

WELCOME TO THE NORTHEAST CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT!

The Following is some information that your team is responsible for during this tournament. Please share this with your players. All APA game rules apply. Your local by-laws do not apply at this tournament.

1. **Please be on time!** We will try our best to get all matches out as close to the start time as we can. We ask that ONE representative from your team stay close by the control area at start time. Forfeits will be determined 15 minutes after a match has been called. If a team has registered for the tournament, every effort will be made to locate the team before a forfeit is declared. The tournament director determines when a match is officially forfeited.
2. **Parking** – Please make sure that you park LEGALLY or your car will be towed. Car Pool, Walk or use the shuttle if you can!
3. **Host Location Rules** – ABSOLUTELY no food or beverages are allowed to be brought into this location. If you are caught trying to bring alcohol in or drinking in the parking lot, you will be asked to leave for the duration of the tournament.
4. **Picture ID** should be on your person at all times. If you are asked, please show it to your opponent. Don't be offended! Players are from all over the Northeast region and you definitely don't know everyone!
5. **Shot Times** are 20 seconds, 45 seconds for special situations, 1 minute time-outs and 2 minute player selection. Every player receives one timeout per rack, regardless of skill level. Please keep your match moving as we will be implementing a 3 hour sudden death as described below. Referees will be randomly timing players for slow play. If they ask you to pick up your pace, please do so without argument.
6. **Sudden Death** will be implemented at this tournament. After 3 hours from the start time, we will make an announcement that sudden death is now in effect. At this time, the referees and tournament staff will be walking around asking you to write "SD" in any matches that haven't begun at that point. You will finish the match you are in and all matches following will be one game for the two players chosen. Keep in mind that you still must stay within the 23 rule.
7. **Referees** will be available to watch hits. They will have orange referee shirts on. If you need a hit to be watched, please stop your opponent from shooting and tell them that you would like the hit watched, then call the ref over. Please do not try to signal the ref to watch the shot from a distance. The referee will need time to set themselves up into a position to see the shot properly. The referee's call is final. We will have floor managers available at all times if you have something you wish to speak to them about.
8. **Be respectful** to ALL staff. This includes referees, APA staff and the Big Shot Billiards staff. Anyone getting out of control and disruptive during the tournament to our staff will be asked to leave the premises and will not be allowed back for the duration of the tournament.
9. **Skill levels** can move up and down during this tournament. Please make sure you check the score sheets before you begin to make sure of each person's proper skill level. In addition, if you have certified yourself higher and it has not been reflected on the score sheet, please alert our staff so it can be changed.
10. **Score sheets** should be brought back up to the control desk as soon as your match is finished. There is NO PRACTICE on the tables when you are finished. **Winning Teams** will be asked to rack the balls on the table when the match is over.
11. **Mini-tournament** players should have received a skill level card from their league operator. If you haven't, please pick one up Thursday night if you can. You will be asked to show ID when you register and you will need to show it to your opponent before your match begins.