

# 2017 MICHIGAN BCAPL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## DIVISION FORMATS & ELIGIBILITY

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Important Dates

April 3: Early entry discount ends  
 April 10: Last day for mailed entries & personal checks  
 April 27: Last day for refund requests  
 May 9: Last day to register online

#### Refunds & Division Changes

Refund requests must be received in writing by email, fax, or postal mail by April 27, 2017 and will be processed after May 22, 2017. A \$20 processing fee will apply to all refund requests. Change requests must be received by May 8, 2017 and a \$10/player processing fee will apply. Admin fees are non-refundable.

#### Hotel Reservations – Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort!

Book by April 18 to receive the special group rate of \$89/\$109. Phone reservations at **877-232-4532**; Group Code: **BCAPL5917**  
 Address: Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, 6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

#### FargoRate

FargoRate has replaced the outdated system of subjectively classifying players as AA, A, B, C, etc. Players with at least 200 games of data in the FargoRate system have an established rating. Those with fewer than 200 games have a transitional rating based on any data in the FargoRate system and a starter rating assigned by the BCAPL.

#### Division Start Times

Various factors could delay start times. Therefore, divisions may begin later than the times listed on the entry form. Check the tournament brackets for the exact start time of your match or ask the Tournament Director.

#### Don't Get Disqualified!

We take player ratings very seriously. A player who intentionally enters an event with a transitional or starter rating that is too low for his or her ability, is cheating. **Be aware that we have tools in place to monitor players who are consistently and significantly performing above their rating during the event.** The BCAPL reserves the right to disqualify any player without refund. Therefore, if you believe you are underrated, contact CSI prior to the registration deadline.

#### Mixed Divisions vs. Women's Divisions

While women's-only divisions are offered, Fargo Ratings provide women the opportunity to compete on a level playing field against men. A woman rated 450 plays at the same level as a man rated 450. Therefore, women are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the mixed divisions.

#### No Changes after the Draw!

Once the brackets are drawn for a division, no changes are allowed.

#### Dress Code

Dress Code "C"

#### Know Your Match Time & Location!

Matches are not announced at the event. You are responsible to know when and where your matches are scheduled. Please review Appendix A – Using CTS (CueSports Tournament System). If you still need help, please ask our staff at the Tournament Director's desk.

### SINGLES

The following divisions are for amateurs only. No player rated higher than 720 may register for mixed division and no female rated higher than 660 may register for the women's division.

#### General Eligibility (all singles divisions)

- Must be a sanctioned member in a BCAPL league or a USAPL league and play a minimum of eight (8) full scheduled weeks during the 2016-2017 league year (June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017); or
- A CSI Member (\$25 membership fee required)

#### Mixed 8-Ball Singles

Men & women may register for Mixed Singles. After registration ends, the field is separated into two (2) divisions based on players' Fargo Ratings.

- **Platinum Division:** *Upper 50% of field (approx.)*
  - **Races:** medium handicaps using FargoRate Chart R6
  - **Format:** alternate break, rack your own, true double elimination

- Fees: each entry includes a \$15 green fee and \$50 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.
- Added: \$1,500 based on 64 players
- **Gold Division: Lower 50% of field (approx.)**
  - Races: medium handicaps using FargoRate Chart R5
  - Format: alternate break, rack your own, true double elimination
  - Fees: each entry includes a \$15 green fee and \$50 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.
  - Added: \$1,000 added based on 64 players

### Women's 8-Ball Singles

- **Gold Division: entire field**
  - Races: medium handicaps using FargoRate Chart R4
  - Format: alternate break, rack your own, true double elimination
  - Fees: each entry includes a \$15 green fee and \$35 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.
  - Added: \$1,000 based on 64 players

### Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point "cushion" if a player is rated 720 or lower (mixed singles) or a female is rated 660 or lower (women's singles) at the time of registration but his or her rating increases above those limits before the tournament. If a player's rating increases beyond the cushions (730 or 670), he or she must play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over the cushion (730 or 670).

*Example: A male had a rating of 717 at the time of registration but it increased to 735 before the tournament (5 over the cushion), he will incur a one-game penalty in each match. If his rating increases to 758 (28 over the cushion), he will incur a two-game penalty in each match.*

## TEAMS

The following divisions are for amateurs only. No male player rated higher than 720 and no female rated higher than 660 may register.

### Team Check-In Required

The Team Captain or League Operator must check in at the Tournament Desk prior to the start of the division and get an official team roster. The official roster and photo IDs of all players must be presented to all opposing teams and BCAPL staff upon request.

### Dress Code C – Team Shirts

Please note that team shirts are not required. However, teams that want team shirts are encouraged to visit the official team shirt provider of the BCA Pool League, [www.ultimateteamgear.com](http://www.ultimateteamgear.com).

### General Eligibility (all team divisions)

- Must be a sanctioned member in a BCAPL league or a USAPL league and play a minimum of eight (8) full scheduled weeks during the 2016-2017 league year (June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017).
- All team members must come from the same league.

### Mixed 8-Ball Platinum Teams (5 core players / max. of 2 subs)

- Ratings: the team's combined rating in any round cannot exceed 3,000.
- Format: race to 13, non-handicapped, rack your own, true double elimination
- Fees: each team entry includes a \$25 green fee and \$350 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.
- Added: \$3,000 added based on 32 teams

### Mixed 8-Ball Gold Teams (5 core players / max. of 2 subs)

- Ratings: the team's combined rating in any round cannot exceed 2,750.
- Format: race to 11, non-handicapped, rack your own, true double elimination
- Fees: each team entry includes a \$25 green fee and \$250 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.
- Added: \$2,500 added based on 32 teams

### Women's 8-Ball Gold Teams (4 core players / max. of 2 subs)

- Ratings: the team's combined rating in any round cannot exceed 2,000.
- Format: race to 9, non-handicapped, rack your own, true double elimination
- Fees: each team entry includes a \$25 green fee and \$190 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.
- Added: \$1,000 added based on 16 teams

## Team Rating Increases

There is a 10-point per player “cushion” if a team is eligible for a specific division at the time of registration but one or more members’ ratings increases before the tournament to push them over the limit. If the team rating moves beyond this cushion, they will have the following options:

- Option 1:* Move up into the next division (if possible)
- Option 2:* Replace one or more players to get back within the division limit (must still meet all other eligibility requirements)
- Option 3:* Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 50 points over the cushion.

*Example:* A Mixed Gold Team is below the 3,000 limit at the time of registration but their rating increases to 3,093 (43 points over the cushion), they will incur a one-game penalty in each match. If their rating increases to 3,127 (77 points over the cushion), they will incur a two-game penalty in each match.

## Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point “cushion” if a male teammate is rated 720 or lower or a female teammate is rated 660 or lower at the time of registration but his or her rating increases above those limits before the tournament. If a player’s rating increases beyond the cushion (730 or 670), the team will have the following options:

- Option 1:* Move up into the next division if possible (must still meet other eligibility requirements)
- Option 2:* Replace the player (must still meet other eligibility requirements)
- Option 3:* Play and accept a one-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over the cushion (730 or 670)

*Example:* A male on a team has a rating of 716 at the time of registration but it increases to 735 before the tournament (5 over the cushion), the team will incur a one-game penalty in each match. If the same person’s rating increases to 758 (28 over the cushion), the team will incur a two-game penalty in each match.