

I.R.W.P.L. BY-LAWS 2017-2018

Officers

PRESIDENT: Jessica Jelle 744-3683 -or- 780-6616
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SECRETARY: Debbie Harju 290-7810

1. RULES COMMITTEE:

The rules committee will consist of two (2) seasoned players. These two individuals will be referred to for all rule questions during the pool season. Only one committee member should be called about a rule. If you do not agree with her ruling, you have the option to file a protest within 48 hours with the league president. You are not to call anyone else on the rules committee. Call only rules committee members for rulings on a rule. One rules committee member will be available by phone during the Money Tournament's Final 4 in case there is a rule question or problem.

Only in the event of not being able to contact one of the rules committee members, you can contact league president for a ruling. Once the ruling is made it is final.

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2. SCORING / HANDICAPS

Handicap will be established **FROM LAST YEARS AVERAGES**. A new player coming in will get the league average the first week and their own from then on.

MAXIMUM HANDICAP IS 36 POINTS (19sep16)

3. LOSS OF TEAM

If a team drops out of the league and owes money, the captain of that team is responsible to get that money to the league. If this is not done, those team members will not be allowed to play in the league for or the rest of the year or the next year whichever applies. If a team drops out during the season the following stands:

- A. Those teams having played the match will keep their points.
- B. Those team not having played the match will receive 130 bye points.
- C. Should more than one team drop out, each bye will be 130 points.
- D. the remaining teams will pay 20.00 bye fee due the rest of the teams have paid for play against them.

If a bar **CHANGES OWNERSHIP** the team shall remain at that bar for the rest of the season, If the bar **CLOSES**, then another IRWPL bar should be chosen to finish out the season.

4. WHO IS HOME TEAM

In a situation where two teams are scheduled to play at home and there is only one table, the home team with the lower position in standings may choose a neutral, empty IRWPL bar to play the match in.

5. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

- A) If a shooter from another team plays for you, your team's points will be adjusted to "0", and the opponents team will receive 130 points. All captains are responsible for knowing if their players are eligible ie: age, floating sub, etc....a \$25 fine will be imposed on any team allowing an underage (21 years old) shooter to play.
- B) "Floating Sub List": The league secretary will maintain a floating sub list. To be considered a floating sub, you may not play more than twice for any one team. Once you have played three (3) times for a team you are considered on that team's roster, and will be removed from the floating sub list.
- C) You must have played three (3) times, or 12 games, to be eligible to play in the money tournament. A floating sub is eligible to play in the money tournament as long as she has played three times, but not more than twice for any one team.

6. LEAGUE PROTESTS:

Any team wishing to file a protest must do it in writing, and must follow these guidelines: A written protest, along with \$5 must be presented to the league president within 48 hours of the match being protested. The president will contact the Chairman of the Board of directors, who will contact the board members. If for any reason the president cannot be contacted the chain of

command is: Vice-president, Chair of Board, Secretary/Treasurer, and only then, other board members. Any team not following the chain of command will face disciplinary action determined by the Board of Directors.

7. ATTENDANCE: **** NEW START TIME 6:30**

GRACE PERIOD OF 1 HOUR. **Please use common sense and good Sportsmanship when implementing this rule.** Teams should make every effort to accommodate each other in these situations. Each team must have two (2) players present to begin a match.

8. SPORTSMANSHIP ISSUES:

While shooting, if an opponent unscrews her stick or puts it away in an obvious effort to distract the shooter, it is a foul and ball in hand. This is considered a poor sportsmanship foul. Do not consider putting down the stick to smoke or drink a foul. Use good sportsmanship in determining if an opponent is trying to distract the shooter.

9. RULES OF PLAY:

- A) Balls and racking: stripe in one corner, solid in other.
- B) 8-ball on the break is not a win. The breaker may ask for a re-rack or spot the 8-ball and continue shooting. Should the breaker pocket the 8-ball and scratch, the incoming player has the option of spotting the 8 and shooting from the kitchen, or re-racking and assuming the break.
- C) With cue ball in hand, touching any object ball with the cue feral is a foul or **touching any object ball with your hand while touching the cue ball is a foul.**
- D) Picking up the cue ball before all balls on the table have comes to a complete stop is a foul.
- E) **The slow play rule WILL be enforced.** Please use common sense when enforcing this rule.
- F) **FROZEN BALL:** If two balls are touching, the shooter must shoot away from the direction the balls are facing. Shooting in a forward direction will result in a push shot, or foul. Cue stick must be held at a 45 degree angle.

- G) Team Forfeit Score: 130-60
- H) Individual Forfeit Score: 40-8 for match or 10-2 for one game missed.
- I) In the event you are short a team member and you play the match handicap will be determined by dropping highest average of team member of team will all players in attendance. Play with 3 players only 3 times per season but not during the tournament. Play as follows: (Sept 2017)

Round 1

Player A	Player A
Player B	Player B
Player C	Player C
Player D	Player A

Round 2

Player A	Player B
Player B	Player C
Player C	Player A
Player D	Player B

Round 3

Player A	Player C
Player B	Player A
Player C	Player B
Player D	Player C

Round 4

Player A	Player A
Player B	Player B
Player C	Player C
Player D	Other teams choice

10. OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER POSITION:

The Board of Directors will consist of the captains. The responsibility of the board includes deciding all protests, dispensing disciplinary action, and watching over the league officers. A Chairman of the Board will be elected by the board members. The Chairman will be responsible for polling board members and tabulating the polls. All board meetings of a disciplinary nature will be closed. The board will handle all decisions not specifically covered by VNEA rules or the written rules of the league. League officers (Pres, VP, Sec/Treas) will not make any decisions or determinations regarding rulings. Any decisions the board makes must have a quorum of 5 member votes.

