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February 16, 2009

To all BCAPL Players, League Operators, Referees, Administrators and Tournament Directors:

The following changes to the 2008-2009 edition of The Official Rules of the BCA Pool League are effective immediately, and will be in effect for all regional and national events through May 31, 2009. Please give them the widest dissemination possible throughout your organizations. I also recommend that you place them into effect at all upcoming state and local events leading up to the 2009 BCA Pool League 8-Ball National Championships.

Change to: Rule 1.3, Use of Equipment
 Rule 1.4, Cue Stick Requirements
 Rule 1.8, No Practice During Match
 Rule 1.15, Deflecting the Cue Ball When Breaking
 Rule 1.39, Illegal Marking

The mandatory warnings and increased penalties for subsequent offenses are eliminated. The penalty for first and subsequent offenses is a foul. However, as with any rule, a pattern of violations of these rules may still be penalized as unsportsmanlike conduct.

Change to: Rule 1.40, Deliberate Foul

The penalty of loss of match for a third offense is eliminated. The penalty for third and subsequent violations is loss of game.

As we approach the BCAPL Nationals, I also suggest that you review with your organizations the penalties for catching the 8-ball as it is falling into a pocket on the break. That is a violation of Rule 1.40(d). The first violation is a foul; second and subsequent violations during a match result in loss of game.

The official text of the changes is enclosed or attached. Flyers suitable for posting or distribution in league packets or at tournaments are enclosed or attached. Please let me know if you need assistance in acquiring copies for distribution. The BCAPL National Office will offer any assistance possible. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Bill Stock
BCAPL Rules Administrator

February 16, 2009

From: BCA Pool League

To: All BCAPL Players, League Operators, Referees, Administrators, Event Officials and
Tournament Directors

The following changes in the text of The Official Rules of the BCA Pool League are effective immediately:

Rule 1.3 - Use of Equipment:

Change paragraph 3 to read: "Violation of this rule is a foul."

Rule 1.4 - Cue Stick Requirements:

Paragraph 2: delete the second sentence.

Rule 1.8 - No Practice Allowed During Match:

Delete paragraph 2 and Paragraphs 3, 3(a) and 3(b). Add new sentence to the end of paragraph 1: "In team play, practice fouls committed by team members who are not actually playing in a game at the time of the foul will be enforced on all match tables.

Rule 1.15 - Deflecting the Cue Ball When Breaking:

Delete second and third sentences.

Rule 1.39 - Illegal Marking:

Delete the second paragraph.

Rule 1.40 - Deliberate Foul:

Change the first and second sentences of the final paragraph: "In addition to any penalties required by the General Rules and specific game rules, a mandatory warning must be issued that further violations during the match will result in loss of game. Each subsequent deliberate foul during a match results in loss of game.

Rule 2.10(e) – Loss of Game:

Change first sentence to read: "you pocket the 8-ball on a bank shot or kick shot that you do not call."

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE 2008-2009 EDITION OF THE BCAPL RULE BOOK

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Change to: Rule 2.10(e) Loss of Game

Kick shot added.