

“Your Alternative” in Tavern / Bar Pool Leagues.



The Southwest Pool League (a sanctioned BCAPL league).

I have played pool for over 50 years. Played in leagues since the late 80's and started running and organizing Tavern/Bar pool leagues in 2007 with the LVPPA (Las Vegas Pool Players Association) until 2016. In 2016 I merged the LVPPA with Southern Nevada 9 Ball. After 8+ years in 2024 the league was sold. I retired and moved back to the Dallas area.

I miss running leagues & want to do it again – Albeit on a small scale (1 or 2 divisions a week).

Highlights of the Southwest Pool League.

#1 – We play a Round Robin Format. The Round Robin format is each member of a team will play each member of the other team 1 game in a set rotation. In most leagues in Dallas the players only play 1 person from the other team and that is either a race to a ball count or game count.

While a race to a ball count or game count are advertised to make matches more competitive the opposite is more often true. Usually, the longer the match the more probable the better player wins. That's the reason most high Fargo players want longer races in tournaments.

#2 – Player fees – Weekly player fees are less than most. They are \$15 per player per week (\$17.00 for the “Open” Divisions). In addition to lower weekly fees, the league pays the table fees (up to \$10 per night per table) for the matches. Then add in the player awards and the SW pool league is the best value for the players and the bars.

#3 – Player awards – Our player awards are spread out among all our players. The top few players and teams don't win the majority of the player awards. We don't give away trips to Las Vegas or Orlando. The truth is, most players can't afford to take off work for a week or 10 days to go to these tournaments. The players that want to play and can afford to take off are going to go to these national tournaments anyway. Our awards are cash for many different categories including League Playoff Champions plus (2nd, 3rd and 4th Place) – Division Champions plus (2nd, 3rd and 4th Place) – Division Top Shooters plus (2nd & 3rd place) – Team Top Shooters plus (2nd place). And cash for each game the player wins during the season.

A few things that make the Southwest pool league different.

#1 – Since we play a round robin game rotation so players don't have to wait 1 ½ to 2 hours or more before their 1st match.

#2 – Easy match scoring – Win or Lose, no counting balls etc.

#3 – Fargo Based TEAM handicap system that is EASY to understand, fair and efficient.

#4 – Simple rules that are based on the BCAPL rules but tweaked a bit for local play.

#5 – The seasons are 18 weeks long plus a couple weeks for playoffs and league party. The 1st session every year will start the 1st Monday after New Years the 2nd session will start the 1st Monday after Independence Day.

#6 – In the weeks a Holiday falls the entire league takes off for the week. Holidays include Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and 2 weeks for the BCAPL Championships in Vegas.

#7 – We are at all matches that way you turn in your score sheets and weekly fees directly to us each week. No invoicing and/or need for a cash app.

#8 - We maintain an up-to-date website. Match results are posted on the website usually by noon the next day.

We offer either 8 Ball / 9 Ball /10 Ball or a “Triple Play” Division.

Triple Play is where each player plays 2 games of 8 Ball / 2 games of 9 Ball and 2 games of 10 Ball each match.

It is important to us to make sure the league is consistent, fair and doesn't change.

So, making everything clear upfront as to how many teams go to playoffs / the way playoffs are seeded the player awards / the season start dates etc. is paramount.

The Southwest Pool League Handicap System

We use a Fargo Based combined TEAM handicap system similar to what is used in the BCAPL championships.

It is simple, easy to use and very efficient.

Team Fargo guidelines to classify your team.

Players Fargo Ratings for the current season are set at the beginning of each season and they won't change unless a players skill level is proven to be well above or below their initial rating.

All 4 Player Division Teams.

Novice Division max. TEAM Fargo is 1680 / Intermediate Division is 1880 / Advanced Division is 2080.

All 5 Player Division Teams.

Novice Division max. TEAM Fargo is 2100 / Intermediate Division is 2350 / Advanced Division is 2600.

All “Open” Divisions

There is no Combined Fargo Maximum in the Open Divisions.

“Open” division teams will only play “Open” division teams.

