

# **SAN DIEGO POOL LEAGUE**

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## **1.0 GENERAL**

**1.1 NAME** - The name of this League is the San Diego Pool League (SDPL). We are a non-profit 501 c(4) organization.

**1.2 PURPOSE** - The purpose of the SDPL is to foster regional and national amateur sports competition, and to create an organizational structure for the education and development of amateur competitors.

**1.3 PRINCIPAL OFFICE** - The principal office of the SDPL shall be located in San Diego, California and the SDPL shall conduct all business through its current address at P.O. Box 3434, San Diego, CA. 92163 and through its website at [www.sdpool.org](http://www.sdpool.org).

**1.4 STRUCTURE** - The SDPL holds weekly team play on Monday nights in the central San Diego area conducting two (2) seasons each year.

**1.5 DISSOLUTION** - SDPL's assets are permanently dedicated to public or charitable purposes, and no income or property shall benefit directors, officers, members, or private individuals. If SDPL is dissolved, any remaining assets after debts are paid will go to a nonprofit with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, organized solely for public or charitable purposes.

## **2.0 ORGANIZATION**

**2.1 MEMBERSHIP** - Any individual aged 21 or older who agrees to the Bylaws, Match Policy, and Rules can join the SDPL. Membership is open to all, regardless of race, sex, creed, color, or sexual orientation. Members are organized into teams with a captain and sponsor.

**2.2 SPONSORS** - Any business or organization may sponsor teams upon meeting the following requirements:

- Arrange for the free use of an acceptable pool table for the 16 games played during each weekly match in a cocktail lounge, tavern or like establishment. An establishment may have no more than 2 teams per pool table.
- Designate one individual as a point of contact between the sponsoring business or organization and the SDPL.

**2.3 TEAM** - Shall be composed of between four and seven players. It is the responsibility of each member to adhere to the policies and rules of the SDPL. Each team in a division will play every other team in that division at least twice during the season. Team names to be limited to 15 characters/numbers including spaces.

**2.4 TEAM CAPTAINS** - Are designated by their team members to represent them in the determination of policy that governs the operation/rules of the SDPL, with responsibility for the following:

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- Must have a phone, email or contact number.
- Ensure that team members are aware of and adhere to all SDPL Bylaws, Match Policy and Rules.
- Inform team members of upcoming special events such as SDPL tournaments, Pride, etc. to promote player participation.
- Attend all designated Captain's Meetings or send a representative.
- Act as host when playing at their team's sponsor bar by performing duties as assigned by the Board.
- Designate a co-captain to act in their absence.
- Both home & visiting captain use the BCAPL App to manage match play and keep score. Verifies score accuracy including wins/losses, table runs, etc. Both submit score via the App at end of match.
- If paper scoresheet used hosting captain must ensure that the score sheet is texted to the Statistician
- Both captains are strongly encouraged to submit weekly dues and any \$20 BCAPL new player fee in full via Venmo to the Treasurer as soon as the match has ended.

A team captain can be removed from their position with or without cause, by vote of the team members or by the Board. The team's sponsor must be notified of the removal.

**2.5 TEAM FINES** - As required by these Bylaws, Team Fines will be assessed by the following:

- Failure to submit match scores or weekly match fees within 24 hours after the start of your match will result in a \$5.00 fine per occurrence.
- Failure to have team representation at a scheduled Captains meeting is a \$10.00 fine.

**2.6 TEAM PLAYER ADDITIONS** – New players may be registered and play on the same night provided \$20 BCAPL dues are paid to the Treasurer, except for the last 4 weeks of the season during which time no new players may be registered or play on any team. Any player added to an existing roster who has qualified as playing 50% or more of the total season games in a division and completed with an average of 50% or higher wins within the last 3 previous seasons may not be added or move into a lower division without the permission of the Board. The Board is authorized, at its discretion, to allow players to move to a lower division.

**2.7 TEAM DROPOUTS** - Any team accumulating 16 or more forfeits during any one season may be dropped from the league. If the team to be dropped completed all their matches during the 1st half of the season (this means, without any forfeits occurring in the first half) all matches, wins and losses from opposing teams and individuals will stand and only those scores from the 2nd half of the season will be eliminated. No individual who was part of a dropped team can qualify for playoffs or awards. All money paid into the league by the forfeiting team will be forfeited.

