

APA of North Alabama Safer At Play Policy

Step 1: The “Virtual Coin Toss” – 48 Hours BEFORE the Team Match, The Home Team Captain contacts the Visiting Team Captain by Facetime, Video Calling, Etc. and “Flips” the Coin to determine which team will put up first. Team Captain Phone #'s are found on the Schedules tab on the Local Website.

If neither team has a player with any “apps” that will allow for a “virtual coin toss” OR both Team Captains agree to trust one or another without video proof – That is fine and up to them to decide.

Step 2: The PRE-DETERMINED Put Up of Player 1 – Once it has been decided of which team puts up first, THE PLAYER WHO WILL BE COMPETING IN THE 1ST MATCH WILL BE DECLARED BY BOTH TEAMS.

Only after the FIRST player has been declared will the OTHER 4 players be named. THESE 4 PLAYERS DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE A SPECIFIC MATCH NUMBER ASSIGNED TO THEM. For example, you do not have to say that “Bob” will play in match 2 or “Sue” will play in match 4.

Step 3: Only the FIRST 3 PLAYERS AND THE TEAM CAPTAIN (we assumed you wanted the TC there for the entire match but it could be a “spare”) enter the Host Location at the time of the Team Match. We are asking Teams to TRY to start their Team Match at 6PM (THIS IS A SUGGESTION – if BOTH teams are unable to do so then oh, well).

There WILL be DELAYS (due to our “Safer at Play Policy”) designed to keep you safe. We also RECOMMEND that your Team’s COACH be one of the first 3 IF the coach is NOT also your Team Captain.

Step 4: Around the 1 – 1 ½ Hour Mark, have Player 4 enter the Host Location BUT Player 1 (and or 2) needs to be Out the Door.

Step 5: Around the 2 – 2 ½ Hour Mark, have Player 5 enter the Host Location BUT Player 2 (and or 3) needs to be Out the Door.

NOT EVERY HOST LOCATION HAS THE SAME CAPACITY/SQUARE FOOTAGE. BE SURE TO LOOK AT YOUR PLAYING DIVISIONS/THE HOST LOCATIONS INVOLVED/ETC. We have outlined the Team Match Sitting Areas. “Out the Door” Could Mean LITERALLY for SOME Host Locations or FIGURATIVELY for OTHERS (AS IN GO TO THE BAR AREA OR ANOTHER PART OF THE Host Location). We know that everyone is anxious to start playing again but we want to start back at a slow, steady, cautious pace. Now... There’s More...

- A)** Bring your OWN chalk. If you don't have your own piece of chalk we have it on good authority that 1) some Host Locations are providing it for you or selling it to you 2) we are trying to procure but our warehouse is still closed at this time
- B)** Do **NOT** lag simultaneously! AT THIS TIME...ALL PLAYERS WILL **FLIP** FOR THE BREAK. One player will stand at the head of the table and the other at the foot of the pool table for the FLIP. After the Flip has determined who is breaking, the BREAKER will return to their SITTING CHAIR with their team while the RACKER racks AND will NOT get up from their sitting chair UNTIL the RACKER has sat in their sitting chair
- C)** After the Break, each player will continue to remain in their SITTING CHAIR until their opponent has finished their turn at the table. Please do NOT delay returning to your designated sitting chairs after your turns are over by chalking your cues, forgetting to grab your own piece of chalk, etc. (as by doing so in this fashion can already cause a delay in game) Seated players can be ready for their turn at the table by paying attention to their matches and trying to plan out their next shot(s)
- D)** Concerning Time Outs – Since these are given by people you know – your teammates, your friends, your family – it is YOUR decision on how to handle (masked vs un-masked) BUT the Time Outs are NOT to exceed ONE (1) MINUTE. With the “Safer at Play Policy” We Cannot Afford Delays!

This is **NOT** forever. Keep reminding yourself of this! This is our, The APA of North Alabama's, policy to **START BACK** league play. If we need make changes to this policy during this time-period, we will notify you via the APA Members Services Notification App. We will RE-VISIT this Policy on June 12, 2020 at 5pm.