



# 2023-2024 Information Sheet

## Changes to pool player's handbook



### 1) WEEKLY FEES:

#### Violation of not paying league fees weekly:

Teams not paid in full by one week from match date will have their rounds wins for that week subtracted from that score sheet. And will lose those round wins. Teams will not be able to get those round wins back.

(Opposing team would not get those round wins.) This feature in Compusport will be enforced after the 3rd week of play in the fall/winter season.

The league office is not responsible for calling/texting to warn teams of shortages before subtracting them.

**It is the CAPTAIN'S responsibility to make sure all team members are paid. Captains by the end of the match need to make sure everyone has paid for that night or that the designated "payer" has paid for the entire team.**

### 2) VNEA Rule Change:

#### L. GENERAL DEFINITIONS OF POCKET BILLIARDS

##### *Old rule:*

7.) **PUSH SHOT FOULS.** It is a foul if the cue ball is pushed by the cue tip, with contact being maintained for more than the momentary time commensurate with a stroked shot. (Such shots are usually referred to as push shots.) With a cue ball and object ball frozen, shooting the shot from any angle other than at least 45 degrees above, or at least 45 degrees to the right or at least 45 degrees to the left of center from the straight line of the frozen balls is a foul and must be so called.

##### *New rule:*

7.) **PUSH SHOT FOULS.** It is a foul if the cue ball is pushed by the cue tip, with contact being maintained for more than the momentary time commensurate with a normal and legally stroked shot. (Such shots are usually referred to as push shots.)

## 2023-2024 Information Sheet—Important guidelines to remember

*(See BMW Players Handbook for complete booklet on guidelines & policies)*

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**1. Sanction fees \$30.00 per person.** Players that play in week #1 of the season qualify to pay the special "**Start Up Discount**" **sanction fee of \$25 per person.** Pay sanction fees through Compusport app. In app on main page go to "My To-Dos". Make sure your are in the current correct event, "BMW Billiards 2023-2024 Season & Summer 2023". In Compusport app can update email, phone number, city & state through your settings account. If paid in summer, is good for fall/winter season.

**2. FORMING A TEAM:** **If having any "A" players on team, must be submitted on original roster. Teams can not add any "A" or higher players to roster after roster deadline date.**

**3. REGULAR PLAYERS:** Team can have more than 5 regular players. **Just placing a person on your roster does not make that person a regular player.** In order to be considered a regular player that person must have played a comparatively equal number of games with everyone else on that team.

**4. PLAY STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.** (Except Sun. Doubles, Longmont, senior leagues)

**All line-ups need to be finished by 7:00 P.M. and play started.** It is recommended captain or team representative show up 10 to 15 minutes before start time to fill out score sheet and make sure all players pay their fees. **If you have a player that can not arrive by your match designated start time of 7 pm, you must notify opposing team captain before the match begins to arrange for that player to be played around and his games played when he arrives, as long as he is not later then 30 minutes past schedule start time.**

5. All games MUST be played on BMW BILLIARDS operator owned equipment. Even one game played on a non-operator owned table will result in both players disqualification as VNEA members. Both players lose all rights to compete in any VNEA Rocky Mountain or national tournaments.

6. **EXHIBITION/SANCTION NIGHT:** The exhibition/sanction night will be the first week during regular season. On exhibition night only the sanction fees and the quarters for the games need to be paid. Not the regular weekly fee. Teams will not receive any round wins or points, just players individual points will be counted.

7. **Additional information on paying:**

**Pay weekly fee through Compusport app with credit card per player or for entire team, per each league night. With app you can pay weekly, or multiple weeks at a time, or pay for fellow members of your team. In app on your main page go to "My To-Dos". Make sure your are in the current correct event, "BMW Billiards 2023-2024 Season & Summer 2023".**

**Tip: Have team ante up monthly and get a reloadable gift card for paying the fee weekly.** Thereby not leaving one player with credit card to pay off.

**Captains are responsible for making sure all your teammates are paying their fees.** Can check in Compusport under "My To-Dos" or check the stats team/player column of amount paid. Under teams also shows amount owed.

**Players Responsibility:** If giving the weekly fee to one person and relying on them to pay fee it is your responsibility to check and make sure that person is paying fees. BMW Billiards is not responsible for a member on the team keeping the money and not paying the fees. Can easily check to make sure payments are being paid by looking at team & player stats and seeing amount paid by each players names or checking the "my to dos" area.