**2.8 DIVISIONS** - Divisions will be set at a formal Board meeting as soon as possible before the new season, using registration forms and last season's standings. The statistician will provide final stats and a proposed lineup of divisions and teams. Teams that finish first move up; teams that finish last move down, if there are minimal player changes. With no team additions, removals, division changes, or Board concerns, the new lineup may be approved. Steps to completion are:

1. Finalize the number of new and existing teams.

2. Redraw line-up with new team additions, division change requests and any Board concerns assigning teams of comparable overall skill by Division with A division the most advanced.
3. Finalize the number of divisions with approximately the same number of teams for each division limiting the number of byes and recognizing fiscal effects.
4. Review final new season line-up for Board approval.

## **3.0 FEES**

**3.1 STRUCTURE** - It is each member's responsibility to pay SDPL assessed fees at such time, place and in an amount established. Fees will be assessed as follows:

- Team registration fee
- Weekly player's fee

**3.2 SPONSOR REGISTRATION FEE** - deleted Spring 2025.

**3.3 TEAM REGISTRATION FEE** - Shall be \$25.00 per team per season payable on the first night of season play. This fee registers the entire team and these funds will go into the SDPL operating fund.

**3.4 WEEKLY PLAYERS FEE** - Shall be \$40.00 per team (\$2.50 per game) per week of regular play, payable at the match each week. The full amount is payable each week without exception. Each player playing that week shall pay their portion of the player fees as determined by the team captains. Regardless of the number of players, \$40.00 is due without exception. These funds will go into the SDPL operating fund.

**3.5 – TOURNAMENT FEE'S** – The Board shall determine and timely communicate tournament entry fees needed to support ongoing SDPL expenses.

**3.6 DISBURSEMENT OF LEAGUE MONIES** – All moneys collected each season shall be used for the purpose of providing its members with trophies or other awards (as outlined in the bylaws under Tournaments and Awards), an award banquet, funding West Coast Challenge participation and Board approved SDPL operating expenses.

## **4.0 BOARD OF OFFICERS**

**4.1 GENERAL** - The members of the SDPL teams shall elect a Board of Officers, herein referred to as the "Board", to manage and control SDPL affairs and finances. No member of the Board shall be personally liable for any debts, liabilities or obligations of the SDPL. Board and league members can be held accountable, however, for any money or property for which they had assumed responsibility. Officers and team captains shall serve with compensation as approved by the team captains.

**4.2 NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS** - The Board of Officers shall consist of six elected members.

**4.3 NOMINATIONS** - During the first four weeks of a team's scheduled play, members interested in running for a Board position shall indicate so on their Monday night score sheet. All members have the option to present information to the statistician regarding their qualifications and/or reasons for seeking a Board position. The information will then be communicated to membership via

current channels with a maximum of seventy-five words. All nominations of league members will be confirmed by the Board prior to the ballot phase.

**4.4 TERMS OF OFFICE** - An officer's term is for 2 seasons. A newly elected officer will assume office immediately following the end of the current season. To support the transition, immediately following election a new officer shall partner with the retiring officer in his/her duties and support the Board as needed in completing the current season.

**4.5 NEWLY CREATED BOARD POSITIONS** - All newly created positions to the Board of Officers shall be eligible for candidacy and election at the next regularly scheduled Mid-Season's Captains' meeting. If the newly elected Board of Officers, at their first scheduled Board meeting, should determine a need for the newly created position to be filled, then it may temporarily appoint a person to the position until the league members can vote on the candidates.

**4.6 ELECTIONS** - All officers of the Board of Officers shall be elected by office. The election of such offices shall be by the staggering of elections. To wit: the Spring Season shall have the election of the Vice President, Statistician and Secretary. The Fall Season shall have the election of the President, Treasurer and Community Relations Officer.

At the end of the nomination process, the Secretary shall notify all nominees of their nomination to gain their consent. If any person has been nominated for more than one office, the Secretary shall notify such person of all nominations to gain their consent and determine which office they wish to pursue. No person shall be placed on the ballot for more than one office per election cycle.

