



APA'S LIBERAL PLAY POLICY FOR SNOW / WEATHER EMERGENCIES

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During the regular session, if a "state of emergency" or a snow emergency plan goes into effect or is in effect (in your scheduled playing area) within one hour prior to the official League starting time or during League play, the APA Pool League will operate under the APA "Liberal Play Policy". The Liberal Play Policy means that League play may continue, but that no teams will be penalized if any or all of their players choose not to show or play. No forfeit points will be awarded to either team. Check the government websites listed on our local APA website (www.apapool.com) for up-to-date information. A Snow Emergency may go in effect at some point but may get LIFTED prior to one hour before League starting time. If this happens, the APA Liberal Play Policy IS NOT IN EFFECT. While a Snow Emergency Plan may not be in effect when you get to League Play, if a Snow Emergency Plan goes into effect later that night, so does the APA Liberal Play Policy.

When implementing the APA Liberal Play policy, we look at the geography of the area we service. If a Snow Emergency Plan is in effect in a specific county, it is considered to be in effect IN ALL TOWNS AND CITIES WITHIN THAT COUNTY. We also must assume that the weather conditions within an individual municipality (town or city) are similar to the conditions being experienced throughout the entire county.

Some players may live outside of their playing areas, but it is assumed that the majority of the players on the team live close to where they play. We have to use this assumption when implementing the Liberal Play Policy. Due to the unpredictable nature of weather in general, there may be occasions when a snow emergency may not be in effect in the county in which you play, but it may be in effect where you live. Safety is our # 1 concern, as it should be yours. Play as many matches as you can with the players that live close by, and if necessary, forfeit the rest. It's only a pool match. Inform your players who live in the snow emergency area to stay home and stay safe. If you give your opponents a heads-up on what's happening, they may work with you. If both teams agree, you may re-schedule any and all un-played matches. The League Office must be made aware of the re-schedule and all matches must be made up within the time frames listed below (unless otherwise authorized).

Hotline Phone Numbers/Websites - Updated Hotline numbers and websites for agencies issuing Snow Emergency Plans can be obtained on the APA website (www.apapool.com).

You can check for active Snow Emergency Plans in all the counties in Maryland by going to the following website: <https://chart.maryland.gov/SnowEmergencyPlan/GetSnowEmergencyPlan> *Please note that Baltimore City is to follow the Baltimore County Snow Emergency Plan. Also note that Berkeley and Jefferson County West Virginia are to follow the Washington County Snow Emergency Plan.*

What Is The Re-Schedule Policy For Regular Session Play?

During the regular session (up until the last two weeks of the session) any and all un-played matches will be officially re-scheduled at the original Hosting Location for 2:00pm ON THE SECOND SATURDAY immediately following your regular night of play (or as listed on the APA website, voice mail, or as posted in make-up notices/bulletins). If a match needs to be re-scheduled during the last two weeks of the session, it will be re-scheduled at the original Hosting Location for 2:00 pm on the "first" Saturday following your regular night of play (or as listed on the APA website, voice mail, or as posted in make-up notices/bulletins). If that location is not open at 2:00 pm, use the same rules as covered under the section (Host Locations Temporarily Closed). If both teams agree, matches may be made up "prior" to the re-schedule date, but not after (unless approved by the League Operator). If a team(s) for whatever reason, can not make a re-scheduled match date, they will not have to completely forfeit all of their points for the night.

If both teams initially showed up on league night and physically played "3 or more matches" and then elected to reschedule the remaining 1 or 2 matches ... No-Show Points for the makeup matches will be awarded, as follows:

In 8-Ball, if a team doesn't show up for the make-up matches, they will still receive 1 additional point for each un-played match, while the team that physically shows up for the make-up matches will receive 2 additional points for each un-played match. In 9-Ball, if a team doesn't show up for the make-up matches, they will still receive 8 additional points for each un-played match, while the team that physically shows up for the makeup matches will receive 12 additional points for each un-played match. The team that shows up must wait the required 15 minutes, and after verifying that no one from the other team is present, they are to notify the wait staff that they that they are declaring a forfeit. Please list the wait staff person's name in the remarks section on the SK App.

If neither team showed up on League Night, or if both teams showed up and physically played "2" or less matches, and then elected to re-schedule the remaining "3 or more matches" ... No-Show Points for the make-up matches will be awarded as follows:

In 8-Ball, if a team elects to No-Show for the make-up matches, they will still receive a total of "7" points, while the team that physically shows up will receive a total of "8" points. In our 9-Ball and Mixed Format leagues, if a team elects to no-show, they will still receive a total of "50" points, while the team that shows up will receive a total of "60" points. In 8-Ball, if neither team shows up for the make-up match, both teams will receive a total of 7 points each ... and in 9-Ball, if neither team shows up, both teams will receive a total of 50 points each. Full weekly fees are still required for all scheduled matches (played or not). If weekly fees are received in the office by 10am on Monday, following the rescheduled/make-up date, the teams will also receive their bonus points. A similar points system would be used for our Masters, Mixed Format, and our Ladies leagues.

What Is The Re-Schedule Policy For Playoffs Held At Your Host Location?

Any and all un-played matches which occur during the Semi-Finals or the Finals (held in the local Host Locations) will normally be re-scheduled for 2:00pm ON THE FIRST SATURDAY following your regular night of play (or as listed on the APA website, voice mail, or as posted in emails sent to the team). Call the APA voice mail system or visit our website for instructions. If both teams agree, they may make-up the matches "prior" to the re-schedule date, but not afterwards (unless approved by the League Operator). If needed, call the League Office for your opponent's phone number.

