

# 2017 USAPL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

## DIVISION FORMATS & ELIGIBILITY

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Important Dates

June 5: Early entry discount ends  
 June 12: Last day for personal checks  
 June 26: Registration ends for teams  
 June 30: Last day for refund requests  
 July 3: TBA names due  
 July 7: Last day for change requests

#### Refunds & Division Changes

Refund requests must be received in writing by email, fax, or postal mail by June 30, 2017 and will be processed after Aug. 14, 2017. A \$20 processing fee will apply to all refund requests. Change requests must be received by July 7, 2017 and a \$10/player processing fee will apply. Admin fees are non-refundable.

#### Membership Card Needed!

IMPORTANT! All participants are required to have their CSI membership card. If you have not received your card, contact your League Manager immediately. There is a charge for replacement cards at the event.

#### Hotel Reservations - Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino!

Book by June 30, 2017 to receive the special group rate of \$81/\$132. **NO RESORT FEES REQUIRED! FREE PARKING!**

- Online: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SRCUE7>
- Phone: (888) 746-6955; Group Code: **SRCUE7** (processing charge applies to phone reservations)

#### General Eligibility (all divisions)

- All participants must be USAPL members and have played a minimum of eight (8) full scheduled weeks during a single session in the same division during the 2016-2017 league year (June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017)

#### FargoRate Replaces Fairplay!

FargoRate is replacing the Fairplay rating system for the 2017 USAPL National Championships. Under the new system, scoring is greatly simplified. Best of all, there is no longer a need to track missed shots! The race between two players will now be based off of each player's Fargo Rating. The maximum race is now 99 and the bottom race can, in some instances, be below 30. The 14-point USAPL game scoring method remains the same.

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 USAPL. Starter ratings for those with fewer than 200 games of FargoRate data may be based off of the player's previous Fairplay rating.

#### Division Start Times

Divisions may begin as early as 9 a.m. on the date listed on the entry form. However, various factors could delay start times. 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 USAPL reserves the right to disqualify any player without refund. Therefore, if you believe you are underrated, contact the USAPL prior to the registration deadline.

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

While a women's-only team division is offered at the USAPL National Championships, FargoRate and the USAPL handicapping system provides 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.

#### No Changes after the Draw!

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

#### Dress Code

Dress Code "A" (see USAPL Tournament Regulations)

#### 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.

#### Match Conflicts

Participants are free to register for divisions that overlap. However, the USAPL will only schedule around match conflicts between specific divisions. PLEASE NOTE that if any other match conflicts occur, the player must forfeit one of the matches without refund. The USAPL will schedule around conflicts between the following divisions:

- 8-Ball Singles; and
- 8-Ball Teams or 9-Ball Singles; and

- 9-Ball Teams
- THE PLAYER ASSUMES THE RISK FOR CONFLICTS BETWEEN ALL OTHER DIVISIONS.

## SINGLES DIVISIONS

The following divisions are for amateurs only. No player rated higher than 720 may compete in these divisions.

### Check-In Not Required

Check-in for singles divisions is not required. However, all players must have their membership card with them while on the tournament floor. Any player who does not have their card must get a replacement at the USAPL Registration Desk (replacement charge applies). Also, remember that it is your responsibility to know when and where you play. Check with the Tournament Directors Desk for exact match times.

### Singles Divisions

Each division's start dates and entry fees are listed on the entry form. All singles divisions are true double elimination.

#### 8-Ball Singles

This division is open to men and women. After registration ends, the field is separated into two (2) divisions based on player ratings as shown below. All matches are handicapped using the USAPL handicapping system. Each entry includes a \$35 green fee and \$100 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

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| <b>Gold Division:</b>   | <i>Upper 50% of field (approx.)</i> |
| <b>Silver Division:</b> | <i>Lower 50% of field (approx.)</i> |

#### 9-Ball Singles

This division is open to men and women. All players compete in the same division and all matches are handicapped using the USAPL handicapping system. Each entry includes a \$35 green fee and \$100 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

## TEAM DIVISIONS

The following divisions are for amateurs only. No male rated higher than 720 and no female rated higher than 660 may compete in these divisions.

### Team Check-In Required

Team check-in begins Tuesday, July 18 at noon. The Team Captain or League Manager must check the team in at the USAPL Registration Desk prior to the start of the division and get an official team roster. Roster change requests must be made at the USAPL Registration Desk prior to the start of the division and final league standings are required. The official roster and photo IDs of all players must be presented to all opposing teams and USAPL staff upon request. Also, remember that it is your responsibility to know when and where you play. Check with the Tournament Directors Desk for exact match times.

### Dress Code A – Team Shirts

Please note the following team shirt requirements from Dress Code A:

- Team shirts are required during team competition.
- Color and style of team shirts (front & back) must match (except for the player names)
- Each member must have his or her own team shirt. Borrowing the shirt of a teammate is not permitted. Visit the official team shirt provider of the USA Pool League, [www.ultimateteamgear.com](http://www.ultimateteamgear.com).

### Scoring

Scoring in the USAPL National Championships is the same as in your local league and has been greatly simplified. The team that scores the most points wins the match. A summary of team scoring is as follows:

- The winner of each set receives 100 + (Margin of Victory x 2).
- The loser of each set receives his or her points scored.
- If the team is over the rating limit for the division, penalty points are deducted (amount over x 1).

### Team Divisions

#### 8-Ball Teams (5 players / max. of 8 on roster)

- This division is open to men and women.
- Team rating limit: 2,500. If the Fargo Ratings of the five (5) teammates that compete in a team match exceed 2,500, penalty points will be deducted from the team's score.
- Teams must have at least two (2) original players (played eight weeks on the same team in the same division during the Spring session).

- Original players must play in the first two sets of every team match.
- Other players on a team who do not meet the definition of an original player must have played eight (8) regularly scheduled weeks of league play with the same team during the summer or fall sessions.
- Each entry includes a \$25/player green fee and \$475 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

#### Women's 8-Ball Teams (3 players / max. of 5 on roster)

- This division is open to women only. No female rated over 660 may compete in this division.
- Team rating limit: 1,200. If the Fargo Ratings of the five (3) teammates that compete in a team match exceed 1,200, penalty points will be deducted from the team's score.
- There is no original player requirement for this division.
- All players must have played eight (8) regularly scheduled weeks of league play with the same team during any session.
- Each entry includes a \$25/player green fee and \$275 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.

#### 9-Ball Teams (4 players / max. of 7 on roster)

- This division is open to men and women.
- Team rating limit: 2,000. If the Fargo Ratings of the four (4) teammates that compete in a team match exceed 2,000, penalty points will be deducted from the team's score.
- Teams must have at least two (2) original players (played eight weeks on the same team in the same division during the Spring session).
- Original players must play in the first two sets of every team match.
- Other players on a team who do not meet the definition of an original player must have played eight (8) regularly scheduled weeks of league play with the same team during the summer or fall sessions.
- Each entry includes a \$25/player green fee and \$375 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.