Match Race to Chart

Match race chart in case the division has multiple team classifications.

Novice Team playing an Intermediate Team / the Novice goes to 11 games. Intermediate goes to 14 games.

Novice Team playing an Advanced Team / the Novice goes to 10 games. Advanced goes to 15 games.

Intermediate Team playing an Advanced Team / Intermediate goes to 11 games. Advanced to 14 games.

If the two teams have the same classification, there is no handicap. All games MUST be played.

The Southwest Pool League Player Awards (rewards)

The Southwest Pool League is designed more for the “local” type players. Players that like to hang out with their friends, play some pool, have a couple drinks and maybe a bite to eat. Unlike other leagues we don’t play for a chance to go to Orlando or Las Vegas for the national tournaments.

While it is great that 15 - 25% of a league’s teams may win a trip to go to these events the problem is that there is 75 – 85% of players that are rewarded with pretty much nothing for their participation and support.

That doesn’t happen in the Southwest Pool League. If you play 1 week and win 1 game you will get something back at the end of the season. How we reward the players that support us is described on next page.

Individual and Team Awards by Division — All Ties Split.

Awards are based on minimum of 6 teams per division. Awards will be adjusted if less teams.

Playoff Procedures & Guidelines

Top 4 places in each division qualify for the playoffs.

The Southwest Pool League “League” Championship playoffs will start the week after each session ends. Four (4) teams per division (night) and type of game go into the playoffs.

If more than one (1) division per night in the same game, the two divisions combine and two (2) teams from each division go to the playoffs. There is NO weekly player fees for the post season playoffs

4 Player “Triple Play” Divisions — (Except “Open”)

“Triple Play” – Each player plays 2 Games 8 Ball, 2 Games 9 Ball & 2 Games 10 Ball each night.

All Divisions are \$15.00 per player / per week. We pay \$10 towards table costs per match.

*Players receive \$1.00 per **regular season game** they win. (Paid at the end of season party.)*

Division Top Shooter - \$200 / Division Top Shooter R/U - \$100 / 3rd - \$50.

Each Team’s Top Shooters receive – 1st \$50 and R/U \$25.

6 & 7 Team Divisions.

Division Winners (Per Team) 1st \$250 / 2nd \$200 / 3rd – \$150 / 4th – \$100.

Playoff Winners (Per Team) 1st – \$400 / 2nd – \$200 / 3rd – \$100 / 4th – \$50.

8 & 9 Team Divisions.

Division Winners (Per Team) 1st \$250 / 2nd \$200 / 3rd – \$150 / 4th – \$100.

Playoff Winners (Per Team) 1st – \$500 / 2nd – \$250 / 3rd – \$100 / 4th – \$50.

10 & 11 Team Divisions.

Division Winners (Per Team) 1st \$250 / 2nd \$200 / 3rd – \$150 / 4th – \$100.

Playoff Winners (Per Team) 1st – \$600 / 2nd – \$300 / 3rd – \$200 / 4th – \$100.

12 Team Divisions.

Division Winners (Per Team) 1st \$250 / 2nd \$200 / 3rd – \$150 / 4th – \$100.

Playoff Winners (Per Team) 1st – \$700 / 2nd – \$350 / 3rd – \$200 / 4th – \$100.

5 Player “Triple Play” Divisions — (Except “Open”)

“Triple Play” – Each player plays 2 Games 8 Ball, 2 Games 9 Ball & 2 Games 10 Ball.

All Divisions are \$15.00 per player / per week. We pay \$10 towards table costs per match.

Players receive \$1.50 per **regular season game** they win. (Paid at the end of season party.)

Division Top Shooter - \$200 / Division Top Shooter R/U - \$100 / 3rd - \$50.

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6 & 7 Team Divisions.

Division Winners (Per Team) 1st \$200 / 2nd \$150 / 3rd – \$100 / 4th – \$50.

Playoff Winners (Per Team) 1st – \$500 / 2nd – \$250 / 3rd – \$150 / 4th – \$75.

