

# 2018 MICHIGAN BCAPL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT GUIDE

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Important Dates

Jan. 15: **SAVE \$** Last day for early entry discount  
Jan. 15: Last day for mailed entries & personal checks  
Jan. 16: **SAVE \$** Last day for hotel discount  
Jan. 22: Last day for refund requests  
Jan. 29: Last day to register online

### Refunds & Changes

Refund requests must be received in writing by email, fax, or postal mail by Jan. 22, 2018 and will be processed after Feb. 12, 2018. A \$20 processing fee will apply to all refund requests. Division change requests must be received by Jan. 22, 2018 and a \$10/person admin fee applies. Roster change requests must be received before the division draw and a \$10/player admin fee applies. Admin fees are non-refundable.

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

**Book by Jan. 16, 2018** to receive the special group rate of **\$89/\$109**.

Book online: [www.playcipsipool.com/2018-michigan](http://www.playcipsipool.com/2018-michigan) Phone: **877-232-4532**; Mention Group Code: **BCAPL2218**

### FargoRate

FargoRate has replaced the outdated system of subjectively classifying players as AA, A, B, C, etc. All ratings will be based on FargoRate.

### 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 ratings very seriously. Intentionally entering with an incorrect rating is cheating. **Be aware that we have tools in place to monitor those who consistently and significantly perform above their rating during the event.** We reserve the right to disqualify any person without refund. Therefore, if you believe your rating is incorrect, contact CSI prior to the registration deadline to have your rating reviewed.

### Mixed Divisions vs. Women's Divisions

While women's-only divisions are offered, FargoRate provides women the opportunity to compete on a level playing field against men. A female rated 450 plays at the same level as a male 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 permitted.

### Dress Code

Dress Code "C" (team shirts not required but encouraged)

### Know Your Match Time & Location!

Matches are not announced at the event. You are responsible to read the tournament brackets and know when and where your matches are scheduled. Please review Appendix A – Using CTS (CueSports Tournament System). If you still need help, please ask tournament staff for assistance.

## SCOTCH DOUBLES

This division is for qualified amateur league members only. CSI Members are not permitted.

### General Eligibility

- Each team must consist of one (1) male and one (1) female.
- No person rated higher than 720 may register.
- Each teammate must be a current member of a BCAPL or USAPL league and have played a minimum of four (4) full scheduled weeks during the 2017-2018 league year (June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018) before the division start time.
  - *Please Note: As of Jan. 1, 2018, CSI members are no longer eligible to participate in league divisions.*

### Scotch Doubles 8-Ball (Handicapped Races)

Teams register for scotch doubles based on the members' combined Fargo Ratings. Entry fees and start dates are listed on the entry form.

- Team Rating Limit: The team's combined Fargo Rating may not exceed 1,100 at the time of registration
- Handicapped Races: **Hot handicaps using FargoRate Chart R4** (team average used to determine races)
- 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 Money: \$1,000 added to the prize fund based on 64 teams

- **Match Conflicts:** This division runs concurrent with Mixed 10-Ball Singles. Match conflicts between the two divisions will not be rescheduled.

## Team Rating Increases

There is a 10-point per core player “cushion” if the team is eligible at the time of registration but one or more members’ ratings naturally increase before the tournament to push them over the limit. If the team’s rating moves beyond this 20-point cushion, it will have the following options:

- Option 1:* Replace one (1) teammate to get back within the division limit (replacement must meet all other eligibility requirements)  
*Option 2:* Play and accept a 1-game penalty in each match for every 50 points over the cushion. This is in addition to any handicaps.

**Example:**

*A team is below the 1,100 limit at the time of registration but their rating naturally increases to 1,118 (18 pts. over the limit) – there is no penalty because it does not exceed the 20-point cushion. If their rating increases to 1,152 (32 pts. over the cushion), they will incur a one-game penalty in each match. A penalty reduces the race for the opponent and is in addition to any handicaps.*

## Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point “cushion” if a person is rated 720 or lower at the time of registration but his or her rating naturally increases above 720 before the tournament. If a person’s rating moves beyond 730, the team will have the following options:

- Option 1:* Replace the player (replacement must meet all other eligibility requirements)  
*Option 2:* Play and accept a 1-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over 730. This is in addition to any handicaps.

*Example: A player has a rating of 717 at the time of registration but it naturally increases to 735 before the tournament (5 pts. over the cushion), the team will incur a 1-game penalty in each match. If that person’s rating increases to 758 (28 pts. over the cushion), the team will incur a 2-game penalty in each match. A penalty reduces the race for the opponent and is in addition to any handicaps.*

## SINGLES

The following divisions are for qualified amateur league members only. CSI Members are not permitted.

### General Eligibility (all singles divisions)

- No person rated higher than 720 may register for mixed singles and no female rated higher than 660 may register for women’s singles.
- Must be a current member of a BCAPL or USAPL league and play a minimum of four (4) full scheduled weeks during the 2017-2018 league year (June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018) before the division’s start time.
  - *Please Note: As of Jan. 1, 2018, CSI Members are no longer eligible to participate in league divisions.*

### Mixed 9-Ball Singles (Handicapped Races)

Men & women may register for Mixed 9-Ball Singles.

