

## **TAP Alberta – League Bylaws 2019**

This document is intended to cover rules and situations not covered in the standard ruled that TAP provides. This document was most recently updated on Sept 3, 2019.

**League Dues** – If a team is in arrears on league dues before a Provincials/Regionals tournament, the team will not be allowed to play.

**Playing short during Weekly Play** – A team that cannot field a full 5-man lineup during a regular session match needs to follow the procedure below:

1. Immediately and hopefully before the start of a match let the opposing team captain know you do not have a full team. This will save players from coming out who will not be playing.
2. Discuss with the opposing captain whether to do a make-up match, or, play someone twice, or, forfeit the match. I will always encourage a make-up match or playing a player twice. These options are at the discretion of the team who is NOT short on players. If a team is short during the last 2 weeks of the regular session, it will be a forfeit.
3. If it is agreed to play a player twice, the opposing captain chooses which player will play twice from the team that is short, and, this must be played in the 5<sup>th</sup> or last match of the night.
4. If it is agreed to do a make-up match, this must occur before the final 2 weeks of league.

**Forfeited Matches** – Any matches that are forfeited must still be paid for. This is why we encourage all matches to be played.

**Last 2 weeks of regular session** – There are no make-up matches allowed or playing short and all outstanding league dues must be paid before this point.

**Sideline Coaching** – Only the coach may communicate with a player during a timeout. If anyone else communicates with the player, a timeout will be charged and a warning must be given. If it occurs again, it is a ball in hand foul. This comes into play more during tournaments. We encourage each team to build the right habits during regular session play.

**The Playing Area** – This is defined as the area in which players execute their shots or survey the table from.

**Approaching the Table “Have a look”** – Coaches or players cannot approach the table to “have a look” to see if a ball goes or anything similar to that nature. If anyone enters the playing area to survey a shot, a timeout will be charged and a warning will be given. If this occurs again, it will be a ball in hand foul.

**Calling a ref is not a timeout** – Asking for someone to watch a shot to referee whether or not a good hit will occur is not a timeout. Only the player or the coach can ask for a shot to be watched. Generally you will have someone from the opposing team watch the shot and generally this will be the highest handicap player. If any disputes over this arise, call Justin immediately, 403-861-3684.

**Burning a player** – If a team chooses to burn one of their players and forfeit, they will be responsible to cover their league dues and the opponent’s league dues for that match.

**Shot clock and slow play** - There is a shot clock in place, however, this will usually come up more in tournament play. Use the regular session to get your players in the habit of executing shots within 45 seconds, when possible. This is an average and is not a set rule for every shot. Some shots will take more time and sometimes

the table layout demands more time to analyze. If a player is consistently over the shot clock, this must be dealt with. No one wants to be out on a league night until midnight because of slow play.

**Timeouts** – You have 1 minute to execute a timeout with your player. The timeout starts when the coach gets to the table. The scorekeeping app gives a 1-minute timer. Whether it is your team or the opposing team, give them a warning at 10 seconds. This is why it is good to have someone besides the coach marking.

**Qualification for Nationals** - A player who is intends to compete at the Nationals tournament must be playing on an active roster in the format they will be competing in. They must also have 10 lifetime matches and 6 matches in the 16 weeks prior to the Nationals Tournament.