**4.7 BALLOTS** - If more than one person is nominated for the same Board position, individual ballots will be distributed to each team member prior to the mid-season captains meeting. All team members present who have played at least 1 game prior to ballot issuance can cast a vote for one person in each office. Completed ballots will be put in the provided envelope and sealed. Members having voted will print and sign the front of the envelope. Ballot envelopes will be opened and tabulated at the Mid-season Captains meeting supervised by a non-board member representative from each division chosen at random at the meeting. Candidates with a majority of votes are elected.

**4.8 TIE VOTES** - Ties shall be broken by a vote of the team captains.

**4.9 BOARD POSITIONS** - Prior to the start of each season, each current Board Member leaving will provide detail accounting of the position to the newly elected Board member.

**4.10 OFFICERS** - The officers of the SDPL shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Statistician and Community Relations Officer. No person may hold more than one office at a time. Officers shall have the following respective duties.

**4.11 GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS** - Shall include but not be limited to the following:

- Meet at least once per month at a time and place set by the Board and made known to the SDPL membership.

- Ensure SDPL bylaws, match policy and rules are free of spelling and grammatical errors, presented clearly, and make changes that do not alter the underlying bylaw, policy or rule. Such changes are considered incidental and do not require captains approval.
- Enforce SDPL bylaws, match policy and rules by taking appropriate action against teams or individuals who violate Bylaws, Match Policy and Rules or anyone whose conduct is deemed detrimental to the SDPL.
- The Board may review, add, remove, or reassign position duties with a 2/3 majority Board vote to maintain efficient administration of SDPL Bylaws, rules and policies.
- Plan and coordinate SDPL's special events, regular season, playoffs, tournaments and participation in the West Coast Challenge.
- Attend at least 75% of the total Board meetings during the season or obtain the Board's consent for any absences.
- Have an e-mail address and phone number and be a current member of the league.
- Appoint Board Members at Large by majority vote
- Publish a player's handbook each year containing Bylaws, Match Policy and Rules.
- Publish League Histories or other information (optional).
- Participate as referees at West Coast Challenges, when needed.
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Board.

#### **4.11.1 PRESIDENT:**

- Shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the SDPL, responsible for conducting meetings, coordination of all functions of the Board and implementation of SDPL policy.
- Accept responsibility for the duties assigned to any other Board member, which that member is unable or unwilling to perform.
- Act as ex-officio member of all committees.
- Responsible for communication with and management of the SDPL website and Webmaster.

#### **4.11.2 VICE PRESIDENT:**

- In the absence or disability of the President, perform all duties of the President.
- Chair a minimum of two Rules Committees each season in advance of the captains meeting or as often as may be required by the Board, notifying league members 2 weeks prior to the meeting via current communication channels.
- Chair all special events committees.
- Resolve any disputes that appear on the score sheets within two weeks or submit them to the Board for resolution.
- Examine all potential sponsor bars (prior to the start of the season) and report to the Board any deficiencies which might disqualify them from league play, such as rips, being un-level or not having at least 2 sides free of obstruction for use of a full-size cue stick.
- Plan and coordinate all special event tournaments, playoffs and West Coast Challenge matches.

#### **4.11.3 SECRETARY:**

- Record and keep the minutes of all Board, Captains and Rules Committee Meetings.
- Maintain correspondence with all other cities regarding the West Coast Challenge.
- Mail letters of reprimand.
- Maintain copies of all SDPL forms and paperwork.

- Notify all captains, via email or phone, at least one day in advance of all Rules Committee and Captains meetings.
- Notify captains at least one week in advance of all special events.
- Proofread the handbook prior to printing and publish the Table Talk.
- Maintain an on-going record of all league member's phone numbers and mailing addresses.
- Collect all league paperwork including, standings, Table Talks, minutes, financial reports and score sheets from the appropriate officers and store safely until turned over to the historical society.
- Maintain copies and update the website each season with Perpetual League Histories and In Memoriams.

