

## Myth or Fact?

Players get 3 times to try to break a rack before the break goes to the opponent.

**MYTH!!!**

The break ONLY changes when the breaker has an ILLEGAL break AND scratches.

If those two circumstances do not happen TOGETHER, the breaker keeps breaking UNTIL they either get a good break or it does happen. (yes, this might take up to 20 attempts but there it is!)

## Let's Talk Lag!

Those of you who REALLY read the Team Manuals or who have been with the APA for a LONG period of time are used to the phrase, "players lag simultaneously for the break". Check out page 43 NOW, it's no longer phrased that way. That doesn't mean, throw the baby out with the bath water. What I am trying to say is that the players should STILL lag TOGETHER, and their lags should be performed within seconds of each other. NO PLAYER SHOULD HAVE AN ADVANTAGE OVER THE OTHER BY WAITING UNTIL THE OTHER PLAYER LAGS



## Balls OFF the Playing Surface

In 8 Ball – If player misses, spotted immediately. If the player pocketed a ball and it's still their turn AND the player runs out their category of balls AND that "floor" ball is also theirs THEN it is spotted AT THAT TIME. An 8 Ball knocked on the floor is an Automatic Loss.

In 9 Ball –BALLS ARE ALWAYS SPOTTED IMMEDIATELY! The 9 Ball is spotted when knocked off the playing surface or when it's pocketed and followed by a scratch or another type of foul.

IN **BOTH** FORMATS – balls that are off the playing surface are placed on the foot spot. If the foot spot is taken, the ball will be placed directly BEHIND the foot spot as close to the foot spot as possible. If two or more balls are knocked on the floor, they are placed in numerical order with the lowest numbered ball closest to the foot spot. Spotted balls are placed FROZEN to one another.

## Games, Games, Games

I am not JUST talking APA league night now, BUT let's START with SCOREKEEPING. (I promise to move on to the FUN stuff soon)

E8 – Made the 8 Ball Early/ Out of Turn

S8 – Scratched on 8

WP- Wrong Pocket

DNMP – Did Not Mark Pocket

**These abbreviations MUST be on BOTH scoresheets within the GAME BOX of which it happens.**

**INNINGS MUST MATCH!** Scorekeepers, please pay attention when it's your turn to keep score.

**Defensive Shots – Do NOT have to match.** I URGE EVERY MEMBER on the team to **watch the Defensive Shots Video on the APA YouTube Channel.** You will be able to spot them easier just by watching that video. It is the SCOREKEEPER'S PERCEPTION OF THE MATCH when a defensive shot is marked. Don't forget....Even FAILED Defenses should STILL be marked, it's the INTENT that counts.



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**EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE.** Cyndi has been doing BINGO here.

**THEN,** there is an American Poolplayers Association – APA of North Alabama **CLOSED GROUP.** It is **ONLY for APA of NA players.** I (Lee) have been doing "Reward Questions" here. So, what YOU should want to do is 1) Like 2) Follow 3) Request to Join the Closed Group and 4) Set up to receive Notifications from BOTH. You will NOT get the Reward Questions by only following the OPEN page.