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Note: Updated approved rule changes – Sec II, Rule 6; Sec III, Rule 1,2, 5 & 11; Sec V, Rule 5; Sec VI, Rule 4; Sec X, Rule 5; Sec XII, Rule7; Sec XIII, Rule 2, 3 & 4; Sec XIV, Rule 3. Updated all appendices. Corrected some minor grammatical errors.

## **2026 STATE POOL LEAGUE STAFF**

Director: Don Smith

Assistant Director: Edward Meltz

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Tournament Master: Rodney Fater

Banquet Coordinator: Dave Belanger

Head Referee: Steve Schipansky

# **VFW State Pool Leagues By-Laws & Rules**

## **SECTION I (1) - ELIGIBILITY**

1. **Any Veteran** who belongs to the **Veterans of Foreign Wars** organization and is in good standing according to the By-Laws of National, State, County Council, District and Post level is eligible to join the Pool League.
2. Each player must be a member for twelve (12) consecutive months in good standing in the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the State of Michigan. The twelve (12) month rule may be waived by the State Pool League Staff in special circumstances. The post team captain must submit a letter/e-mail through his/her District Pool Chairman, to the State Pool League Staff requesting the twelve (12) months be waived.
3. It is the responsibility of each Post and District to be sure that each and every member on the team fulfills these requirements. Fraudulence would automatically disqualify the team involved from participating in the State Pool Tournament for that year. This also applies to the Singles and Doubles entries.
4. Your valid **VFW DUES CARD MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE START OF EACH TOURNAMENT**. You will be unable to participate without your dues card unless it is approved by a meeting of the Staff along with the respective District Chairman.
5. Any post, in the same district, regardless of size, who cannot field a team of six players are allowed to combine to form a team, with the following exceptions: A post may not combine with another if any of the following exists:
  - a. You have formed one team.
  - b. You have six singles.
  - c. You have three doubles.
  - d. Any combination of the above, that results in six players, i.e. two doubles & two singles.
6. Each District is permitted to form a team of elected/appointed District Officers and past District Commanders to participate in the District League and/or playoffs and if such team, singles or doubles

qualifies for the State Tournament, they will be allowed to participate. The District Officers cannot be a member of another team in his/her respective District. He/she would either shoot with the District Officers or a Post Team. This procedure also applies to County Councils. The county Council Officers would either shoot with a Post or District Team.

7. All elected and appointed Department Officers and Committee's may enter a team, singles, or doubles in the State Tournament. If they elect to enter, upon payment of proper fees, they would be known as **DISTRICT 16** for Tournament purposes. These officers may shoot in their District League play but may not shoot in any post season play or playoffs that determines eligibility to play in the State Tournament. If they play in any play-off or Post season play and are eliminated, they cannot enter that tournament as State Officers.
8. All Pool League District Chairman and Referees may enter a team, singles or doubles in the State Tournament. If they elect to enter as District Chairman or Referees, upon payment of proper fees, they would be known as **DISTRICT 17** for Tournament purposes. They may shoot in their District League play, however if they play in any singles, doubles play-off for qualifying to go to the State tournament in their district and are eliminated, they cannot enter that state tournament as a District Chairman or Referee at the State Tournament. (NO DOUBLE DIPPING)
9. District Entries according to size of max entries:

<b><u>1-10 Teams</u></b>	<b><u>10 Plus Teams</u></b>
<b>24 Singles</b>	<b>32 Singles</b>
<b>12 Doubles</b>	<b>16 Doubles</b>
<b>10 teams</b>	<b>14 Teams</b>

## **SECTION II (2) - VOTING RIGHTS**

1. The State Pool League Director shall be elected by each District Pool League Chairman or his/her representative if they are not present.
2. The State Pool League Head Referee shall be elected by the referees.
3. No person shall cast more than one vote.
4. Each District that participates in the State Pool League has one vote.
5. The State Director is the only STAFF MEMBER to have a vote.
6. The immediate Past State Pool Director has one vote and must be present to cast it.
7. Collectively, the referees have ONE vote. The ballot will be cast by the HEAD REFEREE or his/her representative.
8. Voting on all items before the State Pool League body will be decided by a voice vote unless a roll call vote is requested by the body.
9. Members or guests attending State Pool League meetings may speak on any item but first must obtain permission from their District Pool League Chairman.