#### **4.11.4 TREASURER:**

- Responsible for SDPL bookkeeping and banking functions.
- Provide a budget for each season's activities.
- Deposit all moneys collected within 3 days of receipt and furnish documentation of same upon demand.
- Demand and keep proper documentation of all expenditures according to accepted accounting procedures.
- Prepare financial statement at the beginning of the season and at the Mid-Season Captain's meeting.
- Shall be required by a majority vote of the Board for any expenditure over \$50.00 and shall be cosignatory with at least 1 other officer on all SDPL accounts.
- Management of the SDPL P.O. Box, including renewals, keys, etc.
- Provide all reports required to maintain the SDPL non-profit status, including but not limited to the CA secretary of State (SoS), Franchise Tax Board (FTB) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as well as maintain the records to support the filings.
- Will account for money received from teams for each night of play and ensure that all team payments are up to date.

#### **4.11.5 STATISTICIAN:**

Responsible for all entries of league standings including, but not limited to team standings, team rosters and Top 20 list.

- Update Bylaws, Match Policy, Rules and Histories. Certifying and retaining the original copies of these Bylaws as shall be amended.
- Shall maintain "user friendly" instructions for the performance of the Statistician's job duties pertaining to the league standing sheets and shall do the typesetting for the handbook.
- Shall also review the score sheets for disputes and forfeits ensuring that the original score sheet is filed properly.
- Shall advise the Treasurer of any financial issues noted on scoresheet.
- Shall advise Vice President of any disputes noted on the scoresheet.

#### **4.11.6 COMMUNITY RELATIONS:**

- Shall be responsible for maintaining an ongoing contact with local publications, providing them with league statistics and upcoming event information.
- Shall assist Statistician in procurement of ads for the handbook and other league publications as needed.
- Shall be responsible for coordination of all Gay and Lesbian Pride events.

- Shall be responsible for distribution of all league posters and flyers.
- Shall chair the Charity committee and share the responsibility of procuring items for the Heinen Charity Tournament.
- Shall perform other duties as assigned by the Board.
- Shall be responsible for maintaining an ongoing contact list of current league sponsors. List should include owner, manager or league liaison, sponsor address, sponsor phone number, and sponsor contact email.
- Shall be responsible for overseeing all social media.
- Shall be responsible for mailing Sponsor invitations to Awards Banquet and correspondence pertaining to the Charity Tournament.

#### **4.11.7 BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE:**

- Shall be an appointed position whose responsibilities will vary from season to season.
- General responsibilities will include but not be limited to assistance in special events, playoffs and the West Coast Challenge.
- Term will be one season and may be reappointed each new season by the Board.
- This is a non-voting position.

#### **4.11.8 WEB MASTER:** Appointed and removed by majority vote of the Board. Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Maintaining a user-friendly Web Site.
- Making changes and updates when instructed by President or appointed Board members.
- Maintain a back-up of SDPL website information.
- Compensation shall be set by Board.
- This is a non-voting position.

#### **4.12 RIGHTS OF OFFICERS** - All rights granted to the Board by these Bylaws may be revoked at any time by 2/3 vote of the team captains. The Board has the right to interpret Bylaws and grant exception when exception is just and for the benefit of the league.

#### **4.13 OFFICE VACANCIES** - Should any vacancy occur during an officer's term, the SDPL Board shall appoint someone to fill the vacant position. If a current elected member of the Board fills the vacancy, they will finish the term of their new office. If a new member is appointed to the Board to fill the position, they must be re-elected at the next Mid-Season Captains meeting or be replaced immediately by the newly elected member.

#### **4.14 PRESIDENTIAL RESIGNATION** - In the case of a President resigning and a Vice President who is unable to take over the responsibilities, the Board, by majority vote, may appoint a replacement. An election will be held at the next fall Mid-Season Captains meeting.

#### **4.15 REMOVAL OF OFFICERS** - An officer may be removed from office at any time, with or without cause, by a 2/3 vote of the total number of team captains, failure to attend at least 75% of total Board meetings, failure to carry out the responsibilities of their office or by a simple majority of the Board.

