

2007 BCA National 8-Ball Championships Team Entry Information

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Enclose entry fee with form. All fees must be in U.S. dollars. Postmark your entry by Monday, March 26, 2007 to qualify for the Standard Entry Fee. Between March 27th and April 09, 2007, pay the Late Entry Fee. Late entries must be paid in US funds by cashier's check, traveler's check, money order or credit card. No personal, business or league checks will be accepted for entries postmarked after March 26, 2007. No entries postmarked after April 09, 2007 will be accepted. **No exceptions!**

ELIGIBILITY

All teams are 5-person teams and may have up to 10 players on the roster. All players must have played a minimum of eight (8) weeks during a sanctioned session in the same league and meet the BCA Pool League (BCAPL) amateur requirements. Trophy and Open teams must consist of at least three original players from their league team. Additional players may come from other teams within the League Operator's sanctioned system. The Master teams may consist of any five players within the same League Operator's sanctioned system.

Men's/Mixed Teams

Open Race to 13
Master Race to 13
Trophy Race to 13

Women's Teams

Open Race to 10
Master Race to 13
Trophy Race to 10

IMPORTANT DATES

Team Competition Dates

Open May 16-19, 2007
Master May 17-19, 2007
Trophy May 17-19, 2007

Check-In Dates

All teams must be checked in at the BCAPL Check-In Desk by the League Operator, Secretary or Team Captain during the following days and hours:

Sunday, May 13.....	Noon to 6:00 p.m.	(Open Division)
Monday, May 14.....	Noon to 8:00 p.m.	(Open Division)
Tuesday, May 15.....	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	(Open Division)
Wednesday, May 17.....	8:00 a.m. to Noon 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.	(Master & Trophy Divisions) (Master & Trophy Divisions)

The League Operator, League Secretary or Team Captain must present all changes to the roster at the BCAPL Check-In Desk. A BCAPL Official must approve final changes to the roster on-site. Final league standings must also be available at the tournament. Team Captains must maintain their team roster form and keep it on hand at all matches.

DRESS CODE

Dress code requirements are established to add to the overall prestige and respect associated with the world's most prominent amateur pool tournament. Your cooperation in wearing neat, clean apparel at all times during competition for the betterment of the sport is appreciated.

Singles Competition

Men must wear sleeved shirts of polo/golf style or button-down style with a conventional fold-over collar. Women must wear sleeved shirts or blouses of polo/golf style or conventional style with a fold-over collar. Absolutely no T-shirts allowed. Absolutely no sweats, warm-up suits or jogging suits allowed. Men must wear long pants, either dress pants or neat, clean, un-torn jeans. Women may wear dress pants, Capri-style pants, or neat, clean, un-torn jeans. Women may also wear culottes, skirts or sleeved dresses, of conservative length. Men and women must wear clean, neat, closed-toe shoes at all times. 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 referee, if requested).

Scotch Doubles Competition

Same requirement as Singles competition. Matching shirts worn by Scotch Doubles teams are preferred, but not mandatory.

Team Competition

- Team shirts are required for all teams during Team competition.
- Dress code must meet the Singles competition requirements.
- Color and style of team shirts must be matching (except for the players' names) for all team members. This includes front and back of shirts, if they have a logo or monogram. Each member of a team must have their own team shirt/blouse. "Borrowing" the shirt of a teammate is not permitted. Teams competing in the Second Chance Tournament are required to meet the "matching shirts" criteria.

General

- The dress code will be in effect and enforced at all times when on the tournament floor.
- 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. A 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 opponents dress code **ONLY BEFORE** the match begins.
- Referees are the final authority on dress code.
- Relaxed dress code for mini tournaments and practice will be allowed when tournament match play concludes in the main tournament rooms. Clean and neat apparel is required at all times.

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.

REFUNDS & CHANGES

Written requests ONLY will be accepted for refunds and/or division changes. Requests for refunds or changes must be received by the BCAPL office (either by mail or fax) not later than Friday, April 20, 2007. Written requests after that date cannot be considered, as the prize fund has been finalized. Refunds will be processed by the BCAPL office after June 1, 2007. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Late fees are non-refundable. All refunds will be charged a \$10.00 handling fee.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH BCAPL RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY BE CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE EVENT!

Hotel

The Riviera Hotel & Casino is offering a nightly room rate of \$83.00 plus tax (quad occupancy). This rate is good through April 09, 2007. Call now! The room block will likely sell out early. Call 800.634.6753. Be sure to ask for the BCA Pool League Tournament in May.

Car Rental

Call Avis at 800-331-1600 and use BCA Pool League Member Code AWD S007799 and ask for the "best possible rate".

Important International Tax Information

The United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires that winners have a U.S. taxpayer identification number or an application for a U.S. taxpayer identification number in order for them to receive a prize check from the BCAPL.

If foreign players do not have a U.S. taxpayer identifying number (TIN), they may apply for one directly with the Internal Revenue Service of the United States Department of the Treasury. The BCAPL will also have applications available in Las Vegas. **The application requires that the applicant provide supporting documentation to establish their identity and country of citizenship.**

Required supporting documentation is evidence of alien status and identity. Examples of documentary evidence supporting alien status (i.e. non-U.S. citizenship or nationality) are a foreign passport, a foreign birth record or a current document issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) or a Social Insurance Card. Examples of documentary evidence supporting identity include a driver's license, identity card, school record, medical record, marriage record, voter registration card, military card, passport or a current document issued by the INS. One of the documents presented needs to include a photograph of the applicant.

If a winner has not applied for a TIN, but has the necessary supporting documents with them, we will have applications available and will help players complete them on site. When a winner has either a tax identification number, or a completed application for a number, the BCAPL can issue a prize check to them. The IRS requires the BCAPL to withhold 30% of winnings and forward the withholdings to the IRS **unless the recipient is from a country that has a tax treaty with the United States.**

If your country has a tax treaty with the United States, there is a form from the United States Department of the Treasury by which you may claim exemption from withholding. The BCAPL will have Form 8233 available in Las Vegas. When the recipient completes this form, the BCAPL will be able to pay 100% of the prize money in accordance with the terms of the respective country's tax treaty with the United States.

If your country does not have a tax treaty with the United States, the BCAPL is required to withhold 30% of the player's winnings. The BCAPL must remit the 30% to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, and the player may file a tax return with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (using their taxpayer identification number) and may be eligible for a refund of the 30%.