

## **EIGHT-BALL**

**COMPETITION DIVISIONS:** Eight-Ball is an individual age category competition which is divided into both men and women divisions.

**TOURNAMENT:**

Competition will be single elimination and each match will consist of three games. The winner of two out of three games will advance in the tournament. The loser will be finished for the day.

**FORMAT:**

1. The balls are racked in a triangle at the foot of the table with the 8-ball in the center of the triangle, the first ball of the rack on the foot spot, a stripe ball in one corner of the rack and a solid ball in the other corner. Winner of the lag has the option to break.
2. Order of play will be determined by lagging. Players simultaneously shooting the ball from behind the headstring, banking it off the foot rail and back to the head of the table. Ball closest to the head rail will be the first to break. It is permissible to strike the head rail.
3. Breaking – for a break to be legal, at least four balls must be driven to the rails or a ball must pocket. Otherwise, the balls are re-racked and re-broken by the same player.

**SCORING:**

1. Scoring is done by one player pocketing the group of balls numbered one through seven (solid colors) while the other player has nine through fifteen (stripes) to pocket. The player pocketing his group first and then legally pocketing the 8-ball wins the game.
2. Any player performing a break shot in 8-ball may continue to shoot his next shot as long as he has legally pocketed any object ball on the break.
3. Contestants with the highest score in winning games in each age category below will receive the gold, silver, and bronze medals.

50-54 65-69 80-84 95+  
55-59 70-74 85-89  
60-64 75-79 90-94

**EQUIPMENT:**

1. Play will take place on regulation tables (7 feet x 4.5 feet).
2. The cue may weigh a minimum of 15 oz. to a maximum weight of 22 oz.
3. The balls will be regulation Billiard Balls numbered 1 to 15 with a cue ball.

**OFFICIALS:**

1. American Pool Player Association rules shall govern Tournament play.
2. Any circumstances not covered in these rules will be ruled upon by the Event Coordinator.