### **5.0 MEETINGS**

**5.1 GENERAL** - All meetings of the SDPL are open to members. There will be an agenda for each meeting. In the interest of order and assuring the accomplishment of items set forth on the agenda, the chair has the right to limit discussion on all matters. Notwithstanding, the chair will make every attempt to hear any matter that an SDPL member wishes to address.

**5.2 MEETING RULES** - Meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order as long as they are not in conflict with these Bylaws.

**5.3 CAPTAIN'S MEETINGS** - Without exception, attendance is mandatory for each team captain or their designated representative. Only team captains or their designated representative are eligible to vote. All business affecting SDPL Bylaws, Match Policy, Rules and elections are voted upon at these meetings. Meetings are open to all members of the SDPL and notice of such meetings shall be made available at the start of each season.

**5.4 RULES COMMITTEE MEETINGS (RCM)** - Shall be chaired by the Vice President with Secretary in attendance. President shall intercede if either cannot attend. Open to all current members of the SDPL, with each member attending who is eligible to vote. All business affecting changes, additions or deletions to SDPL Bylaws, Match Policy & Procedures or Rules must first come before a scheduled Rules Committee meeting. All motions passed by a simple majority at committee will then be brought before the Board for voting. No motion affecting SDPL Bylaws, Match Policy & Procedures or Rules shall be brought before the captains without first being brought before and passed by the Rules Committee and then the Board. Notice of all meetings must be made available to the membership at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting. Members who cannot attend the meetings are welcome to present any new ideas in writing to the Vice President or Secretary prior to any RCM meeting.

**5.5 BOARD MEETINGS** - All Board meetings are open to the membership with only elected or appointed elective Board members eligible to vote. All motions coming out of any Rules Committee must be voted upon and passed by a majority vote of the Board. All business affecting SDPL policy, expenditures of money, playoff scheme, divisional format and WCC plans are made at these meetings. Non-scheduled Board meetings (when necessary) may be called following the notification of all Board members.

**5.5.1 BOARD EMAIL-VOTES** - In such cases where a SDPL business matter of urgent, necessary or required procedure is called for, the President may call for an Email-vote to resolve such matters. President shall notify the Secretary of motion. Secretary will issue email and follow-up on Board replies. Majority vote of the complete Board required to pass. Board will be notified of Pass/Fail status and a final email will be issued with complete results. The secretary shall archive all email votes for retention.

**5.6 QUORUM** - Simple majority of team captains will constitute a quorum at any Captain's meeting. No quorum is necessary at a Rules Committee meeting. At least four (4) voting Board members must be present at a Board meeting. No business shall be considered at any meeting at which a quorum is not present.

## **6.0 CHANGES TO BYLAWS, MATCH POLICY, RULES & HISTORIES**

**6.1 PROCEDURE** - All additions, deletions or changes to current SDPL By Laws, Match Policy and Play and Rules, (that directly alter the intent or purpose of existing language), must first be passed by a majority vote of league members attending the Rules Committee Meeting, followed by a majority vote of the Board, followed by a 2/3 vote at the Captains Meeting. All changes to By Laws, Match Policy and Rules take effect the following season and will be updated on the web site and communicated via current channels. The Board by majority vote may have change(s) become effective immediately or at a date set by the Board sooner than the following season so long as the change(s) do not directly affect activity in the current season. Any motion passed at a Rules Committee meeting but voted down by the Board may still be presented for a vote at the Mid-Season Captains meeting so long as the Board is notified in writing prior to that meeting.

**6.2 HISTORY CHANGES** - All additions, changes or deletions to league histories must be approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

**6.3 HANDBOOKS** - Any changes and / or updates to rules used by the SDPL will take affect the following season. Any such modifications to the rules will be posted on the website and will be included in the next production of the rules.

## **7.0 PLAYOFF TOURNAMENTS**

**7.1 GENERAL** - After each regular season, SDPL holds playoff tournaments to select top teams and players in various categories. The spring season playoffs and tournaments may also decide our representatives for the West Coast Challenge (WCC).

**7.2 ELIGIBILITY** - Players wishing to participate in the team playoffs must have played at least 25% of the games possible.

**7.3 FORMAT** - The top four teams in each division will qualify for team playoffs. Any tie breakers will be done as per Bylaw rule 7.3.1 Ties. The lowest division will play the next lowest division on the first regular night of play after the end of the season. All Play Off matches will be a race to 9.

