

From the President:

Welcome to the SDPL Fall 2026 Season. Before discussing this season, I want to commend to you our Board of Officers and the excellent work that they did over the past season. We accomplished major changes and tested new ideas that have been widely approved. My thanks go out to **Jay Wunderl**, VP, **Niki Dolecki**, Statistician, **Russ Mortenson-Boyd**, Treasurer, **Patrick O'Connor**, Community Relations, **Ann Camonayan**, WCC Liaison, **Brian Purcell**, Skills Training and **Ernie Elliot**, Webmaster. Their work on your behalf this past season made the following possible: 1. **BCA membership.**

2. **Automated scorekeeping** and reporting.
3. **17 new players added mid season** through the New Player Program.
4. **Awards Party** at Stone Brewing Liberty Station with 54 attendees.
5. **Table Talk**, our weekly newsletter.
6. Weekly publication of our **Top25 list** with 4-0 reporting.
7. **Out At the Park** Padres Night with 64 attendees.
8. **Skills Training** program during playoffs with 12 attendees.
9. **Digital Pool** software for WCC qualifiers.
10. **Divisional playoffs.**
11. **WCC invitations to Divisional playoff champions.**

Most importantly, enthusiasm and participation in league activities is growing. All of this is only possible through the hard work of your board members. **Please join me in recognizing their efforts.**

In the **Fall 2026 season**, we are adding 21 new players and 2 new teams, bringing up to **24 teams**. We are organized into 2 divisions of 12 teams. You will play each team twice (once home and away). The Spring26 **Awards Party** will be at **Stone Brewing Liberty Station** on **Monday, August 3**. We will send 40 people to the **West Coast Challenge, August 20-23 in Palm Springs** and will hold **Skills Training** on **Labor Day, Monday September 7**.

The SDPL provides a safe place for the LGBTQ+ community and our allies to build camaraderie and skills. **We recognize that LGBTQ+ spaces are under assault by some who oppose our values, diversity, who we are and what we represent.** They seek to turn back the clock to 1978 when we formed this league out of fear and necessity. While we are a sports league, we are beneficiaries of a larger effort that got us through AIDS, recognized our families, and ended much of the shame and ridicule heaped on us. I'd like to thank our Allies that join us every Monday for some competitive pool. **And I encourage all our LGBTQ players and Allies to live your values not only in the safe spaces, but in all aspects of your lives.** Let's play pool and have some fun.

Curtis Moore

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Links / attachments included:

- ✓ SDPool.org (Official website)
- ✓ [SDPL Facebook page](#)
- ✓ [SDPL Documents page](#)
 - o [SDPL-BCAPL Scoring App Guide](#)
 - o [FargoRate Player App Guide](#)
 - o [SDPL Match Play Guidelines & Rules – July 2026](#)
 - o [SDPL bylaws effective – July 2026](#)
- ✓ Board & Captains contact directory (attached)

WHAT'S NEW FOR FALL 2026

Major match play rule changes: See attached SDPL Guidelines & Rules **1.14**

COACHING – The player or acting team captain may now call a time out.

1.4 CUE STICK & BALL REQUIREMENTS – Clarifies we do not have to use the “red dot” or “red circle” brand of balls. Give guidance on diameter and weight per BCAPL guidelines.

1.6 PLAYING WITHOUT REFEREES – Update allows acting team captain to call fouls.

1.8.1 DOUBLE POSTING – Teams with fewer than four players may have one player fill 2 player positions (“**double post**”) playing up to 8 games under certain conditions. See Rule 1.8.1.

REMINDER: WHAT'S NEW in 2026

1. **The SDPL is BCA Pool League (BCAPL) sanctioned.** Our players are members of the BCAPL and will be ranked with a Fargo Rating. All players are encouraged to download the FargoRate Player App from Google Play or the Apple App store. Click this [link](#) for information about FargoRate scores. The App's are free. A separate email will go out to all players with FargoRate App information.
2. **SDPL - BCA Pool League scoring:** Instructions are attached.

