

2008 BCA National 8-Ball Championships - Scotch Doubles Entry Information

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Enclose entry fee with form. Postmark your entry by Saturday, March 22, 2008, to qualify for the Standard Entry Fee. Between March 23 and April 07, 2008, pay the Late Entry Fee. Late entries must be paid in US funds by cashier's check, traveler's check, money order or credit card. No personal, business or league checks will be accepted for entries postmarked after March 22, 2008. **No entries postmarked after April 08, 2008 will be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

ELIGIBILITY

Open Scotch Doubles teams consist of one male and one female player, both of whom are eligible to play in the Open Singles divisions. Both members of any Open Scotch Doubles team must come from within the same League Operator's system. (New!) Master Scotch Doubles teams consist of one male and one female player, both of whom are eligible to play in the singles and come from the same league, OR, one qualified League Player and one Player Member from the same state as the league player..

Open Scotch Doubles	
Winner's Bracket	Race to 4
Loser's Bracket.....	Race to 3
Master Scotch Doubles	
Winner's Bracket	Race to 5
Loser's Bracket.....	Race to 4

IMPORTANT DATES

Scotch Doubles Competition Dates

Open & Master May 09 – May 13, 2008

Check-In Dates

Thursday, May 08, 2008 Noon to 10:00 p.m. (times are tentative)

Friday, May 09, 2008 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

CHECK IN AT THE BCAPL CHECK-IN DESK ONLY IF THERE ARE ROSTER CHANGES. A National BCAPL Official must approve changes to the roster on-site. Final league standings must also be available at the tournament.

DRESS CODE

Dress code requirements are established to add to the prestige and respect associated with the world's most prominent amateur pool tournament. Your cooperation in wearing neat, clean apparel at all times during competition for the betterment of the sport is appreciated.

Singles Competition

Men must wear sleeved shirts of polo/golf style or button-down style with a conventional fold-over collar. Women must wear sleeved shirts or blouses of polo/golf style or conventional style with a fold-over collar. Absolutely no T-shirts allowed. Absolutely no headgear allowed. Absolutely no sweats, warm-up suits or jogging suits allowed. Men must wear long pants, either dress pants or neat, clean, un-torn jeans. Women may wear dress pants, Capri-style pants, or neat, clean, un-torn jeans. Women may also wear culottes, skirts or sleeved dresses, of conservative length. Men and women must wear clean, neat, closed-toe shoes at all times. Should a player require a footwear exception for medical reasons, the player must provide a letter on official letterhead from the player's health care provider before the tournament (and keep a copy of this letter in their possession at all times, available for review by a referee, if requested).

Scotch Doubles Competition

Same requirement as Singles Competition. Matching shirts worn by Scotch Doubles teams are preferred, but not mandatory.

General

- The dress code will be in effect and enforced at all times when on the tournament floor.
- Any player found in violation of the dress code during match play will be given 15 minutes to correct the violation and return to the match site. If not back in 15 minutes, the player will lose one game of the match and will lose one additional game for each additional 5 minutes until he/she returns. A Team Captain may not substitute another player for a player found in violation of the dress code until after the player returns in proper attire.
- Players or teams may protest an opponent's dress code **ONLY BEFORE** the match begins.
- Referees are the final authority on dress code.
- Relaxed dress code for mini tournaments and practice will be in effect when tournament match play concludes in the main tournament rooms. Clean and neat apparel is required at all times.

FINAL AUTHORITY ON DRESS CODE

All players must abide by the tournament dress code. Referees may require immediate compliance or compliance at their discretion.

REFUNDS & CHANGES

Written requests **ONLY** will be accepted for refunds and/or division changes. Requests for refunds or changes must be received by the BCAPL office (either by mail or fax) not later than Friday, April 18, 2008. Written requests after that date cannot be considered, as the prize fund has been finalized. Refund checks will be processed after June 1, 2008. No Exceptions! Late fees are non-refundable. All refunds will be charged a \$10.00 handling fee.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH BCA POOL LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY BE CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE EVENT.

Hotels

The Riviera Hotel & Casino is offering a nightly room rate of \$92.00 plus tax (quad occupancy). This rate is good through April 07, 2008. The room block will likely sell out early. Call **800.634.6753** for reservations.

Important International Tax Information

The United States Internal Revenue Service requires that winners have a U.S. taxpayer identification number or an application for a U.S. taxpayer identification number in order for them to receive a prize check from the BCAPL.

If foreign players do not have a U.S. taxpayer identification number (TIN), they may apply for one directly with the Internal Revenue Service of the United States Department of the Treasury. The BCAPL will also have applications available in Las Vegas. The application requires that the applicant provide supporting documentation to establish their identity and country of citizenship.

Required supporting documentation is evidence of alien status and identity. Examples of documentary evidence supporting alien status (i.e. non-U.S. citizenship or nationality) are a foreign passport, a foreign birth record or a current document issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) or a Social Insurance Card. Examples of documentary evidence supporting identity include a driver's license, identity card, school record, medical record, marriage record, voter registration card, military card, passport or a current document issued by the INS. One of the documents presented needs to include a photograph of the applicant.

If a winner has not applied for a TIN, but has the necessary supporting documents with them, we will have applications available and will help players complete them on site.

When a winner has either a tax identification number or a completed application for a number, the BCAPL can issue a prize check to them. The IRS requires the BCAPL to withhold 30% of winnings and forward the withholdings to the IRS **unless the recipient is from a country that has a tax treaty with the United States.**

If your country has a tax treaty with the United States, there is a form from the United States Department of the Treasury by which you may claim exemption from withholding. The BCAPL will have form 8233 available in Las Vegas. When the recipient completes this form, the BCAPL will be able to pay 100% of the prize money in accordance with the terms of the respective country's tax treaty with the United States.

If your country does not have a tax treaty with the United States, the BCAPL is required to withhold 30% of the player's winnings. The BCAPL must remit the 30% to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, and the player may file a tax return with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (using their taxpayer identification number) and may be eligible for a refund of the 30%.