



8-Ball League

***Local By-Laws
and Procedures***

Greetings,

On behalf of the Lanco BCA 8-Ball League and your fellow pool players, I welcome you to a great and fairly new organization.

The Lanco BCA 8-Ball League was formed in June of 1995, so we (the pool players) can have fun and excitement in a competitive atmosphere. Above all, we understand how much the people in our area want to play pool in an organized pool league.

There are three basic things members can expect from the League:

- (1) Accurate and easy to understand, rules to play by.
- (2) A team to play, at a scheduled location on the night of play
- (3) A League that delivers what it promises. No excuses and no broken promises.

All Divisions of the Lanco BCA 8-Ball League are run entirely by the players themselves. All decisions on league procedures are decided by the governing Board of Directors. Officers of the Board are elected yearly from the overall membership of players. All money collected throughout the seasons are deposited into a League account. Funds are used for Secretary fees and expenses only. The remaining balance is always returned to the players by way of individual or team performance.

What makes us stand out from the rest of the leagues is that the Lanco BCA 8-Ball League is part of the Billiard Congress of America's (BCA) League system. This system was design with the independent player in mind. They do not try to regulate and control your every movement with restrictive rules and regulations. There are some basic requirements that each league must meet, but they are minimal.

With the BCA and our League, the main objective is to promote the sport of pocket billiards.

Each year the BCA sponsors many Championship tournaments. Of which, the North American 8-Ball Championships, in May, has become the preeminent amateur billiards extravaganza in the World. This event has grown from less than 2000 participants in 1991 to more than 8000 participants in 1999. In recent years, the Lanco BCA 8-Ball League has played a major part in determining the outcome of these Championships.

In 1997, The "Diamond Eliminators" (Marc Shenandoah, Cliff Leahy, Barry Campbell, Butch Johns and Coby Atkins) finished tied for fifth place, out of more than 500 teams in the Men's Open Team Division. That same year, Butch Johns went on to tie for ninth place in the Men's Open Singles Division (1478 entrants). The following year, 1998, the team of "Charlie Brown & Co." (Al Stum, Dick Magaro, Wayne Agnew, Joe DiPietro and Steve Woods) finished third place out of 530 teams in the Men's Open Team Division

Most notably, Al Stum became the North American 8-Ball Champion in the Men's Open Seniors Division. In that same Division, Dick Magaro finished fourth place and Wayne Agnew seventh. Carlos Fuentes even went on to a ninth place tie in the Men's Open Singles (1500+ competitors). That same year, the women's team (led by Robin Barrett, Bath Seace and Sue Ann Snodgrass) won the Women's Trophy Division. Then in 1999, 'The Eliminators' (Marc Shenandoah, Cliff Leahy, Greg Lewis, Jeff Greener and Tony Mitchell) grabbed third place in the Men's Open Team Division. Barry Campbell, and Marc Shenandoah went on to finish tied for seventeenth out of over 1650 in the Men's Open Singles Division that same year

There have been many other significant performances at these Championships by other shooters, but far too many to list at this time. But, throughout our League's short history, the quality of competition and talent has risen to heights many thought might not be possible for our local region.

This league has also, established the Lancaster County 8-Ball Championships. This, in fact, is the first Championship for billiards for the local enthusiasts in over 25 years.

As far as contributing to the community, the League has established the "Out of the Shadows" Charity Team shootout in which we have raised thousands of dollars to give to local shelters and foundations.

It is our hope that you will come to enjoy the Fellowship, the learning experience and the competition YOU will find as being part of this great Organization.

Sincerely,

Coby Atkins, Former Executive Director, Lanco BCA 8-Ball League

Constitution and By Laws
of the Lanco BCA 8-Ball League

Article I: Name

Section 1.1

The name of our league shall be the Lanco BCA 8Ball League. To be incorporated as a nonprofit Corporation. BCA (Billiard Congress of America) part being of reference to the National office.

Section 1.2

The principle place of business shall be determined the Board of Directors.

Article II: Purpose / Objectives

Section 2.1

The mission of the Lanco BCA 8-Ball League is to promote the sport of Pocket Billiards in the Central Pennsylvania area by establishing league play, promoting amateur tournaments and helping to increase awareness of and participation in the sport to all people, while working within the guidelines of the BCAPL. The Lanco BCA 8-Ball League will perform all its functions on a non-profit basis, with the highest ethical standards and fair treatment of all it's members and the entire billiard community.

Section 2.2

The objectives of the league shall be;

- (1) To establish and promote league play in the central PA area and provide accurate and fair records for all participating members
- (2) To cooperate with other BCA Leagues and the main office in promotion of and participation of local and national tournaments
- (3) To elevate billiard sports to their highest level locally and regionally.
- (4) To promote good fellowship and better social understanding of billiard sports in the community.