### Team Placement:

Teams will be placed in the bracket according to their individual finishes. The #4 team from the lowest division will play the #1 team from the next higher division, #3 will play #2, #2 will play #3, and #1 will play #4.

The higher division team will be the home team. Once placed no modifications to the bracket will be permitted due to upsets. The winning team of the first playoff will then play the next higher division, so on and so on until the top 3 teams have been determined.

**7.3.1 TIES** - At the end of the season Team and Individual ties for seeding will be decided by:

#### Team

- Total games won against each other.
- Total games won during the first half of the season.

- Coin toss between Captains or Co-captains.

Individuals

- Total games won against each other.
- Total games won over the entire season.
- Coin toss between players.

**8.0 TOURNAMENTS** - The West Coast Challenge (WCC) occurs annually, with qualifying events typically held during the preceding Spring season. **The Board shall determine and communicate in advance all tournament entry fees.**

**8.1 CLEMENS CAPTAINS CLASSIC** - Open to each team captain, or in their absence a co-captain, who is present for the Captains meeting. This tournament, which traditionally follows the Mid-season Captains meeting, is a single game, double elimination tournament with placement in the bracket done by random draw following the placement of any necessary byes.

**8.2 OPEN INDIVIDUAL'S TOURNAMENT** - Open to all individuals who have played at least 50% of all possible games as of tournament date. This tournament is a seeded, best of 5, double elimination competition and will decide the league's 1st through 6th WCC Open Individuals and alternates. Registration begins 30 minutes prior to start time.

**8.3 WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT** – Open to all players who play as women during the regular season and have played at least 50% of all possible games as of tournament date. This tournament is a seeded, best of 5, double elimination competition and will decide the league's 1st through 4th WCC Women's competition individuals and alternates. Registration begins 30 minutes prior to start time.

**8.4 TOPS & BOTTOMS** - Open to all league members who play at least 50% of all games possible as of tournament date. This tournament is a best of 3 double elimination pairs event where the top seeded player present from the highest division is paired with the lowest seeded player from the lowest division present and so on. Placement of teams in the bracket is done by random draw following the placement of any byes if necessary. Team players alternate shots and unlimited coaching is permitted. Being a team event, an even number of players are required. If an odd number of players register and no one volunteers to withdraw, the player last to register will be disallowed. Registration begins 30 minutes prior to play.

**8.5 RISING STAR** - It is a best of 5, double elimination tournament and will decide the league's 7th and 8th place WCC Open Individual.

Qualifications:

All Players must have played 50% of all possible games as of tournament date.

Open to all qualified lower division players.

Registration begins 30 minutes prior to start time.

During fall season tournament only (non-WCC qualifier) each player is allowed 1 one-minute coaching per game from a non-participating SDPL member (excluding tournament directors). In keeping with friendly sportsmanlike play, participants are to self-monitor coaching time and notify

each other when time is ending so coach can wrap up his/her consultation. It is not a foul to slightly exceed the allotted time.

**8.6 THE HEINEN CHARITY TOURNAMENT** - Held once a year. Entry fee shall be determined by the Charity Committee hosting the event. The proceeds from this tournament are donated to a Board designated charity.

**8.7 Las Vegas / Palm Springs Invitational** - Deleted Fall 2025

## **9.0 AWARDS**

**9.1 GENERAL** - Divisional trophies will be awarded to the top 3 teams in each division and the top 3 individuals in each division. The top 3 individuals from each division will be determined from the end of season standings of the Top 20 individuals who have played at least 50% of all games possible. League trophies will be awarded to the top 3 teams in the league. In the event of a tie, see rule 7.3.1 for determining tie breaker. The Board is authorized to reduce the number of team awards per division if the number of teams in the division is 6 or fewer.

**9.1.1 Limits to Awards** - No Awards will be given to players who have not played at least 25% of all games possible. The team may opt to pay for an additional award for such players.

