

2017-18 Regional Tournament Rules

NWOPPA Team Eligibility Rules

1. Players must be sanctioned and have 4 nights and at least 12 games of play on one team as of December 31st, 2017 to be eligible for the main Friday night singles (**this includes Ladies weekend main Open**), team and Scotch doubles events. Anyone can play in any of the minis.
2. ***Regional division team rankings will be determined by their final league standings as of the end of the 2016-17 pool league season. It is considered the same team if there are 3 original players from the 2016-17 team playing on the 2017-18 team. If last year's team moves to a new league, they are still placed based on their final league standings from last year's league. New teams will be reviewed during the December meeting for league and tournament placement. All teams whether new or old have until December 31st, 2017 to get their tournament players qualified. The Association Board reserves the right to review ANY team division placement and adjust their placement as they see fit.
3. If your team has placed ***** in the top two (2) positions at the Regional tournament**, each individual player who PLAYED with that team will be ranked at the next higher Division. *(i.e., 1st place at Division 3, each individual player will be ranked as a Division 2 player). These designations will remain for a minimum of three years. After those three years OF PLAYING IN THEIR DESIGNATED DIVISION, the players will automatically become "unranked" provided those individuals or teams do not place in the top four (4) spots.
4. REGIONAL RANKINGS WILL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. If a team places in 1st or 2nd place those players will be IMMEDIATELY considered Regional Tournament ranked players and the following rule will apply.
5. Teams can only have 3 higher level division players on their team/roster. (i.e., 3 Division 1 players on a Division 2 team or 3 Division 2 players on a Division 3 team.) Division 3 teams may have 2 Division 1 players on their roster with only 1 player playing at a time. Division 1 players may be rotated in and out but only 1 may play in any given round.
6. ***No Master players will be permitted on a Third Division team tournament roster. You can have 2 A or AA or 1st division players on your tournament roster but only 1 can play in any round at a time. (Master Player is ANY Master player from any state or national ranking)
7. If a team consists of the exact same players and places in one division on one league night and places in another division on another league night, that team must play first at the highest-level division. If they do not place in the top 4 places in that division, that exact same team can play at the next division level. Example: Joe, Bob, Bill, Steve, and Jim play on Tuesday nights and on Thursday nights. Their Thursday night team places in Division 1 and their Tuesday night team places in Division 2. These 5 guys must first play in the Division 1 tournament. If they place 1st-4th they are done and cannot play another weekend. However, if they place 5th or lower, these same 5 guys can then play in the Division 2 tournament. A team can only drop one division. If the team places in Division 1 and Division 3 they must play first at Division 1 and then may play at the Division 2 tournament. This rule does not apply to ranked Regional Tournament players. Those players must play in their respective Divisions.
8. ***Allow floating/open subs to play in the regional tournaments as long as they meet weeks played games and Games Played requirements. Also, only 1 regional tournament per sub.
9. ***If an Open team consists of less than 5 (male) players, they will be allowed to create a team with other men within their league. These teams must consist of at least 3 original players (players from the same team). They can then pick up male players (maximum of 3 additional) from within their league provided they pay the extra \$.75 per player per week for the Regional tournament fee (see rule 10). ***This fee will be based on the amount other teams in their league must pay. The newly formed team MUST play at the highest division that either team place in their league and are still required to meet other regional eligibility rules.
10. Per the above rule: if two teams split to form two teams, there will be no additional fees (provided there are still the same number of teams attending the Regional tournament). Examples:

- A. each team consists of 3 males and 3 females – the 6 males form 1 team for Open, the 6 females form 1 team for Ladies. These teams would not be required to pay additional fees.
- B. if each team consists of 3 males and 4 females and the 6 males form 1 team for Open and the 4 females from each team play as a team for ladies (2 teams), then the 6 males would be required to pay the additional fees.
11. If a Ladies team has 8 or more (Ladies) players on their roster, they will be allowed to split – making two separate teams for the Ladies Regional tournament provided they pay the extra \$.75 per player per week for the Regional tournament fee. ***This fee will be based on the amount the other teams in the ladies’ league must pay.
12. ***If a Ladies team consists of less than 4 (ladies) players, they will be allowed to create a team with other ladies within their league. These teams must consist of at least 2 original players (players from the same team). They can then pick up lady players (maximum of 3 additional) from within their league provided they pay the extra \$.75 per player per week for the Regional tournament fee. ***This fee will be based on the amount the other teams in the ladies’ league must pay. (also, see examples from rule 10 above)
13. To determine the format of the Ladies tournament, all ladies teams will be invited to a meeting in November to discuss the number of teams planning to participate and allow the ladies an opportunity to vote their preference for the tournament – round robin, double or triple elimination. The final decision will be by the board based on this vote. The ladies will be informed by the end of November the format of the Ladies tournament in order for them to make their decision if they will participate in the Ladies tournament or the divisional tournament based on their league ranking.
14. Singles tournaments rules: (All requirements Rule #1 MUST BE met as well)
- A. If you place 1st or 2nd OR if you split AT ANY POINT in a main singles (including the main OPEN singles tournaments of Ladies weekend, this does NOT apply to the Ladies main singles), you will not be permitted to shoot in any future main singles. However, you will be permitted to play as many mini tournaments as you would like.
- B. Ladies Division **Ladies** Singles – ANY female pool player on ANY Pioneer Vending pool team (open or ladies team) may play in the Ladies Singles tournament. Ladies ARE NOT required to play on a Ladies team to be eligible for the Ladies singles.
- C. Ladies Division **Open** Singles main tournament: ANY pool player on ANY Pioneer Vending pool team (open or ladies team) may play in the Ladies Division Open Singles tournament.
- D. First Division Singles main tournament: Player must be listed on a First Division team roster to be eligible. All other players may play in the mini tournaments. (Exception to this rule: if you are a Ranked player and are not permitted to play in the main Singles of the weekend your team is playing, you are permitted to play in the First Division Singles. Example: You are on a Division Two team but are a Division One Regional ranked player. You cannot play in the Division Two Singles, but you will be allowed to play in Division One Singles.)
- E. Second Division Singles main tournament: Player must be listed on a Second Division team roster to be eligible. Player must not hold a State or National “Master” ranking or a Regional Division 1 ranking. All other players may play in the mini tournaments.
- F. Third Division Singles main tournament: Player must be listed on a Third Division team roster to be eligible. Player must not hold a State, National or Regional ranking of any kind. All other players may play in the mini tournaments.
- G. Minis: Minis will be held at any available opportunity throughout the 5 weekends. Anyone is eligible to play in a mini tournament. There are no vendor or sanctioning requirements.
15. Open teams MUST SHOOT in Division 1 to be eligible for the Invitational tournament. First spots will be given to Division 1 teams. If there are any spots available after ALL Division 1 teams are offered a spot, then the top 2 Division 2 teams will be offered a spot, 1st – 2nd respectively. Exception: If there are open spots available (after being offered to all of the First Division teams and top 2 placing Second Division teams and to all of the other participating vendors), these spots will be offered to the American Legion as a courtesy for allowing the tournaments to use their facility.

The following will be determined each year as the number of teams in each division are considered:

16. Ladies Regionals will be decided based on the number of teams – late November (see rule 13 above). The guidelines will be handed out at that time.

17. Payout:

Ladies: Division A	\$1,500.00
Ladies: Division B	\$1,000.00
Division 3	\$2,200.00
Division 2	\$2,500.00
Division 1	\$3,000.00

18. Division 1 will have an optional \$25.00 Side pot which will need to be paid before any Division 1 tournament play starts.

19. Tournament operations