- **Handicapped Races: Hot handicaps using FargoRate Chart R6**
- **Format:** Alternate break, rack your own, true double elimination
- **Fees:** Each entry includes a \$15 green fee and \$40 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.
- **Added Money:** \$750 added to the prize fund based on 64 players

### Mixed 10-Ball Singles (Handicapped Races)

Men & women may register for Mixed 10-Ball Singles.

- **Handicapped Races: Hot handicaps using FargoRate Chart R5**
- **Format:** Alternate break, rack your own, true double elimination
- **Fees:** Each entry includes a \$15 green fee and \$40 toward the prize fund. The remainder is an admin fee.
- **Added Money:** \$750 added to the prize fund based on 64 players
- **Match Conflicts:** This division runs concurrent to Scotch Doubles. Conflicts between the two divisions will not be rescheduled.

### Mixed 8-Ball Singles (Handicapped Races)

Men & women may register for Mixed Singles. After registration ends, the entire field will be separated into two (2) divisions based on the Fargo Ratings of all participants.

- **Platinum Division: Upper half of field (approx.)**
  - **Handicapped Races: Hot 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 Money:** \$1,000 added to the prize fund based on 64 players
- **Gold Division: Lower half of field (approx.)**
  - **Handicapped Races: Hot 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 Money:** \$1,000 added to the prize fund based on 64 players

### Women's 8-Ball Singles (Handicapped Races)

- **Handicapped Races: Hot handicaps using FargoRate Chart R4**
- **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 Money:** \$1,000 added to the prize fund based on 64 players

### Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point "cushion" if a male is rated 720 or lower or a female is rated 660 or lower at the time of registration but his or her rating naturally increases above those limits before the tournament. If a rating increases beyond 730 (male) or 670 (female in Women's Singles), he or she must play and accept a 1-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over the cushion (730 or 670). This is in addition to any handicaps.

*Example: A female playing in Women's Singles had a rating of 653 at the time of registration but it naturally increases to 672 before the tournament (2 pts. over the cushion), she will incur a 1-game penalty in each match. If her rating increases to 696 (26 pts. over the cushion), she will incur a 2-game penalty in each match. A penalty reduces the race for the opponent and is in addition to any handicaps.*

## TEAMS

The following divisions are for qualified amateur league members only.

### 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 teammates must be presented to all opposing teams and tournament staff upon request.

### General Eligibility (all team divisions)

- No person rated higher than 720 may register.
- Must be a current member of a BCAPL or USAPL league and have played a minimum of four (4) full scheduled weeks during the 2017-2018 league year (June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018) before the division's start time.

### Mixed Platinum 8-Ball Teams (Non-Handicapped – Race to 11)

- **Team Size:** Three (3) core members and a max of one (1) substitute
- **Rating Limits:** The team's combined rating of the core roster may not exceed 1,800. An individual's rating may not exceed 720.
- **Straight Races: Race to 11 (non-handicapped)**
- **Format:** Round robin, 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 Money:** \$2,000 added to the prize fund based on 32 teams

### Mixed Gold 8-Ball Teams (Handicapped Races)

- **Team Size:** Five (5) core members and a max of two (2) substitutes
- **Team Rating Limit:** The team's combined rating of the core roster may not exceed 2,750. An individual's rating may not exceed 720.
- **Handicapped Races: Hot handicaps using FargoRate Chart R11** (team average used to determine races)
- **Format:** Round robin, 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 Money:** \$2,000 added to the prize fund based on 32 teams

### Women's Gold 8-Ball Teams (Handicapped Races)

- **Team Size:** Four (4) core members and a max of one (1) substitute
- **Team Rating Limit:** The team's combined rating of the core roster may not exceed 2,000. An individual's rating may not exceed 660.
- **Handicapped Races: Hot handicaps using FargoRate Chart R9** (team average used to determine races)
- **Format:** Round robin, 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 Money:** \$2,000 added to the prize fund based on 32 teams.

### Team Rating Increases

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

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

*Example:* A Mixed Gold Team is below the 2,750 limit at the time of registration but its rating naturally increases to 2,843 (43 pts. over the cushion), they will incur a 1-game penalty in each match. If their rating increases to 2,877 (77 pts. over the cushion), they will incur a 2-game penalty in each match. A penalty reduces the race for the opponent and is in addition to any handicaps.

## Individual Rating Increases

There is a 10-point "cushion" if a person is rated 720 or lower at the time of registration but his or her rating naturally increases above 720 before the tournament. If a person's rating increases beyond 730, the team will have the following options:

- Option 1:* Move up into the next division (if possible)
- Option 2:* Replace the teammate (replacement must meet other eligibility requirements)
- Option 3:* Play and accept a 1-game penalty in each match for every 25 points over 730. This is in addition to any handicaps.

*Example:* A team member had a rating of 716 at the time of registration but it naturally increased to 735 before the tournament (5 pts. over the cushion), the team will incur a 1-game penalty in each match. If the same person's rating increases to 758 (28 pts. over the cushion), the team will incur a 2-game penalty in each match. A penalty reduces the race for the opponent and is in addition to any handicaps.