

1. SESSION PLAYOFFS

o **NUMBER OF MATCHES NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE IN PLAYOFFS**

In order for an established player (an established player is a player that has at least 10 matches in the system in the format that is being played) to participate in the session playoffs, he/she must have played **AT LEAST FOUR (4) MATCHES** with the team during the session, prior to playoffs beginning.

- o **NEW PLAYERS** (playing their first session or their first session in a new format) must play **AT LEAST EIGHT (8) MATCHES** during the session, prior to playoffs beginning, to be eligible to participate in playoffs (six matches on each team if playing on two teams in the same format in the same session). He/she must play ten (10) times (in their first session) to be eligible to participate in the LTC (Local Team Championship). Playoffs do count toward the 10 matches needed for a new player.

Forfeits do not count as a match played!!!

o **Weighted Drawing For Playoffs:**

When drawing for the Wild Card to participate in playoffs, the drawing will be weighted according to final standings of the teams that did not earn an automatic bid into the playoffs. The number of entries into the Wild Card draw will be dependent on the number of teams in the division, as well as a team's final standing in a division. The last place team will receive 1 entry into the Wild Card, the 2nd to last place team will receive 2 entries into the Wild Card draw, the 3rd to last place team will receive 3 entries into the Wild Card draw, and so on.

Setup for session playoffs may vary session to session, and is at the League Office discretion. Teams may sometimes gain automatic eligibility to Tri-Cups based on session qualification guidelines.

When a team earns a spot to the session playoffs, they are required to participate in the playoffs. If the team chooses not to participate, the team is still responsible for paying the applicable team fees for session playoffs. The only situation in which a team may forfeit their playoff spot is in the event that the session playoffs for the division can be filled (another team willing and eligible to participate).

In a travel division, the playoffs will be played at higher seeded team's Host Location.

o **Playoff Schedule**

Playoff rounds will be scheduled as follows:

<u>Teams</u>	<u>Round #1</u>	<u>Final Round</u>
Sunday Teams	Saturday @ 1pm	Normal Date/Time
Monday Teams	Sunday @ 1pm	Normal Date/Time
Tuesday Teams	Sunday @ 6pm	Normal Date/Time
Wednesday Teams	Normal Day/Time	Saturday @ 1pm
Thursday Teams	Normal Day/Time	Saturday @ 6pm
Friday Teams	Normal Day/Time	Saturday @ 6pm
Saturday Teams	Normal Day/Time	Normal Day/Time

- **Playoff Brackets**
 - **Byes do not count towards division team count**
 - **Round #1 Winners will play each other in Final Round of playoffs. Final Round Winners will proceed to Tri-Cups.**

DIVISIONS	ROUND #1		FINAL ROUND
4-5 team Divisions			
Playoffs	2 nd vs. Wild Card	N/A	1 st vs. Winner
6-7 team Divisions			
Playoffs	1 st vs. Wild Card	2 nd vs. 3 rd	Round #1 Winners
8 team Divisions			
Playoffs	2 nd vs. 5 th	3 rd vs. 4 th	Round #1 Winners
2 nd Chance	7 th vs. 8 th	N/A	6 th vs. Winner
9 team Divisions			
Playoffs	2 nd vs. 5 th	3 rd vs. 4 th	Round #1 Winners
2 nd Chance	6 th vs. 8 th	7 th vs. 9 th	Round #1 Winners
10 team Divisions			
Playoffs	3 rd vs. 4 th	2 nd vs. 5 th	Round #1 Winners
2 nd Chance	6 th vs. Wild Card	7 th vs. Wild Card	Round #1 Winners
Wild Cards	Teams 8 th , 9 th & 10 th	Draw for Wildcard spots	
11+ team Divisions			
Playoffs	2 nd vs. 5 th	3 rd vs. 4 th	Round #1 Winners
2 nd Chance	6 th vs. Wild Card	7 th vs. Wild Card	Round #1 Winners
Wild Cards	Teams 8 th , 9 th & 10 th	Draw for Wild Card spots	

- **BIG DAWG:**
 - For standard Open 8-Ball and 9-Ball format divisions with 8 or more teams, the team with the most regular session points in their division will **AUTOMATICALLY** advance to the Tri-Cups... **NO PLAYOFFS**
 - One (1) out of every ten (10) standard Open 8-Ball and 9-Ball format divisions with less than 8 teams, based on teams with the highest average points per week and nights of play will **AUTOMATICALLY** advance to the Tri-Cups...**NOPLAYOFFS**. These awarded teams will be contacted by the League Office.
- **2nd Chance:**
 - 2nd Chance playoff winners will advance to the Tri-Cups and must compete in the 1st Round
 - Chance to win a spot into Tri-Cups and compete for a spot in LTC