Section 2.3

In furtherance of these purposes and objectives, but not in limitations thereof the League shall have power;

- (1) To collect and disseminate statistics and other information regarding BCA League play and regional Tournaments.
- (2) To collect BCA membership dues from all active league players as and secure their delivery to the BCA offices; in Iowa.
- (3) To collect weekly dues from each participating team and distribute for expenses and prize funds
- (4) To engage in any lawful activities, which will enhance the efficient and economic progress of the League inform the public of its scope and character.
- (5) To do anything necessary and proper to accomplish the objectives herein set forth, all of which shall be consistent with public interest as well as in the interest of the Lanco BCA 8-Ball League.

Article III: Membership

Section 3.1

As of June 1, 2009, membership dues for the Billiard Congress of America were increased to \$15.00 per player for league shooters. This is an annual one-time fee, only for participating league players. Membership fees are subject to change as per the BCA's main office's own discretion. Player memberships are available to non-league players at an annual fee of \$25.00 per person.

Each membership includes the privilege of participation in any BCA League, nationally or locally, and any BCA tournaments nationally or regionally.

Any person active in the sport of Billiards may become a player member.

Section 3.2

Lanco BCA 8-Ball League Members:

- (1) Each membership runs on the fiscal year starting June 1st
- (2) A player's membership does restrict his play to only one team in any one particular division per session. This means a player may play on two teams, but those teams must be in different divisions.
- (3) Any paid member may become a member of the Board of Directors upon election.
- (4) Any member may nominate any other member for a post on the Board of Directors.
- (5) Any member may attend any and all open league meetings.

Section 3.3

Any membership can be suspended or terminated upon just cause. Sufficient cause shall be violation of the by-laws or of any rule or practice duly adopted by the League - OR - any conduct contrary to the interest of the League. Suspension or expulsion shall be by a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the Board of Directors, Violators may have the Opportunity to appear in Person or by a representative, to defend the charges against him/her before action is taken. The BOD must have a ten (10) day written notice from the Violator to have the opportunity for defense. At which time expulsion or suspension will be voted on by the BOD.

Article IV: Membership Dues

Section 4.1

The annual dues for each member are \$ 15.00. (Refer to Article III, Section 3. 1)

Section 4.2

All membership dues are due and payable June 1st of each Year. Members active in league play shall be notified by the League that if their dues are not payable by July 1st, they will be dropped from membership rolls and will forfeit all rights and privileges of membership without further notice.

Article V: Membership Meetings

Section 5.1

Regular League meetings will take place monthly unless otherwise ordered by the BOD. The purpose of such meetings is to collect league dues/fees from teams (Captains) and discuss past and present business. Penalties for non representation at such meetings will be;

(a) First offense is a \$ 10.00 fine.

(b) Second offense is a five (5) point deduction in the wins column of session standings and a \$20.00 fine.

(c) Third offense, offenders must go before the BOD and face possible expulsion from League and forfeiture of all money paid into League.

The team Captains are responsible for their team's representation. They must arrange representation or notify a DOD member of possible absenteeism prior to meeting.

Each representation is allowed one vote per paid team on any League business at regular meetings.

Section 5.2

The annual meeting will be held in August. The purpose of the annual meeting shall be to elect members of the Board of Directors, to receive annual reports and to transact any other League business.

The annual meeting shall be open to all types of League members although only voting members may vote on matters before the body.

Section 5.3

Special meetings may be called by the President upon his/her written or verbal request. At least 50% of the BOD must be in attendance for any special meeting called, along with a statement of time and place and information as to the subjects to be considered.

Section 5.4

The order of business at meetings shall be as follows;

1. Call to order
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
3. Receiving communications.
4. Reports of officers.
5. Reports of committees. (a) Standing. (b) Special.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Adjournment.

Section 5.5

The order of business may be altered or suspended at any meeting by a majority vote of the members present. All present must be recognized by the meeting leader (President) to deliberate on any issue. All motions must be made and seconded before voting.

Article VI: Board of Directors

Section 6.1

There shall be a minimum of twelve (12) directors elected by the voting members from the voting members group. as defined in Article III, Section 3.3, with each director serving for a period of one year.

Any director in good standing shall be eligible for reelection. Directors shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of duties and shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected.

Section 6.2

The Board of Directors shall have supervision, control and direction of the affairs of the Lanco BCA 8-Ball League. shall determine its policies or changes therein within the limits of the bylaws, shall actively pursue its objectives and shall have discretion in the disbursement of its funds. It may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as shall be deemed advisable, and may, in the execution of the powers granted, appoint such agents as it may consider necessary.

Section 6.3

The Board of Directors shall meet 4 to 6 times a year.

Section 6.4

The Board must have in attendance at least 50% of the voting directors to transact business.