If wanting to pay fees through your desktop computer go to [www.compusport.us](http://www.compusport.us), log in and make sure to select "Launch Player App".

**Any player on a team with missing fees will not be eligible to participate in any of the VNEA following tournaments: Rocky Mtn. Singles, Rocky Mtn. Team, BMW player's tournament and VNEA World Championships.**

**PRE-PAY CASH FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON:** A player can pre pay the regular weekly fee for the entire season in cash or check on the first week of the season. Can leave payment on that first week at one of the collection sites. **Ft. Collins/Loveland collection locations** (put envelope in drop boxes): **Emporium** (925 S. Taft Hill Rd, Ft. Collins), **Match-Ups** (625 S. Mason, Ft. Collins), **Matt's Place** (6013 S. College Ave., Ft. Collins), **Night Shotz** (3329 N. Garfield Ave., Loveland) & **Pitchers** (1100 W. Drake Rd., Ft. Collins). For **Greeley collection locations:** **Key Largo** (3621 10th St, Greeley) in dart board slot, **VFW** (2514 7th Ave, Greeley & **Wyler's** (2385 27th St., Greeley). Contact the league office to notify envelope has been left. The typical fall/winter league has 24 payable weeks, although there may be a BYE in league. This is only for the first week of the season. Weekly envelopes are **NOT** being picked up!

**Note: If have pre paid for nightly fees on app, will need to pay for position night when position night matches are scheduled.** Can not pre pay for position night as it is not yet a scheduled match.

8. **Handicap:** Easiest way to check handicap is by putting lineup onto score sheet in Compusport. Compusport will use last season history average till player has 3 weeks played in that league. Whatever handicap used during match (even if incorrect) must be the averages you report in Compusport. Type over average in Compusport to make it match score sheet. **REGARDLESS IF LINE-UP or HANDICAP IS WRONG, GAMES PLAYED WILL STAND AS PLAYED.**

**New players will play with no average for 3 weeks.** New players with no history average will shoot as highest average, but no handicap will be given. They cross out with opposing high shooter.

9. **SUBS: A sub must be of the same ranking (AAA/AA/A/B) or lower than the person they are subbing for.** Illegal sub: If a team knows the other team has an illegal player, they must inform opposing team that night that they have an illegal player. To give them options to change player.

Any regular player can report an illegal sub in the league that they play **within one week** of when the standings were posted.

**All subs must pay sanction fee on first night they play.** Captains are responsible for making sure sub makes payment for sanction fee (\$30 per person) AND regular weekly fee.

**10. Score Keeping: All pool matches MUST be entered into Compusport by score keepers.**

Score sheets will not be picked up weekly, you do not need to turn in a copy of score sheet. We urge score keepers to input scores as you are playing and send match results for approval while opposing score keeper is with you. If there are any issues score keeper can accept or decline while still there in person and any issue can be resolved while both teams are together. There may be times during match play when scores can't be entered i.e. no internet, forgot cell phone at home, dead battery on phone, etc. In these situations keep hard copies. For a back up to paper copy (in case it gets lost), both captains/score keepers should take photo of score sheet at end of match to complete score sheet entering later that evening. To make entering score sheet easier can have multiple score keepers on team. **Remember league office will not have a copy to input any scores, it is the teams responsibilities to make sure scores get entered & approved. Match needs to be entered into Compusport within 24 hours of completion of match.** Either home or visiting score keeper can enter match. Please communicate with the opposing team on who will be entering match. If a score sheet has to be denied, make sure to keep the reply polite and detailed with exactly what is incorrect. League office does receive a copy of all rejection emails, so remember good sportsmanship.

League office has a limited quantity of the 3 part score sheets. Instead of 3 part score sheet there will be single copies of score sheets available at locations. These will be black & white, make sure you use the correct score sheet format for your match as they will not be color coded. Score sheets are also available in pdf format on BMW's website (bmwbilliards.com).

**IMPORTANT—When adding a player to your team:** If entering a player not on your team but has played before with BMW, make sure to select the correct player from the drop down list. If you add a person as a new player, but they are already in the system, it will not link them to their established average or past stats. If wanting to make sure the correct player is added, contact the league office prior to match and league office will add the correct player to your team. Adding an already existing player results in multiple player profiles, not linked to averages or past history, payment incorrectly going to wrong profile.

**11. PLAYER BANNED FROM BAR:** If a player has been banned (86'd) from a location, they must find a legal sub when they are to play at that bar.