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Division Winners (Per Team) 1st \$250 / 2nd \$200 / 3rd – \$150 / 4th – \$100.

Playoff Winners (Per Team) 1st – \$600 / 2nd – \$300 / 3rd – \$150 / 4th – \$100.

10 & 11 Team Divisions.

Division Winners (Per Team) 1st \$300 / 2nd \$250 / 3rd – \$200 / 4th – \$150.

Playoff Winners (Per Team) 1st – \$700 / 2nd – \$350 / 3rd – \$200 / 4th – \$100.

12 Team Divisions.

Division Winners (Per Team) 1st \$350 / 2nd \$300 / 3rd – \$250 / 4th – \$200.

Playoff Winners (Per Team) 1st – \$800 / 2nd – \$400 / 3rd – \$250 / 4th – \$125.

5 Player 8, 9, & 10 Ball Divisions — (Except “Open”)

All Divisions are \$15.00 per player / per week. We pay \$10 towards table costs per match.

Players receive \$1.50 per **regular season game** they win. (Paid at the end of season party.)

Division Top Shooter - \$200 / Division Top Shooter R/U - \$100 / 3rd - \$50.

Each Team's Top Shooters receive – 1st \$50 and R/U \$25.

6 & 7 Team Divisions.

Division Winners (Per Team) 1st \$200 / 2nd \$150 / 3rd – \$100 / 4th – \$50.

Playoff Winners (Per Team) 1st – \$500 / 2nd – \$250 / 3rd – \$150 / 4th – \$75.

8 & 9 Team Divisions.

Division Winners (Per Team) 1st \$250 / 2nd \$200 / 3rd – \$150 / 4th – \$100.

Playoff Winners (Per Team) 1st – \$700 / 2nd – \$350 / 3rd – \$200 / 4th – \$100.

10 & 11 Team Divisions.

Division Winners (Per Team) 1st \$300 / 2nd \$250 / 3rd – \$200 / 4th – \$150.

Playoff Winners (Per Team) 1st – \$900 / 2nd – \$450 / 3rd – \$250 / 4th – \$125.

12 Team Divisions.

Division Winners (Per Team) 1st \$350 / 2nd \$300 / 3rd – \$250 / 4th – \$200.

Playoff Winners (Per Team) 1st – \$1100 / 2nd – \$550 / 3rd – \$300 / 4th – \$150.

“Open” Divisions – 10 Ball & “Triple Play”.

All Divisions are \$17.00 per player / per week. We pay \$10 towards table costs per match.

Players receive \$2.00 per **regular season game** they win. (Paid at the end of season party.)

Division Top Shooter - \$200 / Division Top Shooter R/U - \$100 / 3rd - \$50.

Each Team's Top Shooters receive – 1st \$50 and R/U \$25.

6 & 7 Team Divisions.

Division Winners (Per Team) 1st \$200 / 2nd \$150 / 3rd – \$100 / 4th – \$50.

Playoff Winners (Per Team) 1st – \$800 / 2nd – \$400 / 3rd – \$200 / 4th – \$100.

8 & 9 Team Divisions.

Division Winners (Per Team) 1st \$250 / 2nd \$200 / 3rd – \$150 / 4th – \$100.

Playoff Winners (Per Team) 1st – \$900 / 2nd – \$450 / 3rd – \$250 / 4th – \$125.

10 & 11 Team Divisions.

Division Winners (Per Team) 1st \$300 / 2nd \$250 / 3rd – \$200 / 4th – \$150.

Playoff Winners (Per Team) 1st – \$1200 / 2nd – \$600 / 3rd – \$300 / 4th – \$150

12 Team Divisions.

Division Winners (Per Team) 1st \$500 / 2nd \$400 / 3rd – \$300 / 4th – \$200.

Playoff Winners (Per Team) 1st – \$1500 / 2nd – \$750 / 3rd – \$375 / 4th – \$200.

There is an end of season league tournament the Saturday the week after playoffs end (if venue allows).

The tournament will be a handicapped R3 Hot Race – 9 Ball with a \$10.00 buy in and \$500 added.

All we need now is YOU!