Section 6.5

Vacancies on the Board may be filled at the discretion of the remaining Directors. A newly appointed Director will serve until the next general election at the annual meeting.

Section 6.6

If a director has two unexcused absences from board meetings in the am between the annual meeting, he/she may be removed from the Board The Executive Committee shall have the sole discretion on excused absences.

Article VII: Officers

Section 7.1

The Board of Directors shall annually elect a President, a first Vice-President and a second Vice-President from the members of the Lanco BCA 8-Ball League.

Such election shall be held at the annual League meeting. Voting shall take place by the members for the induction of League Officers and Board of Director members.

Section 7.2

Elected officers shall take office on the date of election and shall serve for the term of one year, until the successor is duly elected.

Section 7.3

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the organization and shall preside at meetings of the League and of the Board of Directors. He/She holds the right to vote on all committees, except on nominations.

The President shall also, at regular League meetings and such other times as the President may deem proper, communicate with the League or Board of Directors and make suggestions as may, in the Presidents opinion. tend to promote the welfare and increase the usefulness of the League, and perform all other duties as are necessary to the office of President or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 7.5

The Second Vice-President shall perform the duties of the First Vice-President in the event the First Vice-President is absent.

In the event the First Vice-President's office becomes vacant, The Second Vice-President shall fill the unexpired term.

In the event the Second Vice-President's office becomes vacant, The President may appoint a new Second Vice-President to fill the unexpired term

Section 7.6

It shall be the duty of the Executive Director to give notice of and attend all meetings of the League and to keep a record of their proceedings; to keep a list of the membership of the League; to insure the collection of annual dues and their payment to the Treasurer-, to take charge of and supervise the performance of committees and their respective duties; to prepare the annual report of transactions of the League; to devote the best effort in advancing the interests of the League. The Executive Director may attend any committee meeting if so requested.

Section 7.7

The Board of Directors shall appoint a Secretary/ Treasurer who will serve at the pleasure of the Directors and may be terminated at will by the Directors. The Secretary/ Treasurers duties call for keeping records of all money received and expended for the use of the League and shall make disbursements authorized by the Board. The Secretary/ Treasurer shall deposit all sums in the bank, or trust company, and shall make a report for the Executive Director at the annual meeting or when called upon by the President.

The funds, books and vouchers shall at all times be subject to verification and inspection by the Board of Directors At the expiration of the Secretary/Treasurer's term of office, he/she shall deliver over to the Secretary/Treasurer elect, or the President, all books, money and other League property.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for League play record keeping (divisions, score-sheets, win percentages, team standings, and memberships). It is his/her duty to collect weekly team match results; money from team play and memberships; dispersal of material for match play for each team every week of play.

The Secretary/Treasurer may appoint assistants help with collection and dispersal of said materials

Article VIII: Amendments

Section 8.1

The President, subject to the approval of the BOD, shall annually appoint standing special or sub-committees as required

Article IX: Amendments

Section 9.1

These by-laws may be amended, repeated or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote of the membership at any duly organized meeting of the League in which 50% of the Board of Directors is in attendance.

Guidelines & Procedures for the Lanco BCA 8-Ball League

Section 1

Sportsmanship must prevail at all times Gambling or wagering on League matches or games will not be tolerated

Section 2

Starting time for matches will be 7:00 PM. A visiting team will have rights to the match table from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM for practice only (no gambling).

Line-ups must be exchanged between Captains no later than 7:30 PM. League will allow a fifteen (15) minute grace period for matches to begin, but should be started as promptly as possible.

Each team is required to have three (3) players present to play match

Section 3

Each team will be represented by a Captain. Team Captains are responsible for the collection of fees from each Player On his/her team and their correct disposition to the League Secretary/Treasurer each week. The annual player membership fee of (\$ 20.00) is due at the time any player first shoots for a team, in one year time period. Each shooter must pay the (\$6.00) match fee to the Captain prior to participating in a team match.

Section 4

All player fees collected will go into a league or division funds account. \$40.00 of each team's match dues per session will go to the League Secretary/Treasurer. Each team will receive money back at the end of each session of play.

Section 5

Score sheets need to be filled out properly, legible and accurately. Team captains need to inspect each score sheet prior to start of match and verify results and endorse with their signature at the conclusion of each match.

A ten with a circle around it indicates a Break-n-Run on the score sheet.

Section 6

A team's roster should not exceed ten players.

Section 7

Players are not allowed to change teams during a session. If any team is dissolved during a session, its players may join other team in the league, unless the dissolution of the team is due to poor sportsmanship or any other unacceptable conduct.

Section 8

Generally, teams will not be allowed to add players to their roster after the fourth week of play. In special cases, where participation fails, the BOD and League Captains may vote to allow a team to add additional players.