What Is The Re-Schedule Policy for the Baltimore Area Divisional Finals held at The New Green Room?

Please note that if a State of Emergency or Snow Emergency Plan goes into effect or is in effect in BALTIMORE County ONE HOUR PRIOR to the start of your officially scheduled Divisional Finals playoff round, we will operate under the APA "LIBERAL PLAY POLICY". This means that the Tournament Room will be open (unless otherwise specified on our local APA Website) FOR THOSE TEAMS WHO CHOOSE TO PLAY, but that no teams will be penalized if any or all their players choose not to play or show up at the tournament site. Any and all unplayed Divisional Finals matches for that specific round will normally be re-scheduled for either 12 Noon or 5pm that SUNDAY (if possible). The APA will post all re-schedule information on our website (www.apapool.com) and also EMAIL/TEXT the information to every affected player. PLEASE KEEP YOUR EMAIL AND CELL NUMBER UP TO DATE!

What Is The Re-Schedule Policy For Tri-Annual Matches played at The New Green Room?

Due to the nature of tournament play, matches will be rescheduled as close to their original times, as possible. The Fall Tri-Annuals (which are held in January) are sometimes subject to snow emergency problems.

Since our Tournament Site (The New Green Room) is located in BALTIMORE County, please monitor the Snow Emergency Plans for BALTIMORE County. If a Snow Emergency Plan goes into effect in BALTIMORE County TWO HOURS prior to your scheduled round, YOUR MATCH MAY NEED TO BE RESCHEDULED FOR LATER THAT DAY, THE FOLLOWING DAY, A TIME LATER THAT WEEKEND, or it may have to be cancelled in its entirety and re-scheduled for one of the following weekends. The APA will post all re-schedule information on our website (www.apapool.com) and also EMAIL/TEXT re-schedule information to every player on all teams affected. AGAIN, PLEASE KEEP YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES AND CELL NUMBERS UP TO DATE.

BALTIMORE COUNTY SNOW EMERGENCY PLANS THAT MAY AFFECT TRI-ANNUAL PLAY AT THE NEW GREEN ROOM:

If our Friday 8:00pm rounds are cancelled (due to a Snow Emergency Plan being in effect in BALTIMORE COUNTY at 6:00pm) the Friday 8:00pm round would normally be re-scheduled for that Saturday at 1:00pm (provided things clear up and the Snow Plan is lifted by at least 11am on Saturday). If not, the entire tournament would normally be cancelled and re-scheduled for a following weekend. However, if the Snow Emergency Plan is lifted in Baltimore County by 11:00am on Saturday, the Friday 8:00pm round would normally be re-scheduled for 1:00pm on Saturday, the Saturday 1:00pm round would normally be pushed out to 7:00pm on Saturday, the Saturday 7:00pm round would be pushed out to 12 Noon on Sunday, and the Sunday 12 Noon round would normally be pushed out to 5:00pm on Sunday, unless otherwise specified on our local APA website (www.apapool.com).

If no Snow Emergency Plan was in effect on Friday, and our Friday 8:00pm rounds were played as normally scheduled, but a Snow Emergency Plan goes into effect later and is still in effect in BALTIMORE COUNTY at 11:00am on Saturday (and is not lifted by 5:00pm), then the balance of the entire tournament would be cancelled and re-scheduled for a following weekend. However, if the Snow Emergency Plan is lifted by 5:00pm on Saturday, then the Saturday 1:00pm round would normally be re-scheduled for 7:00pm, the 7:00pm round would be pushed out to Sunday at 12 Noon, and the Sunday 12 Noon round would be pushed out to Sunday at 5:00pm, unless otherwise specified on our website. If no Snow Emergency Plan was in effect for the Saturday 1:00pm round and those rounds were played as normally scheduled, but a Snow Emergency Plan goes into effect later and is still in effect in BALTIMORE COUNTY at 5:00pm, the 7:00pm round will normally be re-scheduled for that Sunday at 12 Noon (provided the plan is lifted by at least 10:00am on Sunday). If so, this would push the Sunday 12 Noon round out to Sunday at 5:00pm. Note that if the Snow Plan has not been lifted by 10:00am Sunday morning, all remaining matches would be cancelled and re-scheduled for one of the following weekends.

LOCAL COUNTY SNOW EMERGENCY PLANS THAT MAY AFFECT YOUR ABILITY TO MAKE IT TO THE NEW GREEN ROOM:

If a Snow Plan has NOT been issued for BALTIMORE County but is in effect in the County in which you play, (TWO HOURS PRIOR to the start of your scheduled round), your specific match will fall under the APA "LIBERAL PLAY POLICY". This means that your match will need to be re-scheduled for a later time that weekend if the Snow Plan gets lifted in your immediate playing area.

CALL THE APA OFFICE HOTLINE TO INVOKE LIBERAL PLAY and to find out your NEW MATCH TIME (call the APA at 410-255-5400 and follow the Options).

To determine if a Snow Emergency Plan is in effect, go to our local APA website www.apapool.com (one hour prior to your official league start time) and click on the links listed. Please note that there may be a delay by the government agencies in posting that a plan has been put in effect, or that a plan has been lifted. Go with what is listed on the site at that time.