## **SECTION III (3) - PROCEDURE**

1. A State Pool League Director shall be elected Saturday AM, prior to the State Team Tournament.
2. A State Pool League Head Referee shall be elected Saturday AM, prior to the State Team Tournament.
3. The newly elected Director takes office officially when the newly elected State Director is installed at the State Convention in June. The Director is given the power to select his/her own staff, Assistant Director, Banquet Coordinator, League Liaison & Tournament Master. If the referees do not nominate a prospective Head Referee the Director may then appoint someone.
4. The Director and his/her staff are given the power to enforce the rulings and requirements submitted and voted on by the body of the Pool League.
5. The Director and his/her staff are given the power to make a ruling that **IS NOT** covered in the State Rules and By-Laws.
6. The Assistant Director shall prepare and present an annual financial report to the Pool League Body for approval.
7. New rules, changes or amendments must be submitted by your present District Pool Chairman and present State Pool League Staff. Rule changes submitted by pool league staff do not require district approval for submission. Any shooter wishing to submit changes must first have such proposals approved at his/her District Pool Meeting and submitted through the District Pool Chairman. All changes must be received by the State Pool League Staff at least thirty (30) days prior to the tournament or it will be tabled until the next tournament.
8. Any post or district may submit a bid to host the State Pool tournament and Banquet. Bids must be approved on the Post Floor and submitted in writing on Post Stationary, signed by the present Post Commander and Quartermaster.
9. All bids must be submitted two (2) years prior to the year desired to host the event. All bids must be received by the Saturday AM meeting prior to the Team Tournament.
10. It will be the responsibility of the State Pool League Staff to inspect the facilities of any post submitting a bid and give a full report to the body at the State Tournament.
11. The Body will decide at the State Tournament who will be awarded the State Pool Tournament and Banquet. This will be done at the meeting on Saturday morning before the Team Event.

<b>58<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>Southgate, MI</b>	<b>April 23, 24, &amp; 25, 2026</b>
<b>59<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>Alpena, MI</b>	<b>April 22, 23, &amp; 24, 2027</b>
<b>60<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>Manistee, MI</b>	<b>April 27, 28, &amp; 29, 2028</b>

12. Our main financial support will be by means of a raffle. Each year the Director seeks the approval of the Council of Administration at the State Convention.
13. Each District will submit entry fees for those Teams attending the State Tournament. Entry fees will also be submitted for each double and singles entry that each District sends to the State Tournament.
14. All entry fees currently approved by the Pool League body will prevail for the singles, doubles and team events.
  - The current approved fees are:
    - Singles - \$25
    - Doubles - \$30

- Team - \$48

15. Changes in any fees for the State Pool Tournament will be done in meetings at the State Tournament.
16. All entry fees must be submitted no later than three (3) weeks prior to the State Tournament.
17. Failure to comply with the required entry fees will eliminate that District from participating in the State Pool Tournament.
18. All Districts are to have their Post Team rosters and names of entries submitted no later than the State Tournament. A team roster is to be submitted for each team that participates in district play as well as the district representatives to the State Tournament. Failure to do so will eliminate that District from the State Tournament. All fees shall be paid by check or money order, no cash.
19. To alleviate bye's and get more participation for the Singles and Doubles: We will allow on a first come first serve basis any qualified veteran with proper credentials not currently participating in the tournament to go on a list to be drawn no later than 0800. For Doubles both players must be from the same post. Some discretion maybe given by the tournament master and district chairman if there are two players from the same district that do not have partners. IE Death, Sickness or Family emergencies (**TOURNAMENT MASTER**).