## **9.2 CERTIFICATES**

**9.2.1 TR's / 4&0's** - Table Runs or TRs are defined as a player legally pocketing all possible object balls in their first inning. 4&0s are defined as a player winning 4 games in a team match. Forfeits do not count toward 4&0 certificates. Those individuals in each division having the most table runs and 4&0's, including ties, will receive a certificate.

**9.2.2 Steve Holt Endurance Award** - Players who play all possible match games in a season will receive a certificate for their participation. All forfeits will count as games played.

**9.3 MULTIPLE AWARDS** - In the event that a player qualifies for multiple awards in a single season, the Board will issue the awards based on the player's option listed below.

Player Options:

1. Receive a single award with a single plate listing all combined accomplishments for that season; or
2. Receive a Perpetual Individual 12" x 15" Plaque containing league logo, season joined the league and space for 14 1" x 5' metal plates. If this option is chosen, members will receive a single plate each season, until their plaque is full, listing their accomplishments for that season to affix to their plaque. Members will be eligible to receive a new plaque once their plaque is full. Any upgrades or extra costs are the responsibility of the player.

**9.4 TOURNAMENT AWARDS** - Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in the play-offs, the first place individual for the Charity Tournament, the top 3 individuals in the Clemens Captains Classic, the top eight finishers in the Individual's, the top four finishers in the Women's, the top 3 teams in the Tops & Bottoms Tournament and top 3 individuals in the Rising Star Tournament. The

Board, at its discretion and based on the number of the tournament players, may adjust the number of tournament awards.

**9.5 PERPETUAL TROPHIES** - The team perpetual trophy will be displayed at the Sponsoring Bar where the team played. Individual trophies shall be displayed at the Sponsoring Bar where the individual currently plays. Tops & Bottoms trophy will be seasonally split between Sponsoring Bars where the individuals currently play. The Board may decide to display these trophies at another location for safekeeping.

## **9.6 CELEBRATED ACHIEVEMENTS**

**9.6.1 SAN DIEGO HALL OF FAME AWARD** - The SDPL Hall of Fame Awards are an acknowledgment for members of our league who have had success in Team playoffs, Open Individuals, Women's competition and all other qualified league tournaments as well as for loyal members for their many years of participation. A perpetual display case shall hold the name plates of both Gold plate and Silver plate recipients and will be displayed every 5 seasons beginning at our 75th season Awards banquet. Every 5 seasons the President shall appoint a SDHF committee who shall compile statistics and provide eligible names for each category. Any qualified player that may be overlooked shall be inducted at the next designated Awards Banquet.

Gold Plate: For achievement in SDPL team playoff and SDPL qualifying tournaments. Members accumulating a total of 25 points shall be inducted into the SDPL Hall of Fame. Points awarded as follows: 2 points for every first place finish in any SDPL qualifying tournament except for team. 1 point for every 1st place team finish and every other trophy position in SDPL qualifying competitions. Inductees shall receive a gold name plate in the perpetual display case.

Silver Plate - For loyal members of our League who have participated in 40 or more seasons. Recipients shall get a silver name plate in the perpetual display case.

**9.6.2 WEST COAST CHALLENGE HALL OF FAME AWARD** - Any member inducted to the WCC Hall of Fame must have received a total of 20 points to qualify:

- 1 Point will be awarded for any Team Championship.
- 2 points for every 1st Place finish in Individuals, Women's competition or Hi/Lo.
- 1 point will be awarded for any 2 - 8 Individual's finish or 2 - 4 Women's finish.
- 1 point for every WCC appearance as a Player, Referee or Board member.
- 2 additional points will be given to any Board member/Referee who acts a Tournament Director during a WCC.

All qualifying members are voted upon with 2/3 vote of entire Board in order to be inducted with preference given to those individuals whose accomplishments surpass those of other qualified individuals. A bio write-up of WCC SD inductees will be provided by the Board for review and approval by the player before it is printed in the WCC SD program.