Section 9

All rescheduling of matches must be by mutual consent of both team captains and the location owner Rescheduled matches must be made up before the next scheduled match is played. Exceptions can be made with proper notice to the League Secretary and the BOD.

Section 10

During any team match a first round game may be delayed until the final game of the second round, but may not be delayed any longer. Subsequent round games shall be played without delay as scheduled on the score-sheet.

Section 11

All player's league membership fees and/or weekly fees must be turned in on their first night of league play. Failure to do so could lead to a MATCH FORFEIT FOR THAT TEAM.

Section 12

Each team is responsible for the entire team's player fees each week, regardless of absent players and/or team. Tardiness in the payment of weekly player's fees will lead to the suspension of that team's membership in the league and forfeit that team's right to any team or individual awards or prizes and the right to participate in further league competition, post season tournaments or playoffs.

Section 13

Failure of a team to deposit all dues and score sheets at the drop off location by the close of the normal business day on Friday following match will result in a match loss. Reflecting no awarding of round points or games won for that week's play. Before that team plays another match, they must have brought their balance to the league to ZERO dollars.

Section 14

ANY team that forfeits TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS or ANY TOTAL OF THREE WEEKS in a leagues playing session can be automatically suspended from any and all further league competition. Any and all sanctioned money, fees/dues and prizes, shall be forfeited. Teams must pay to receive a win on forfeit,

Section 15

Substitutes may be used only in case of emergency and must have the same or lower average than that of the original shooter. In the case of a lower averaged substitute. The original player's average is used.

Section 16

During League play, ONLY CUE BALL FOULS will be enforced. All captains should become familiar with the governing BCA rules. (BCA rulebook) The only exception is on the break, cue ball must be shot from the kitchen area (Behind the head string)

Section 17

It is sportsmanlike and courteous to warn a shooter of a potential foul situation. When a shot comes up that seems likely to lead to controversy, the opponent should stop play and call for captains to rule on the play. Only the captains or the immediate players at the table can call fouls.

Score Keeping & Handicapping

Section 1

The BCA system for score keeping and handicapping is probably the easiest to use and to understand of all systems. Each individual develops an average throughout the season, but the total team averages and team points are used to determine the success of the team. Each player plays a different player on the Opposing team each round, according to the score sheet directions. No new player is assigned an average until after they have shot 8 games. In positioning your lineups each week, place your roster names from the lowest skilled (#1) to the highest skilled (#5). (The small numbers in the columns on the left-hand side of the official score sheet are used only to remind the players of the break-shot for each game. They have nothing to do with score keeping or handicapping: 1st & 3rd rounds -Visitors break every game .2nd & 4th rounds - Home breaks every game.)

Section 2

In scoring, each player receives one(1) point for each of his/her group of balls (stripes or solids) legally pocketed plus three (3) points for legally pocketing the 8-ball. Thus a win is always worth ten (10) points to a player, while a loss can never be worth more than seven (7) points to an opponent. If a player prematurely pockets the 8-ball or illegally makes the 8-ball, the opponent receives ten points automatically.

Section 3

Averages are derived by totaling a player's total points during a match and dividing the total by the number of games played. For an example; Barry won two games and lost two games - collecting a total of 29 points for the match. Dividing 29 by the 4 games played, Barry's accumulated average would be 7.25. As the season progresses, Barry's accumulated average would be based on total points earned divided by games played. Note: As of 6/1/2009, the computer program that is used to track all score keeping and averages, will round all numbers to the nearest whole number plus tenth. Example: 5.25 = 5.3; 6.76 = 7.8; 9.59 = 9.6; 8.44 = 8.4, etc.

Section 4

During the season, the number of rounds won determines a team's success in the standings. When score keeping a match, if a round is tied, both teams receive half (.5) point

Section 5

To determine the HANDICAP one team receives from the other, total up the averages of each competing member on a team and subtract the difference from the opposing team total.

Section 6

Round points won and lost by both teams, plus their total points will appear on each week's standing sheet.

Section 7

FORFEITS: If a team reports that only four players will be playing their match, place their names on the top four lines on the side of the score sheet. Record the total handicaps as the total "Team. Avg.". and record only the total of the first four individuals on the opposing team as that team's total "Team Avg." For scoring on the player who receives the forfeit, place a ten (10) in their slot, while an "F" is placed in the corresponding slot of the forfeited player. No average will be updated for the forfeited player in the next week's statistics.

Tavern Policy or Rules

Section 1

Each tavern or billiard center is a host location for the league to hold matches.

Section 2

Each tavern or billiard center may assist or sponsor their team players as they seem fit.

Section 3

Each tavern or billiard center may have its own set of policies or procedures they feel fit as to how to conduct their business. League members should respect those policies at all times.

Section 4

All visiting team members must remember they are representatives of their home establishment and should conduct themselves accordingly.

Section 5

All visiting team members must abide by the rules and regulations of each host site.

