

Have Fun. Build Teamwork. Play Pool.SM



Employees that play together, work great together!

Having your employees participate in fun recreational and team building activities outside the workplace can help build morale and camaraderie amongst coworkers. But who's going to organize it? What about risk of injury? We've got the solution you've been looking for—the American Poolplayers Association (APA)!

Why Pool?

Everybody's Doing It	A Sport for Everyone	Safety First	We Play Rain or Shine
More than 40 million people play the game of pool each year!	Pool can be enjoyed by virtually anyone, regardless of age, gender or physical ability.	Pool is a SAFE sport, players are rarely injured shooting pool. When an employee breaks a leg sliding into 2nd base or throws their back out, their productivity at work suffers.	Unlike many sports, pool is played indoors, therefore there's never a rainout.

"We offer a variety of activities for our employees to participate in. We found that people played pool anyway and offering APA Leagues fit into their interests. Offering activities for employees gives them a chance to relax and talk outside of work, and this builds teamwork inside the company."

David Langenfield
Xerox
Webster, NY





Why APA?

We're the Biggest...Because We're the Best

APA is the world's largest pool league. Established in 1979, hundreds of thousands of people, from all walks of life, enjoy the fun and excitement of APA Pool Leagues. Most pool leagues are limited to the top players, but you don't have to be a "pool shark" to compete and win in an APA League.

Everyone Can Play—Anyone Can Win!®

APA Leagues utilize a handicap and scoring system (similar to golf or bowling) that allows people of all different abilities to participate. In fact, each team is required to have a variety of different skill levels amongst its members, so APA is great for beginners!

Membership Benefits

The greatest benefit of being an APA member is the fun and excitement of league play. In addition, members also receive a membership kit and patch, an annual subscription to *The American Poolplayer*® magazine and discounts to national retailers.

Vegas Baby!

The top teams in each area win a trip to Las Vegas to compete in the National Team Championships held annually in August.

Over \$1.5 Million in National Prize Money

Each year, APA pays out more than \$1.5 Million in prize money at our national championships.



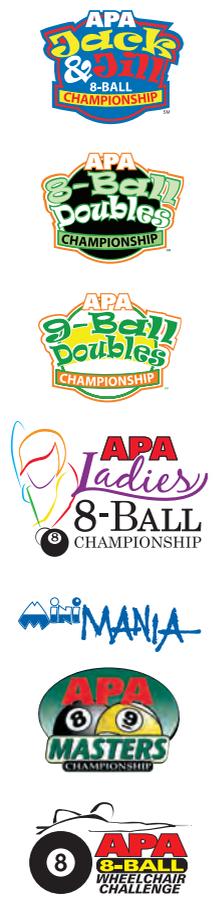
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"The best reason to have an APA League is for the social enjoyment that's shared by fellow employees. It promotes teamwork and corporate networking. Employees are introduced to fellow coworkers they wouldn't normally meet. Being a Team Captain enhances leadership and organizational skills that can be applied directly to one's job."

*Donna Reynolds
Ross Products
Division/Abbott
Laboratories
Columbus, OH*

How it Works

Employees Working As Teams	The Equalizer[®] Handicap System	Year-Round Sessions	Formats
<p>Teams consist of 5-8 members, with 5 members competing each week against 5 members of another team. Different departments go head-to-head, or you can mix and match players to form teams of employees who wouldn't normally work together.</p>	<p>Each player is assigned a skill level based on their playing ability. Rankings range from skill level 2 (lowest skilled) to skill level 7 (highest skilled) in 8-Ball (skill levels 1-9 in 9-Ball). When a higher ranked and lower ranked player compete, the higher skilled player must win more games in order to win the match.</p>	<p>Because Leagues take place indoors, weather is rarely a factor. We offer a Spring, Summer and Fall Session. At the end of each session, the top teams advance to a Local Team Championship with winners advancing to the APA National Team Championships in Las Vegas.</p>	<p>APA Leagues offer both 8-Ball and 9-Ball, so your employees can compete in their favorite format.</p>



How to Get Started

You'll soon see the positive results of teamwork and camaraderie at work!

Announcement	Promotion	Education	Let the Fun Begin
<p>Tell your employees about the new Pool League the company is offering. To generate interest and participation, place an announcement in the company newsletter and/or send out a company-wide email.</p>	<p>We'll provide you with professionally designed posters and fliers to post around the office, as well as brochures and sign-up sheets for your employee lounge, cafeteria or other public areas.</p>	<p>Determine a good time to schedule a meeting with your League Operator and employees who are interested in participating. The League Operator will explain the rules and League system, and let them know where and when they'll be playing. This meeting can be during a lunch break, at the end of the day at your workplace, or at the location where they'll be playing. Players will be asked to fill out a membership application.</p>	<p>If they haven't already, players will divide up into teams and select a Team Captain. From there, the fun can begin!</p>



A coworker and I decided to put an ad in our employee newspaper, advertising for players to join the League. The first session we had six teams and people quickly spread the word about how much fun it was. Eventually it grew to 28 teams! We don't just limit it to employees, we invite everyone from interns to retirees. It gives everyone a chance to network and stay involved in the company."

*Mellany Winters
Microsoft
Redmond, WA*





The World's Largest Amateur Pool League

