

SCHUYLKILL VALLEY POOL LEAGUE

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Purpose

The Schuylkill Valley Pool League (SVPL) is a non-profit league that strives to provide a positive pool experience for adults in the area.

Organization

The owner's / organizational meeting will be held the 1st Monday of August of each year at 7:30PM at the Liberty Fire Company.

The league will strive to be comprised of an even number of teams, two conferences the National and the American, both consisting of an equal number of teams. The officer's shall handle league divisions and schedules by the luck of the draw. Unless they are from the same club, the division champions from the previous year will be placed in the same division and the second place teams from the previous year in the other division.

All new teams or teams moving to a new bar or club shall pay a \$35.00 entrance fee to join the league. All teams shall pay a \$35.00 annual fee to the league. All monies are due at the owner's/ organizational meeting. Existing teams changing bar or club have preference over new teams in joining the league.

If a team drops out of the league, they may not return until they are voted back into the league, at a scheduled league meeting and they must forfeit all monies paid into the league up to the time they dropped out.

Roster

Each team shall not exceed a **maximum of 25 shooters** on their roster.

To be on the roster of the S.V.P.L. a shooter must be of legal drinking age (21). If a team is found with a minor on the roster, or if a non-roster shooter shoots, all matches for that evening and all prior matches shot by that shooter for the season will be forfeited by the offending team.

Team roster sheets are due at a captains meeting in the second half of the season, date to be determined and announced at a captains meeting. **Once a shooter plays for a team, he or she cannot play for another team.**

Meetings

A Captain's meeting schedule with locations will be established at the owner's / organizational meeting.

A representative of **each team** must be present at each meeting. **Only these people will speak for their respective team.** A fine will be imposed for each scheduled meeting missed, this fine will be paid by the captain of the offending team before the next scheduled meeting or the fined captain will be banned from shooting until all fines are paid in full. The fine is a \$10.00 progressive fine for missed meetings (\$10.00 for the first, \$20.00 for the second, \$30.00 for the third etc).

In lieu of a captain's meeting, the President shall have the decision-making authority with a 4/5 majority of all officers. These decisions will be reported and voted upon at the next regular meeting.

Officers

The elected officers are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

Elections for the succeeding year, will take place at the final meeting of the previous year's league (normally scheduled in April).

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Postponements

In order to postpone a scheduled match, the captain of the team wishing to postpone must notify the opposing captain at least three hours before the scheduled match (5:00pm) is to begin. If a captain requests a postponement, the request should be granted. Call in the postponement to the number given for results.

All matches postponed by request, must be shot in the next 1 week. Scheduling is between the two captains. In the event that a mutually agreeable date cannot be determined, a blind draw of the possible dates in the second (2nd) week will be used to determine the date of the match. That is then the date and all normal rules apply.

Any postponement called by the SVPL because of inclement weather conditions; these matches will be made up at the end of the season thus delaying the play-offs until all matches are made up. The officers will notify the Captains of each team and the Captains shall notify their respective Bar or Club.

Matches / Games

A Match begins at 7:00pm and ends ½ hour after the final shot is made.

A Match is comprised of 5 Games. A Game is defined as the best 2 out of 3 individual partners contests.

Matches shall be played on the equipment available at each particular bar or club; only approved table covers and equipment are permitted for SVPL use.

Both the home and visiting participating shooters shall donate a fee of \$2.00 before shooting their respective Games. In the event of forfeited Games, the team that forfeits is responsible for their \$4.00 per Game.

Once Games are forfeited, the match is over and the rest of the Games are forfeited.

At the end of the fifth Game, the home club shall donate \$5.00 for a total of \$45.00 per night, not including the scratches.

A fine of \$0.25/scratch is assessed on each player who scratches and is collected by the home team and included in the nightly money.

The money collected each night and the score sheet **MUST BE MAILED** to the league address in the envelopes provided immediately following the Match (DO NOT SEND CASH IN THE MAIL, SEND A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER). **Any checks that are returned by the bank (Bounced Checks), the bank fee will be imposed on the offending team.**

Teams, not sending in scoresheets and or monies due to the league, will forfeit all matches after becoming three weeks in arrears. The delinquent team will forfeit until said scoresheets and or monies are collected by the appropriate officers.

Note that no money shall be collected during the play-offs.

All scores must be called into the league secretary immediately following the final match. Failure to call in a night's score will result in a \$5.00 progressive fine to the team captain.

Playoffs

Playoff Matches are best 4 out of 7 Games and follow all SVPL RULES (unless otherwise specified).

To be eligible to shoot in the play-offs a player has to shoot in at least 7 regular season Games. Shooters who won their Games because of forfeits, will count towards the required seven Games. A list of confirmed eligible shooters for each team will be provided to the captains by the league.

If two teams are tied at the end of the season, the head-to-head record will be used to break the tie. In the event there is still a tie, then drawing by lot will determine the order of finish. In the event that 3 or more teams are tied, the score sheets from the tied teams where they played each other will be pulled and their total record against each other will determine the order of finish. In the event there is still a tie, then drawing by lot will determine the order of finish. Any conflict to the above will be settled by a vote of the League Officers.

If two teams of the same club have home advantage during the playoffs, the team with the winningest record will have

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choice of the home advantage. In the event of scheduling conflict, league officers will make the final scheduling decision.

League playoffs will include the first 6 teams in each conference, with 1st and 2nd place team having a bye the first week. Teams in 3rd will play the sixth place teams, teams in 4th place will play the 5th place teams, these games will be the best of seven that night. The team with the best record will be the home team. The winner of the 3rd and 6th place teams match and the winner of the 4th and 5th place teams match will play either the 1st or 2nd place team depending on there ranking at the end of the regular season, (The lowest rank team plays the highest rank), and winners of that match will play for division championship. **(This is based on a 20 team league roster)**

Best of the rest playoffs: The 7th place team will play the 10th place team and the 8th place team will play the 9th place team and the winners will play for the division best of the rest championship. This will be the best of seven games played that night. The team with the best record is the home team. **(This is based on a 20 team league roster)**

Championship

A referee of the officer's choice shall be appointed for the league finals and the best of the rest finals only.

The referee will be in charge of a "**Blind Draw**" for the Championship match.

Division champions will play each other for the league championship at a neutral table, and will be the best of 7 games (all played in one night). **Neutral table to be determined between the two captains, in the event they are unable to agree a coin flip (or other random method) will determine the location. A neutral officer (or league captain) will preside over this process.**

Location must be a regular league location.

Behavior Standards

Any shooter involved in a physical altercation or harassment while attending a pool match or any league function will be barred from the league until the next scheduled meeting at which time he/she must be voted back into the league. The officers will determine, by majority vote, the actions to be taken for said offense(s). The problem must be reported to one of the league officers immediately.

If a shooter is flagged from a bar or club, it is the decision of the bar or club if they are allowed to participate that evening. It is the captain's responsibility to know who is flagged on his / her team. The captain must either obtain permission from the bar or club for the flagged shooter to participate or make sure the flagged player does not enter the bar – failure to comply – automatic 5 game forfeit for the night.

Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of this league, all remaining assets shall, after payment or provision for payment of all liabilities; be distributed exclusively for the purpose of the corporation in such a manner to such organization which shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as the officers shall determine.

Revisions

The BYLAWS written above can only be changed after having two voting sessions in which there must be a 2/3's majority vote for the change at each session.