**12. PLAYING AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION THEN SCHEDULED:** If a team contacts opposing team and moves match without approval of scheduled home bar & the league office, the home team will receive all loses for that night. If a team wants to move a match must contact home bar & league office for approval from both.

**13. TEAM WANTS TO CHANGE HOME LOCATION AFTER LEAGUE STARTS**

If a team wants to change home bars after the league is in progress, the team must first contact the league office. Then contact current home bar location. It is only with the approval of the current bar location that a team can move to a different bar.

**14. FORFEITING IN THE LAST 4 WEEKS OF SEASON-AUTOMATIC LOSS OF PAYBACK:** If forfeiting in the last 4 weeks of the season it will be automatic loss of all payback pending discretion of the players advisory board.

**15. COMPUSPORT (More info):** If you have not downloaded the app, all players (not just the captain & score keepers) should download the Compusport app. The app is available on smart phones go to your app store to download. Set up your player log in and then select the correct BMW league season ("BMW Billiards 2023-2024 Season & Summer 2023") and type in your name and click you play in this league. This will enable you to receive notifications on matches, where your team will be playing on a position night & upcoming tournament dates and deadlines. For every new BMW league season you will need to login to new season icon and follow yourself. (Similar to following yourself at a new tournament.) If paying your nightly fee to a designated "payer", you should check your "My To-Dos" to confirm your payment is being processed.

There is a free basic plan or can upgrade and pay yearly or monthly. Essential is 0.99 a month/\$5.04 for a year, Premium \$3.99 a month/\$30 a year. Premium has a lot of information including CSR information and leaderboard, league history, chart on players stats, unlimited follow players, etc. Premium package to have more features added soon.

**16. SPORTSMANSHIP:** All players and teams should display good sportsmanship at all times. This includes posting negative comments on social media sites about a team/player is bad sportsmanship and will result in actions taken by the advisory board ranging from a warning to be expelled from the league.

**17. RECORDING ERO'S & TR'S:** In Compusport enter feats ERO, 8-ball break & Table Run in box below score.

**ERO:** EIGHT BALL RUN OUT. The only time a player may achieve an ERO is in his first approach, with 15 balls on the table. If the breaker runs out and wins the game from the break, it's an ERO. If the breaker does NOT make any object balls, his opponent will have a shot at an ERO. He must pocket his 7 object balls and the 8-ball without a miss.

**TR:** TABLE RUN. A player's first attempt at table and less than 15 balls are on table and player runs all of his balls off the table and pockets the 8-ball, in one turn at the table. The TR (table run) is now an officially recognized feat by the VNEA and a pin will be given at the end of the league season for the player with the most TR's in each league.

**It is required that all ERO's & TR's must be recorded on the score sheet.** If a team is deliberately not tracking ERO's/TR's, all players on that team will be placed in a minimum of the "B" division for tournaments. Any team not tracking ERO's/TR's needs to be reported to the league office.

**18. MAKE-UP GAMES** (For complete stipulations see Player Guide page 10)

1. EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY SITUATIONS:

a. Emergency: If you have to cancel a match because of a snowstorm, etc. the captain of team canceling must notify the team they are playing that night, the league office, and the bar where they are to play. In emergency situations the opposing team must agree to a make up match.

b. **If there is a non-emergency situation league office & opposing team needs to be contacted a minimum of 5 days prior to the match. Opposing team needs to agree to schedule a make up game.**

c. If you have a last minute non-emergency situation: You can ask the team if they would schedule a make up game with you. They do **NOT** have to reschedule. If they say no to the make-up you must find subs and play the match, if they do agree to the make up you must make sure to set a date for that make-up match.

For make up games the team rescheduling must notify the league office that the other team has agreed and the date for the make up. This way the league office will have documentation of the agreed make-up. Team needs to notify the bar where the match was to play of the cancellation, and date of make up match.

**Make –Ups Games:** If playing a make up match contact league office to confirm tables are available and no regular match is scheduled. Very important to let bars know date of make up match and get their approval. Regular scheduled matches for that night have priority on tables over make up games.

**19. VEGAS TRAVEL FUND:** Any qualified player that goes to International tournament that has registered through BMW for at least one (1) event will be eligible for travel money. If only playing on-site sign-up events in Vegas (Example scotch doubles or Classic 3 Man), you must notify the BMW league office by the deadline for regular Vegas entries that you will be there playing in events. If league office is not aware you will be there, do not expect to collect any travel money. As you were not counted in the allotment of money to be divided amongst players for the travel fund.