

2011 BCAPL National 8-Ball Scotch Doubles Entry Information

PAYMENT INFORMATION: Enclose entry fee with form. All fees must be in U.S. dollars. Postmark your entry by March 28, 2011 to qualify for the Standard Entry Fee. Between March 29, 2011 - April 11, 2011, pay the Late Entry Fee.

ELIGIBILITY: Open Scotch Doubles teams consist of one male and one female player, both of whom are eligible to play in the BCAPL 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 BCAPL 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:

- Open and Master May 13 - 17, 2011

CHECK-IN:

Scotch Doubles teams to check in at the BCAPL Check-In desk **ONLY** if there are roster changes. A National BCAPL Official must approve changes to the roster onsite. Final league standings must also be available at the tournament. **We will take changes up to 9 am, Friday, May 13, 2011.**

REFUNDS AND CHANGES:

Written requests **ONLY** will be accepted for refunds and / or division changes. Requests for refunds or changes must be received by the CueSports International (CSI) office (BCAPL and USAPL) either by mail or fax no later than Sunday, April 22, 2011. Written requests after that date cannot be considered, as the prize fund will have been finalized. Refunds will be processed by CSI after June 1, 2011. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Late fees are non-refundable. All refunds will be charged a \$10 handling fee.

HOTEL:

Host hotel is the Riviera Hotel & Casino. In 2011 the Riviera is offering a three tier room block rate for the BCAPL Nationals (May 11-22, 2011).

All rates are per room with up to 4 guests per room. You may choose from either one king or two double beds.

NO RESORT FEES ARE BEING APPLIED to these reservations.

- **If booked on or by January 31, 2011 rate is \$70 per night**
- **If booked after January 31, 2011 rate is \$80 per night**
- *******Reservations for 8 or more nights receive the rate of \$60 per night. To receive the \$60 rate the following applies: must stay 8 or more nights, must pay entire stay upon making the reservation and is non-refundable.**

The reservation cut-off date is: April 12, 2011

After that date, rooms will be sold on a space available basis.

TO BOOK YOUR RESERVATION:

Call (800) 634-6753 (GROUP CODE: BCAPCPP)

or book online at www.playbca.com

GENERAL DRESS CODE POLICIES:

Dress code requirements are established to add to the overall 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.

- 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 when match play begins, 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 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 manner of dress **ONLY BEFORE** the match begins.
- Relaxed dress code for mini tournaments and practice will be allowed when tournament match play concludes in the main tournament rooms. Clean and neat apparel is required at all times.

Singles Competition: Men must wear sleeved shirt of polo/golf style with a conventional fold over collar. Women must wear sleeved shirts or blouses of polo/golf style with a fold over collar. Absolutely no tee-shirts allowed. Absolutely no sweats, warm-up suits or jogging suits are allowed. Men must wear long pants, either dress pants or neat, clean, untorn jeans. Women may wear culottes, skirts, slacks or sleeved dresses of conservative length. Men and women must wear clean, neat, closed-toed 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 the letter in their possession at all times, available for review by a referee, if requested.

Scotch Doubles Competition: Same requirements as Singles competition. Matching shirts worn by Scotch Doubles teams are preferred but not required.

Team Competition:

- Team shirts are required for all teams during Team competition.
- Dress code must meet the Singles competition requirements.
- Color and style of team shirts must be matching (except for the players' names) for all team members. This includes front and back of shirts, if they have a logo or monogram. Each member of a team must have their own team shirt / blouse. "Borrowing" the shirt of a teammate is not permitted. Teams competing in the Second Chance Tournament are required to meet the "matching shirts" criteria.

FINAL AUTHORITY ON DRESS CODE:

All players must abide by the tournament dress code. Referees are the final authority on dress code at all times. Referees may require immediate compliance or compliance at their discretion.

TAX INFORMATION

If you are planning to enter the tournament you need only read the sections below that apply to you.

