

## **New River APA player meeting cliff notes**

For those of you that missed the player meeting today, here is a summary of what was discussed and upcoming adjustments to league and tournament play.

Brian & Leanne Scruggs are your new operators. To contact us you can call or text 540-397-2665 or you can email [playaparoanoke@gmail.com](mailto:playaparoanoke@gmail.com). We have office hours 12pm-10pm on days of play. If you have any questions or concerns that need to be addressed, please do not hesitate to reach out to us!

We understand change can be unnerving, but rest assured, we have been running Roanoke APA for over 8 years and are up to the challenge of running New River APA. Also, people have been asking & there are no plans to reconverge the 2 areas.

Moving forward, you will hopefully notice our proactive approach to running the league. We will use the APA APP to convey tournament dates, announcements and other important information. Generally, all tournaments will be announced at least 4 weeks prior.

MVP Tournaments & medals will return! We will run an MVP tournament for Summer 2024 session BUT it will most likely follow Fall session Tri-cups and MVP tournaments as we are struggling to find time to squeeze it in. Players must have 6 matches played during the session to qualify for the MVP tournament and prizes. Watch the APP for updates!

Due to the crazy inflation over the past 2 years & to mirror Roanoke APA, we have determined that the New River players' fund needs additional revenue to provide the quality prizes that you desire. Starting week 1 of Summer 2025 session, team dues will go up to \$45 per team/\$9 per shooter each week. This will allow us to give you all the patches that you earn without paying an additional fee. It will also help provide a 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize to the runner-up teams in World Qualifiers (2026) among other TBD increased benefits to players. (Patches will remain \$1 through Spring session)

The following are **current rules** that were not enforced but will be enforced **IMMEDIATELY**.

Matches may only be rescheduled if New River APA receives a request ahead of time with reasons for the need to reschedule & approves such request. Not having your absolute best lineup or your matchup guru is not grounds for postponing your match.

Teams only have 2 weeks to complete makeup matches unless caused by weather or an APA related event. In these scenarios you would have 4 weeks. Makeup matches must be completed before the last 2 weeks of the session. No match can be postponed due to player availability in the last 2 weeks of the session. Special exceptions may be considered. Weather related postponements will be allowed in the last 2 weeks. One last note, no courtesy matches in the last week of the session, playoffs or tournaments.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PLAYING IN BOTH ROANOKE & NEW RIVER APA!

We plan to run tournaments simultaneously but also opposite of Roanoke APA. This means that if we are playing an 8 ball Tri-cup in Roanoke then we will play a 9 Ball Tri-cup in New River the same day. We will not be able to hold matches due to your participation in both areas. If you only play 1 format in both areas, then you should not have any scheduling conflicts. *PLEASE consider this if you or your team wishes to play opposite or both formats in each area!*

**Please note that the current courtesy rules will apply for the remainder of the fall session.** Beginning week 1 of the Spring session the courtesy rule will mirror what those in Roanoke APA. We will attach a link to see the bylaws of Roanoke APA as the rule is lengthy. PLEASE READ & consider how the changes will affect your team.

**The following adjustments will be implemented for Summer 2025 session & beyond.**

### NO MORE PAPER SCOREKEEPING ON LEAGUE NIGHT!!!

We will turn on electronic score keeping for Spring session so that teams can acquaint themselves with electronic scorekeeping. Scoring on the app is so easy! There will be a scoring clinic for electronic scorekeeping early in the spring session as well. Best practice posts will be available as well. Beginning week 1 of Summer session, all scorekeeping will be on the APA Scorekeeper app. Only tournament matches will be on paper moving forward. \* We have volunteered to be testers for the future tournament online scoring as well. We are not aware of APA's decision to allow us to participate in the testing yet.

Players will need 5 matches vs the current 4 matches to be eligible for playoffs & local tournaments.

### Significant qualifying changes for World qualifying

As we mentioned before when we took over New River APA, we are adjusting the qualifying process. APA is also attempting to standardize qualifying for World Qualifiers. Our structure in Roanoke APA is almost exactly what APA wants to implement. So, we will mirror Roanoke APA once again. Tri-cups will consist of 4 team single elimination brackets and only the winners advance, "Pass-down" qualifications will be discontinued. This means that your team only needs to play 2 rounds so we will be able to pare down Tri-Cups to a single day! You can see all the information about this in the bylaws.

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

1<sup>st</sup> Player Appreciation party December 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm start @ Bull & Bones! There will be free food, pool & prizes!!! Check the APP for details!