It will be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to record the minutes of all league meetings and present them at the next meeting. She will also provide the Pres and VP with financial statements twice each pool season for review.

Signatures of the Secretary/Treasurer and President will be required on all checks written for disbursement of league funds.

NO EXCEPTIONS.

11. COMMITTEES:

A banquet, trophy and tournament committee will be formed at the beginning of each year.

As per past practice no trophies will be given. There is a traveling trophy for the money tournament.

Banquet / Tournament / Trophy Committee for 2017-18

Carol Prigge`	865-4705 -or- 290-3818
Krissy Kishel	290-4138
Andrea Swanson	410-1631
Deb Harju	290-7810 (for budget)

12. WEEKLEY FEES AND SCORE SHEETS: (8.00 per person)

PLEASE HAVE ONE PERSON TEXT A PICTURE OF THE SCORESHEET TO DEB HARJU @218-290-7810 IN ORDER TO HAVE AVERAGES POSTED TO MINN PASTIMES WEBSITE AND MESABI DAILY NEWS ON A TIMELY BASIS

The secretary has to receive score sheets by the following Monday to be on time. Each team will receive one warning regarding the late score sheet. The second warning will result in a loss of \$10 from the team winnings. The third warning will be a loss of 10 points and \$10 from the team winnings.

Also, there will be a \$4.00 late fee for score sheets not received by Monday night. This will be waived if a text is received please send checks not cash.

Last names should be used for each player on the score sheets.

Remember to put team names and date of play on score sheets

Please make checks payable to NRWPL since that is the name on the bank account (40.00 to the league secretary).

13. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:

After receiving a complaint about a team or individual, the following guidelines will be used:

- A) If there is a dispute during the money tournament, the team captains involved must contact a board member immediately. All payouts will be frozen until the Board of Directors make a decision. The board will meet immediately the next day to make its decision via a meeting or by phone. In regular season play, the board will meet within 2 weeks.
- B) Verbal Abuse: name calling and swearing at opponents will not be tolerated
 - 1st Offense - warning
 - 2nd Offense - 4 week suspension from league play
 - 3rd Offense - expelled from league remainder of seasonWritten statements from both teams must be received by the Board for review and must be signed by all team members.
- C) Any physical contact or threats of bodily harm will result in immediate dismissal from the league for the remainder of the season. Player score will be an automatic zero. This includes all league sponsored events.
- D) Any board member receiving a complaint will immediately notify the chair or co-chair who will in turn notify the President.
- E) If the grievance involves a board member, that individual will not be part of the boards meeting or its decision. A league officer will take the place of that board member.

14. MEETINGS:

All teams not represented by at least one player at a captain's meeting will docked 10 points. Notification of meetings will be in the paper with the weekly standings. Captains will be notified by e-mail (or telephone if you don't have email however the secretary must be notified if you need the call).

15. The secretary's fee shall be \$40.00 per team.

16. The league will pay for four (4) players on each team to be sanctioned. If you want more players sanctioned the individual teams must pay for that player.

17. Schedules: the league has voted for no play during Halloween / Thanksgiving / Christmas / State tournament week. Two playoff weeks were reinstated.

18. TOURNAMENTS:

A tournament committee will be formed each year. A league tournament will be held during the season and the league will contribute money to this tournament. The tournament committee must meet at least 30 days prior to the end of the season to do the draw and determine payouts. The tournament will be a handicapped tournament with averages to be calculated throughout the tournament (19sept16). The type of tournament, the amount the league contributes, etc. will be based upon how many players are in the league that year, and how many entries are received. Money payouts will be distributed based on 3 submissions made by tournament committee to the league and submitted to captains for a vote (one vote per team).

All teams are encouraged to participate in the State Tournament. The league will allocate 70.00 per team to help pay entry fees; if your team doesn't play at state tournament your money will be distributed at the end of the year.

No money will be distributed for the VNEA (Las Vegas) Tournament – that will be the responsibility of the attending team.

No trophies will be distributed as per past practice. A traveling trophy has been established for the money tournament. First place for season is \$150.00 second place is \$100.00.

A short explanation of the PUSH/SHOT/FROZEN BALL and the DOUBLE/HIT SHOT

PUSH SHOT/FROZEN BALL

This can only be called if the balls are TOUCHING. Not nearly touching, not a Chalk distance apart, etc. They must be touching.

The shooter MUST shoot with her cue stick up at a 45 degree angle, or shoot the cue ball at a 45 degree angle either to the left or to the right of the center of the cue ball where it is frozen to the object ball. You cannot shoot the cue ball straight into the frozen ball unless your cue stick is elevated 45 degrees.

THIS IS THE ONLY LEGAL SHOT FOR A FROZEN BALL. IF THE SHOOTER DOES NOT DO THIS, IT IS A FOUL.

It is a good idea for both shooters to go up to the table and look at the balls to make sure they are frozen before the shooter shoots. 'GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP'

DOUBLE HIT

This can only be called if the balls are not touching, but close to each other. This is difficult to explain without using visual effects. The referee watches the end of the cue stick of the shooter to see if the stroke (tip of the stick) makes it past the object ball or if the stroke (tip of the stick) stops before the object ball. If the stroke (tip of the stick) goes past the object ball, it is a double hit and it is a foul. Sometimes you can actually hear the double hit. If the stroke (tip of the stick) stops before the object ball, it is considered a good hit.

**If possible, it is best to shoot the cue with bottom or with a jab or an angle to make it clear that your stroke is not going past the object ball.

These are very hard shots to call without a referee available, however, we should all get to know them so you are prepared when you play in a tournament where there are referees present.

REMEMBER GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS THE KEY!!!

- ****Changes made during the initial league meeting at the beginning of the season.**