

2024/2025 BELL MUSIC POOL LEAGUES
Supplement to be used by all leagues in addition to the VNEA Rulebook

LEAGUE PLAY

Start time for league is 7:00pm (except Tusky Wednesday, which starts at 6:30pm). There is a 15-minute grace period which should only be used in extenuating circumstances. A player has until the end of the 1st round to show up and play all their games. If a player shows up in the 2nd round, as long as their game has not been passed, they can play that game but not make up the first round.

WEEKLY COST PER PLAYER

The weekly cost per player is \$10 League Dues plus their share of the cost of games played. The team's full league dues must be paid within 48 hours of your match. Partial payments will be treated as late payments. There will be a \$5 late fee applied to all late payments. Teams must pay league dues for all matches, including Byes and Forfeits. Failure to pay league dues and/or sanction fees may result in loss of wins and/or ineligibility to play in the league altogether.

Payment of league dues will be made electronically. You may pay using PayPal or with a debit or credit card or Venmo thru an invoice that is emailed to you. - See separate document for complete details and instructions. Each team is only responsible for handling their team's fees.

KEEPING SCORE

We use the Electronic Scoring feature in CompuSport. Scores will be entered by you as you play your match. Detailed instructions on how to keep score are on our website and in "Rules and Documents" in CompuSport.

SANCTION FEES

Each player must pay a \$20 sanction fee. **Sanction fees are due by the second week of the season.** If not paid, that player's previous night's scores will not count. **New players added after the second week of the season must pay their sanction fee the first night they play.** After Dec. 1, 2024, all sanction fees go up to \$25 per player. (If a player's sanction fee is not paid, that player is ineligible to play until the sanction fee is paid. If they don't pay it at all, the team they played on first will be charged \$30 from their end-of-the-season payout.)

ADDITIONAL BELL MUSIC RULES & POLICIES

- 1) Any team not finishing the session will forfeit all prize money. All players on a team that quits are ineligible to play on any other team the remainder of the season.
- 2) Teams that are in leagues that have BYE weeks must pay league dues for those weeks and fill out the scoresheet on CompuSport with your players names in order to receive credit and wins for the games.

- 3) If there is a tie at the end of a round, the point is split.
- 4) You will be racking your own break. Regarding Making The 8-Ball on the Break: The leagues will adopt OPTION #2: If you make the 8-on-the-Break, you have the option to spot it and continue play, or re-break. If you make the 8-on-the-Break and scratch, the incoming player has the option of spotting the 8 and starting their play or re-rack and break themselves. Make sure to mark the 8-on-the-Break in CompuSport when a player makes one, so they receive credit for it even though it's not an automatic win.
- 5) Handicapped leagues (All leagues except Stark & Tusky): You must let us know in advance when a player that is not listed on your roster will be playing on your team. All established players' averages will carry over from the last season they played. Brand new men start as an 8; brand new ladies start as a 6. Mens Master players average will be a 10, Mens AA players no lower than a 9, Ladies Master players no lower than an 8, and Ladies AA players no lower than a 7. Each player will use their starting average the first 3 times they play. After a player has played 3 times, they will use their calculated average. The Electronic Scoring feature of CompuSport will automatically enter on the scoresheet the correct average for each player so long as that player is listed on your roster. There is an exception for Master and AA players - **If a Master or AA player's calculated average falls below a 10 or a 9, respectively, their average needs to be manually entered on the scoresheet; CompuSport does not correct that automatically.** There will be no limit on a spot between 2 players or per round and you only spot the players that play in that round. Teams may line up their players in any order they wish. If a team is short a player for the match, the present player will receive his handicap and the absent opponent receives 0. If a player is late or leaves early and only plays some of his games, the opponent will receive 10-0 for those games.
- 6) Akron Area divisions – Maximum of 1 Mens Master OR 2 Mens AA players can play in a match.
Stark County Gold, Silver & Bronze divisions – No Mens Master or Mens AA players. Also, refer to the Stark County Former Champions list for additional player eligibility guidelines.
Stark County Bronze division – No Ladies Master players.
- 7) Team captains are responsible for making sure scores are properly entered into CompuSport. After a team submits the scores, the opposing team will need to approve the scores for them to be immediately posted.
- 8) **Players can only be added to your roster by the league coordinator.** It is the team captain's responsibility to ensure that the player is not ranked higher than allowed for the division the team is playing in. The penalty could be the possibility of losing the match. No new players may play the last 4 weeks of the season. In order to play on a team, the last 4 weeks, you must have already played on that team at least 1 time this season and have paid your sanction fee. Players may play on any team until they have played on the same team 4 times. They are then locked into that team for that league. They may still sub on another team on a different night or different league.
- 9) If a player needs to leave early (work, sick, emergency) the opposing captain will let that player play out. If this occurs, try to play a game in between each of their games, if possible. You cannot put another player in that spot. Only players that start the match may finish the match.
- 10) There is no coaching allowed.

- 11) The most current news and information for the leagues will be posted on our website: www.bellmusicco.com and on the league's home page of CompuSport – **BELL MUSIC POOL LEAGUES (2024-2025)** This includes the rulebook, schedules, standings, information on the State tournament, etc.
- 12) **Only the team captain or acting captain** may call with urgent question or problem during league play. You must call as soon as there is a problem; you cannot call the next day and ask for a rematch, forfeit, protest, etc. Please only call if you've looked in your rulebook and can't find the answer or you've tried to resolve the issue amongst yourselves and can't find a solution.

Bell Music reserves the right at any time to modify any of these previous rules if it is for the proper development of the league. In the event a situation arises that is not covered in these rules, Bell Music will make the decision it deems most appropriate for the league and it must be adhered to by the players and teams.

We are looking forward to a great season.

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