- For U.S. Residents: Only sections 1 and 5 apply;
- Most Foreign Residents need only read sections 2 and 5;

However, if you live outside the United States but you have received or can obtain an Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) you may be able to avoid withholding taxes. To learn more, read sections 3 and 4 (as well as 2 and 5). Forms referred to below may be viewed / downloaded at <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs>

SECTION 1: UNITED STATES RESIDENTS

You can avoid withholding taxes on your prize money by filling out Form W-9. This tells us your name, address and Social Security number. (Form W-9 will be made available at the Tournament.) After the Tournament, BCA Pool League will report your winnings to the IRS and to you, using form 1099-MISC. (If you do not fill out Form W-9, we will be required to withhold 30% of your prize money!)

SECTION 2: FOREIGN RESIDENTS - MOST WILL BE SUBJECT TO WITHHOLDING TAXES

For most (and, perhaps, all) foreign participants, the process is very simple: (1) **You will be subject to 30% withholding taxes on your prize money**; (2) at the Tournament, prize winners will have to supply their name and address, and (3) we will then provide the IRS with this information on Form 1042-S, two copies of which will be mailed to you. When it comes time for you to pay taxes in your own country, you will not only have a record of your winnings, but you will have documents that show that you paid substantial taxes to the U.S. Government. In many cases you will be able to a tax credit for these payments. Be sure to check with your tax advisor in your home country.

SECTION 3: FOREIGN RESIDENTS - A FEW WILL BE ABLE TO AVOID WITHHOLDING TAXES

For some non-U.S. residents, withholding taxes may be avoided provided (a) your country has a tax treaty with the United States, (b) you have an "Individual Taxpayer Identification Number" (ITIN) from the IRS and (c) your prize money does not exceed the maximum amount that is exempt from withholding under the treaty.

If you do not have an ITIN, we regret to inform you that rule changes in recent years have made them much more difficult to get. We will be unable to assist you in obtaining an ITIN but a tax advisor in your own country might be able to help you. However, if you received an ITIN at anytime in the past, it is still valid.

In any event, if you have an ITIN and there is a tax treaty between your country and the United States and your prize does not exceed the amount allowed under the treaty you will be able to avoid withholding taxes by filling out Form 8233. We will be able to help you do this at the Tournament.

One more thing: If you are eligible for zero withholding, **we will have to temporarily withhold 100% of your prize money** until 10 days after Form 8233 is mailed to the IRS. We expect to mail such Forms one to two weeks after the end of the Tournament. The 10-day period is required by the IRS to give them time to verify your eligibility for avoiding withholding. Assuming there is no objection from the IRS (and there should not be as long as your ITIN is valid), we will mail you a check for the full amount of your prize approximately 24 days after the Tournament ends.

SECTION 4: FOREIGN RESIDENTS - INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES

The table below summarizes the treaty situation for residents from 28 countries. We list the maximum dollar amount that you may earn without becoming subject to tax withholding. We also list the treaty article number that will have to be put on Form 8233. None of this is relevant to you unless you have or can obtain an ITIN. If there is no treaty with your country you will be subject to withholding even if you have an ITIN.

Argentina: No Treaty	Aruba: No Treaty	Austria: \$20,000 / 17	Belgium: \$3,000 / 14(2)(c)
Canada: \$15,000 / 16	Columbia: No Treaty	Czech Rep.: \$20,000 / 18	Denmark: \$20,000 / 17
Ecuador: No Treaty	Egypt: \$400 / day 17	France: \$10,000 / 17	Germany: \$20,000 / 17
Greece: \$10,000 / X	Hungary: No Limit / 13	Italy: \$12,000 / 17(1)	Japan: \$3,000 / 17
Korea: \$3,000 / 18	Luxembourg: \$10,000 / 18	Mexico: \$3,000 / 18	Netherlands: \$10,000 / 18
Peru: No Treaty	Portugal: \$10,000 / 19	Russia: No Limit	Spain: \$10,000 / 19
Sweden: \$6,000 / 18	Switzerland: \$10,000 / 17	Turkey: \$3,000 / 17	Vietnam: No Treaty

SECTION 5: TWO ADDITIONAL NOTES ABOUT TAXES

If you do not win a prize we will not need to collect any personal information from you. For U.S. residents, this means you will not have to fill out a W-9. For foreign residents, it means that neither will you have to fill out an 8233, nor will you have to provide us with the information we would need to fill out a 1042-S.