

Hello Everyone

Western BCA will have its 24th Annual Regional 8 Ball Championships beginning on March 10 and ending on March 17. Prior to the start of play there will be a Fun Day on March 9th. The Fun Day events will be listed at a later time but the following is the criteria and deadlines for the 8 Ball Championships.

Online Entries and Paper Entries will be available on January 15th. The Early Entry Deadline will be February 4th, after that date the Entry Fee will include a late fee of \$25 per person per event. We will allow paper entries until February 11th but we will extend Online Entries until February 18th. The fees will all include a green fee of \$10 per person for scotch and team events and \$20 per person for singles events.

We will start with Scotch Doubles (Jack and Jill) on March 10-11. If players have 200 or more robustness they can play together in any division regardless of which Western BCA league they qualified out of. Players entering the Platinum Division do not need to meet the 200 robustness criteria to play together. If either player has under 200 robustness they must be from the same league unless they play in the Platinum Division. We have 4 divisions of Scotch Doubles; Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze. The caps are as follows: Platinum-1175, Gold-1025, Silver-900 and Bronze 800. The total fees are as follows: Platinum-\$180, Gold-\$140, Silver-\$100 and Bronze-\$80. The races will be as follows: Platinum-5, Gold, Silver and Bronze-4.

Singles will start on March 12. There are two divisions, Elite and Divisional. Elite Singles are for players with Fargo Ratings of 626 and above but anyone can play up into that division. For Elite Singles the total fee is \$120, the race will be at least 7 but could be longer depending on the number of entries. The Divisional Singles will be for any players with a Fargo Rating of 625 and below. The fee will be \$70. The Divisional Singles will be divided by a combination of Fargo ratings and division size at the time of bracketing into smaller divisions based on the number of entries at the time of bracketing. The races will be based on Fargo Ratings of the divisions and should be races of 4 to 6 games.

Teams will start on March 15. There will be 4 non-gender specific divisions, Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze. All teams will consist of 5 players. The captain and any players under 200 robustness must be from the same league, additional players must have a robustness of 200 or more and can be from any Western BCA league. Platinum Division teams do not have to meet robustness criteria and can be from any leagues. The team cap will be the total Fargo rate of the top 5 Fargo rated players listed on the team roster. The caps for the team divisions is as follows: Platinum-3050, Gold-2700, Silver-2375 and Bronze-2050. Fees for the divisions per team are: Platinum-\$325, Gold-\$275, Silver-\$225 and Bronze-\$200. The races are as follows: Platinum-13, Gold-13, Silver-11 and Bronze-11.

We will have a couple of other deadlines that may be important to you. The last day to qualify with 8 weeks of play will be February 6th. We have a No Fault Refund (NFR) deadline of February 28. Any refunds requested after the NFR deadline will have to be submitted through the LO and if approved will usually be refunded with a free entry into a future tournament. Absolutely no refunds after March 5th.

A scotch team or team that enters must meet the cap for the division they enter at the time of entry. League Operators will be required to check both Fargo rates and robustness for paper entries from their players. If there are issues with Fargo rates or robustness the players should be notified. Unless there is a very large discrepancy in the team or scotch cap at the time of bracketing the entry will be allowed to play in the division they originally entered? Western BCA reserves the right to reclassify teams that exceed the cap by a large amount at the time of bracketing. Robustness will be frozen at the number it is at the time of entry.

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