- a. Download the [FargoRate Player App](#) (Step 1) that shows match play calendar 4 weeks out.
 - b. Download the BCAPL scoring App (Step 2)
 - c. Use the Scoring App to run the match and submit scores
 - d. You can also confirm your team players via the scoring App.
3. **SDPOOL.ORG:** While FargoRate provides an individual's information and some divisional info, League-wide schedules, results, histories and notices are located at sdpool.org.
 - a. SDPool.org/news is where you can find current information (**Table Talk**) regarding what's happening in the league.
 - b. SDPool.org/Match Play is where you'll find updated team and individual results after matches wrap Monday night.
 - c. SDPool.org/Skills is where you'll find **short training videos** to help your game.
4. **1.10 SCOREKEEPERS** – Both team captains (or designee) shall use the **BCAPL Scoring App** each night. Both home & visiting teams use the BCAPL scoring App to manage match play and keep score. Both verify score accuracy including wins/losses, table runs, etc. at the end of the match. Both submit your results via the App at the end of the match.
 - a. Recommend you open the match while you have Wifi. If the bar doesn't have Wifi you will still be able to score the match as opening in advance puts the match to your device. You then submit when you do have wifi.
 - b. Consider having players on your team download and use the scoring App also. This will take some of the pressure off you.
5. **Break Rotation:** The break rotation changes from last year, to rotate by round, and not by player.

1.11 ROTATION OF BREAKS AND PLAYERS - The break will rotate with home team breaking in the 1st and 3rd quarters, visiting team breaking in the 2nd and 4th quarters. During WCC team playoffs rotation will follow WCC match play rotation.
6. **Adding new players night of play** – With the scoring App it's important to have new players in the BCA system **before they play**. And there's a \$20 fee for each player new to BCAPL. To add a new player night of play you must:
 - a. Text Niki Dolecki to have them entered. She will get to it as soon as she can given she is also playing.
 - b. Pay the \$20 member fee with your \$40 nightly table fees.

Reminder: Team rosters cannot exceed 7 players. If you have 7 players, you must identify the player to be removed before your new player can be added.

REMINDERS & HELPFUL HINTS

1. **SUPER CRITICAL IF A NEW CAPTAIN/CO-CAPTAIN** - DOWNLOAD THE APP'S AND READ/UNDERSTAND THE BCA SCORING APP GUIDE BEFORE PLAY ON MONDAY!
2. **BEFORE EVERY MONDAY** Contact your players over the weekend and remind them where you play on Monday! It is in the FargoRate App and at sdpool.org.
3. **Key Phone Numbers:** Please save the Board members phone numbers on your phone, as well as those for your division's captains. See attached directory.
4. **Table Fees:** Both captains are strongly encouraged to submit \$40 weekly table fees and any \$20 BCAPL new player fee in full via **Venmo to the Treasurer (Russel Mortenson Boyd@Russm92107)** at start of match & no later than end of match. (Avoid the late fee!)
5. **Team Fees: One-time \$25 Team Registration fee** due along with the \$40 weekly dues on July 6th payable via Venmo to the Treasurer (Russel Mortenson Boyd@Russm92107).
6. Zelle payments: Within 90 days, SDPL will require that captains **pay all fees using Zelle**. We will let you know when we are ready to convert; however, if you do not currently use Zelle, **we encourage you to set up an account with your bank or make arrangements** with one of your team members. This change will save the league over \$850 per year.
7. **1.2 MATCH POSTPONEMENT** – Every effort should be made to avoid a match postponement. A 24-hour notice must be given to the opposing team captain and the Vice President if a match must be postponed. **You may also now double-post to avoid postponement.** See Rule 1.81 in Match Play Guidelines and Rules.
8. **1.16 DISPUTES** – Team captains should amicably resolve disputes using the SDPL Guidelines and Rules of play. Unresolved disputes may be submitted by both captains to the Vice President via email.
9. **2.4 8-BALL POCKETED ON THE BREAK** – Pocketing the 8 ball on the break is neither a win, nor a loss of game. See rule 2.4 in the Guidelines & Rules 10.**BR's** – Break and Runs are table runs completed from the break. 11.**TR's** – Table Runs or TRs are defined as a player legally pocketing all possible object balls in their first inning. In the Scoring App use the TR button to record this event.
12. **WF** – Win by Forfeit will count as a win for the team. It has no effect on the wins/losses for the two players recorded in the App.