

City County Pool League  
General Pool League Rules for 9-Ball 2024  
(Adapted from 8-Ball Rules that also apply to 9-Ball)

SECTION 1 ORGANIZATION AND OBJECTIVES:

This Organization shall be known as The City County Pool League.

- 1.) The objective will be to foster and maintain the aims and ideals of amateur pool.
- 2.) All games will be played within a 30 mile radius of the city of Bellingham.
- 3.) All players are to abide by the principles of good sportsmanship, fair play and the rules and Regulations of This League as set forth hereafter:

SECTION 2 OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS:

1. The President and Vice President of this League shall be elected to serve for a term of two years. Nominations for officers will be made at the annual General Membership Meeting held before the start of the 8 Ball season
- 2.) The Secretary/Treasurer of this League shall be elected to a term of two years.
- 3.) The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.
- 4.) An Officer may be recalled, only by a 2/3 majority vote of at least 50% of the Membership.
- 5.) All positions requiring a vote shall be put out on a ballot the first week of play. The vote will be tallied after the first week and the winner will take office immediately.

SECTION 3 DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

- 1.) The President shall preside at regular meetings; shall appoint the following committees; Financial, Rules; and in this capacity shall receive a stipend for 9-Ball of \$100.00.
- 2.) The Secretary / Treasurer shall be responsible for all correspondence of the League; will keep minutes of all meetings, keep true and accurate records of all matches played, and all monies received and disbursed; and in this capacity shall receive \$2.25per team per week and \$65.00 per 9-Ball season for gas.
- 3.) The Vice President shall act on all matters concerning the President's duties in his/her absence will appoint a Promotion committee to further the objectives of the League; and is responsible for having sign up sheets and general membership meeting notices out by September 1<sup>st</sup> ; and in this capacity shall receive a stipend for 9-Ball of \$100.00.

SECTION 4 COMMITTEES:

- 1.) The Financial Committee shall audit the accounts of the League not more than once per season and make recommendations as to improvements in the income and expenditures of the League.
- 2.) The Rules Committee will consist of no more than 8 members and the League Officers.
- 3.) The Rules Committee shall make final decisions on the eligibility of all players, approve all regular season and playoff schedules, and make decisions on all protest or questions of play that may arise. The majority of committee members shall constitute a quorum. Rule changes can only be made after a motion is made and approved at the general meeting. It will then be sent to the entire membership in the form of a ballot on the first week of play for League approval. The ballots shall be tallied by the secretary and results will be posted.
- 4.) The President shall vote only in the event of a tie.
- 5.) The Financial and Rules Committee's shall be appointed before season play begins.

SECTION 5 TEAMS AND PLAYERS:

- 1.) The teams shall consist of 3 players, male or female. All Players must be 21 years of age.
- 2.) There will be a maximum of 7 qualified players per team. A player may be added to a team with 7 players by permanently dropping a player. **Be sure to note the name of the player to be dropped. Please note the new players First and Last names** on the score sheet.
- 3.) A player may play only one division per season.
- 4.) Any games played by an unqualified player will be forfeited
- 5.) To qualify for team playoffs a player must have played 36 games with the same team.
- 6.) At least one player must have played 75% of the season with the team for a team to qualify for the playoffs. To qualify for the Top Shooter playoffs list a male player must have played a minimum of 60% of the teams scheduled games. A female player must have played a minimum of 40% of the team's games.

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GENERAL REGULATIONS:

- 1.) Practice time on the table to be used for the match will be from 6:00pm to 6:30pm for the home team, 6:30pm to 7:00pm for the visiting team. ***Practice time ends at 7pm sharp.***
- 2.) ***Members present must start play at 7p (Real Time) Grace period will be for members not present and lasts until 7:30.*** Any player not present by 7:30pm shall forfeit all missed games that they were scheduled to play.
- 3.) Substitutions will be allowed only if the sub has been entered on the score sheet by 7:30pm. No roster changes may be made during the match except to add to empty roster slots before 7:30 pm.
- 4.) All matches are to be played on a 4' x 8' table unless otherwise approved by the Rules Committee.
- 5.) A match may be played if at least one player from each team is present.
- 6.) A **24-hour notice** must be given to the opposing team captain and **League Secretary** for a match to be postponed, and a make-up match must be played within 4 weeks and before the last week of scheduled play. It will be up to the team captains to agree on a make-up match date. Exceptions may be granted by the League Officers.
- 7.) Any team that forfeits 3 matches will be dropped from the League and be unable to attend League functions. All scheduled matches involving this team will be treated as a forfeit.
- 8.) All players will pay for their games, plus a fee of \$1.00 per game (usually 3 sets of 3 games totaling \$9) to be forwarded to the League Secretary each week. Additionally, all players must pay a one-time \$10.00 League sign-up fee on their first night of play (please don't forget this when adding new players during the season - can be divided into two payments of \$5 for subs).
- 9.) A team may play a match with all 7 of its qualified players as long as no one player plays more than one match against any one opposing player and each player pays \$3, \$6 or \$9 (\$1 per game = \$3 per set).
- 10.) It is the responsibility of the team Captains to collect all fees and to ensure that they are forwarded to the League Secretary with the weekly score sheet. Visiting team Captain is responsible for turning in the score sheet and money in the envelope provided. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit for the visiting team.
- 11.) All protests or questions of play are to be written on the bottom of the score sheet. The game in question must be completed. All grievances will be handled within the week following with a decision being made within ten days.
- 12.) All forfeits will be scored as follows: forfeiting team – 0 wins, opponent - 6 wins or their percentage, whichever is higher. Individuals will be scored according to their percentage.
- 13.) The drop-off boxes for weekly envelopes are located at Main St. and Glynn's Shamrock Pub.
- 14.) The weekly envelopes should be turned in right after the match but must be turned in by 9:00 pm Tuesday by the visiting team Captain. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit for the visiting team.

SECTION 7

RULES OF PLAY:

- 1.) There will be a time limit of 5 minutes between games and 1 minute between shots. Failure to comply will result in loss of game on 5 minute limit and loss of shot on 1 minute limit.
- 2.) A 15 second time limit will be allowed on hanging shot's if requested.
- 3.) Any foul must be called by the opposing player only (not teammates), and before the next shot.
- 4.) Any **single playing** team member may coach, but only at shooter's request. A player may be coached only 3 times per game. An additional 2 minute time limit is allowed between shots (3 minutes total) when coaching is asked for within the first minute. Any violations of the rule will result in loss of shot.
- 5.) ***Any intentional sweeping or movement of balls shall result in automatic win for the opponent.***
- 6.) Team Play-offs are blind draw.

Officers:

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Secretary	Bob Perret	(360) 739-7862 cell