

Diablo Valley Pool League

8-BALL GUIDELINES SCOTCH DOUBLES LEAGUE SPRING SESSION 2026 @ VINNIE'S BAR

- Start of this league is January 10. We will meet every other Saturday unless otherwise stated. We will start at 2:00 pm for the early schedule and 3:00 pm for the late schedule.
- We will play a race to 6. The most handicap a team will give is 2 games.
- Teams are welcome to schedule extra matches using the correct stats and info from captains list.
- Alternating breaks.
- No "coaching" allowed. One time out is allowed per game. Either player can call it, mark it on the score sheet to keep track.
- Once a team has taken the allowed "time out" per match, any verbal communication to the partner at the table is considered a foul. (Ball in hand).
- We build our own pot. Here are the fees for this league:
 - \$15 ACS (**New players only**)
\$25 per/player sponsorship (we build our own pot) (New players only)
\$25 per/player score keeper (New players only)
\$45 (one-time fee)
- This is a handicapped league. Any new team will start at .60 averages for the first 2 games. We will use existing scotch averages. New teams will use open averages. By the third match an average will be obtained by counting the number of games won minus the number of games lost divided by the total number of matches played by the team. $\text{Team average} = \frac{\text{games won} - \text{games lost}}{\text{total matches}}$.
- The handicap will be obtained by subtracting the average of the lower team from the higher team. The number of games to be given will be read from the Handicap Chart.
- Alternates are allowed to come in and substitute with No handicap.
- One Round Point will be equivalent to a match won.
- We will continue to run this league with the loose format. As we run our women, open-mix leagues with fixed schedule. We also suggest playing two matches per Saturday.
- We pay \$50 for most "8-Ball Break and Runs".

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- Each player pays \$10 per match.
- We will play a single round as a continuation of the 10-ball prior round.
- No “ringers” will be allowed in our league after halfway through the season. You are welcome to pick up the best players available if he/she is a part of the league from the beginning.
- No foul play, sandbagging, or any kind of dishonest behavior will be allowed or tolerated by the league.
- When filling out the score sheets all teams must write the needed information and sign the score sheet. You will be held responsible if you sign and the envelope is short, or you forget to write a break and run etc.
- Team #, match # 1 or # 2, date, the amount of money paid, break and runs noted clearly, and most important the captain of each team must sign the scoresheet to verify the numbers that are being turned into the league.
- At the end of the season, we will have a “Bonus Round Tourney”. Money will be set aside from the payout for this as well as an entry fee collected on that day from each team that plays. The teams that finish in the top ½ of the standings will have a round robin tourney to win their allocated money, and the teams that finish in the bottom ½. Will have their own tourney to win their allocated money. We will play a race to three and the handicap will still apply. This will give us the opportunity to pay the cash to all teams.
- All teams get paid.
- The team that wins the most round points/matches will win the league. If there is a tie, then we will go to the greatest number of games won, then the least number of losses and if still tie, we will have a tie breaker.
- This league will be sanctioned with ACS
- DVPL reserves the right to deny play to anyone who shows unsportsmanlike behavior, either by cheating, sharking, being rude, owing money, throwing balls around, etc. Any money paid will stay in the pot.
- If a team drops out, we will move any money paid into pot and any games played will be deleted.