Printing Cycle -** We will now go to a 3-year printing cycle, so the League years that will be covered in this next manual are through 2022/2023.

- **New 1-Minute Guideline for New Player Selection -** The time guidelines for new player selection have been reduced from 2 minutes to 1 minute.

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| Average Shot | 20 Seconds |
| Special Shooting Situation | 45 Seconds |
| Time-outs | 1 Minute |
| New Player Selection | 1 Minute |
| Team Match Forfeit | 15 Minutes |

- **Gender Eligibility -** A clarification for how APA determines participation to members for certain gender specific divisions and events.

  > Participation in some divisions, and events, is limited to members of certain genders. If the eligibility of a participant in one of these divisions, or events, is questioned, the gender listed on the State/Province issued picture ID, Military ID or passport will be used to determine eligibility.

- **Adding Players to Rosters -** Notify the opposing team of any roster changes before the team match begins. The "must be notified" now reads "should be notified", as this is strongly encouraged, but the APA also understands that on occasion there are extenuating circumstances.

  > Players may be added to your roster at any time during the first four weeks of each session. *The opposing team should be notified of the roster change before the team match begins.* To add a player, simply write the word "add" and the player's name next to the roster on your copy of the weekly scoresheet. To drop a player, draw a line through their name on your scoresheet and write "drop" next to it.

- **Minimum Championship Skill Levels -** We've added language to cover the new rule about gentlemen 2s in Championship Level Events.

  > **Minimum Championship Skill Levels:** During Championship Level Events as well as at the 8-Ball Classic & 9-Ball Shootout Regional Tournaments, ladies may participate at their assigned skill level, even if that assigned skill level is lower than a SL3. All other players must participate at a skill level 3 or higher. To be eligible to participate at a skill level lower than a SL3, the player's State/Province issued picture ID, Military ID or passport photo ID must identify her as female.
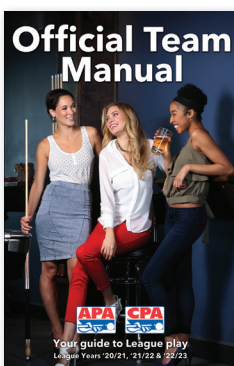
- **New Senior Skill Level Rule in 8-Ball -** We have added a senior skill level rule in 8-Ball to increase consistency between formats.

  > Senior Skill Level players are those who have a skill level of 6 or higher. Teams may not field more than two Senior Skill Level players in a match. A violation of the rule has officially occurred when the rack is struck in an individual match involving a third Senior Skill Level player. The ineligible player forfeits the individual match and the teams go on to the next match. The skill levels of both players will count towards the Team Skill Level Limit for that match. If a third Senior Skill Level is used, the points earned by the third Senior Skill Level player will not count.
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  > **NOTE:** Once both teams have declared a player, the players cannot be changed unless the Limited Senior Skill Level rule is in jeopardy.

- **Clarification on the Frozen Ball Section and Fouls Section -** We've clarified the section on frozen balls and we made the language on the frozen ball foul read consistently. Please refer to page 51 (Frozen Balls) and the item "d" on page 53 (Fouls) to see this change.

- **Expansion on Ethical/Unethical Defensive Shots -** We've expanded on this section to list out the types of shots (some often confused) that are to be considered ethical Defensive Shots. You can find this new language on pages 31-32 which should help provide a better understanding of Defensive Shots.

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**These are not the only changes to the new manual, but rather some of the more notable updates. For a full understanding of the changes, please take some time to read and review the new version of the APA Official Team Manual.**