**9.6.2.1 WEST COAST CHALLENGE HALL OF FAME TROPHY** - per WCC standing policy, all WCC Hall of Fame trophies must be issued with the oval 8" PDU Pool award with the specific wording of: "West Coast Challenge (#)/San Diego (Date) / Hall of Fame/ Player's Name"

**9.6.3 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** - Awarded to those league members whose service, leadership and contributions as a Board member have proven to be invaluable to the league in a manner above and beyond the call of duty. At a President's request, a 3 person committee shall be appointed by the Board. The committee shall include previous or current Board members providing they are not a nominee. The committee shall provide a list of 3 nominees and their qualifications to the Board. Qualifications for the Distinguished Service Award shall include a minimum of 10 seasons as a voting Board member plus additional participation such as Member at Large, Committee Chairs and other notable contributions. The Board shall vote by secret ballot for one nominee. If a nominee receives 2/3 (4) votes, he/she will receive the Distinguished Service Award. Only one DSA may be awarded per season.

**9.7 SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD** - Selected by majority vote of the Board and presented to those individuals, sponsors or businesses that have provided a cumulative service to the league.

**9.8 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS** - Selected by the President optionally as a thank you to individuals, sponsors or businesses who have provided contributions of time and effort for the betterment of the league.

**9.9 WALKER AWARD** - Certificate awarded to those individuals who accomplish both a 4&0 and 4 Table runs on a single night of play. (See rule 9.2.1 for definitions of a Table Run and 4&0)

## **10.0 WEST COAST CHALLENGE (WCC)**

**10.1 GENERAL** - The SDPL will be a participant in the WCC, funding city registration fees, lodging, travel and expenses for the Board, referees, top Team (6 players), top 8 Open Individuals, top 4 from the Women's Competition and the winning Tops & Bottoms team. When required, the SDPL will fund expenses for San Diego to host the West Coast Challenge. All players, referees and Board members will be required to attend both opening and closing ceremonies and be present during all scheduled match times. Early releases must be approved by the SDPL Vice President or the SDPL WCC Coordinator. Participant representatives shall be available to referee matches after elimination from tournament play. The penalty for not fulfilling your obligations as a San Diego representative is suspension from the West Coast Challenge and special event tournaments for 1 season the player is actively playing.

**10.1.1 SHARE OF COST** - The Board may impose a share of cost for all WCC participants to help cover expenses and lodging in an amount to be determined by the Board. Members must be made aware of any such fees prior to the start of WCC qualifying tournaments.

Participants will be responsible for their own transportation expenses for Palm Springs, LA, LB and SD events.

## **10.2 SAN FRANCISCO**

**10.2.1** For the purposes of paragraph 10.2, "participant" is defined as any member of SDPL attending the WCC in any official capacity, whether playing or not.

**10.2.2** When the West Coast Challenge is hosted in San Francisco, each San Diego participant shall have the options of either 1. Arranging their own travel, or 2. Accepting the flight tickets provided by the SDPL Board.

**10.2.3** These options shall be communicated to the Board by each participant prior to the purchase of airline tickets by the Board. In the absence of such communication, the Board will assume the second option for the participant in question.

**10.2.4** For those choosing the first option: The Board shall reimburse that participant their actual cost, but not to exceed the cost of a ticket as provided to those who chose the second option. All Participants seeking reimbursement must provide receipts to the board.

**10.2.5** For those choosing the second option: In the event of a cancellation by the participant for any reason, the participant shall be responsible for returning to the SDPL the cost of the ticket, and any fees imposed upon and paid for by the Board consequent to the cancellation.

**10.3 RULES** - Billiard Congress of America (BCA) rules are used in West Coast Challenge play. Double elimination team & individual format.

## **11.0 UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**

**11.1 PROCEDURES** - The Board will, upon its finding of such conduct, discipline any player by the following progressive actions:

- For the first infraction, a letter of reprimand will be written to the individual in question and their sponsoring bar.
- For the second infraction, a letter of reprimand will be written to the individual in question as well as their sponsoring bar and they will forfeit all of the player's games during the match in which the incident took place.
- For the third infraction, they will be expelled from the SDPL.

## **12.0 APPROVED TOURNAMENT BRACKETS**

**12.1A SEEDED 16 TEAM SINGLE ELIMINATION BRACKET**

**12.1B 16 PLAYER DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT BRACKET**

**12.1C 32 PLAYER DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT BRACKET**

**12.1D 64 PLAYER DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT BRACKET**