**Priority will be for shooters that participated in their District Tournaments and did not qualify for the State Singles or Doubles. Then Comrades that did not shoot in any District Singles or Doubles Tournaments can submit their name(s). APPROPRIATE FEES MUST BE PAID AND A BOOK OF RAFFLE TICKETS PURCHASED IF REQUIRED.**

#### **SECTION IV (4) - SINGLES TOURNAMENT**

1. The Singles Tournament will be held on Thursday at 0900 of the weekend selected.
2. The defending singles champion will automatically be invited back to defend his/her championship. He/she must be from the same district, post and team roster that he/she was on the previous year. There is no substitution for the returning champion if he/she is unable to participate.
3. The returning champion does not affect the number of entries allowed from their prospective District.
4. Alternates may be put on your roster sheet for regular entries. If a regular entry does not show up, the District Pool Chairman will decide who will take that position.

#### **SECTION V (5) - DOUBLES TOURNAMENT**

1. The Doubles Tournament will be held on Friday at 0900 of the weekend selected.
2. The defending doubles champions are automatically invited back to defend their championship. They must be from the same district, post, and team roster as the previous year. No substitutions are allowed if one or both are unable to participate.
3. The returning champions do not affect the number of entries allowed from their prospective District.
4. Alternates may be sent for regular entries. If one partner of the double's entry cannot attend, a substitute may be made from his/her team roster. If both partners cannot attend, two players may be substituted. The substitutions must be from the same post and team roster. They do not have to be from the same post and team rosters as the shooters they are replacing. The District Chairman will decide who will be

inserted in that position.

5. The director and their staff is authorized in cooperation with the league committee by majority vote at any morning meeting, to form out of district doubles teams as an incentive to participate in all three events where there is "**limited participation**". Example – a district with only one player may be combined with a player from another district that is short players and has an odd number of players.

## **SECTION VI (6) - TEAM TOURNAMENT**

1. The Team tournament will be held on Saturday at 0900 of the weekend selected.
2. The defending team champions are automatically invited back to defend their championship. The team must be from the same District and Post as the previous year. The team can delete from their roster but cannot add any players. At least six (6) players from the previous year must return. No substitution is allowed if the team cannot return.
3. The returning champions do not affect the number of entries allowed from their District.
4. Posts with more than one team: If a post has more than one (1) team participating in District League and/or playoffs, and one (1) or more of these teams qualify to participate in the State Tournament, players from various teams cannot be mixed with each other. If substitutes are needed, they may be added from other post members, even if they play on another team, if the team did not qualify to participate in the State Tournament. No more than two substitutions will be permitted.
5. All participants are expected to be on time and ready to shoot. All Teams will start at the designated time. In the event all six (6) players are not present, but at least four (4) are present, the match will begin. After the first two (2) sets are completed and the team is still short, they will lose the 3rd set. In the event, after the third set the missing player or players arrive, they will not be allowed to participate in the rest of THAT match. If the Team that was short players advances in the tournament, the missing players may then participate with their Team.
6. A player can shoot one (1) game then must sit out (2) games before shooting again.
7. The director and their staff is authorized in cooperation with the league committee by majority vote at any morning meeting, to form out of district 6-person teams as an incentive to participate in all three events where there is "**limited participation**". Example – a district with only one player may be added to any team that is short or would agree to have an additional player. Teams can also be formed from multiple districts that are all short of players. Any combination is acceptable for districts with short rosters with the approval of the committee.

## **SECTION VII (7)- MISC. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

1. The number of entries in the singles, doubles and team events will be what is currently approved by the State Pool League Body.
2. Each District will determine who will represent their District in each Tournament.
3. The number of games in each set will be the current number approved by the State Pool League Body (Race to 3 normal play), (Race to 2 for consolation match, 3rd/4th), & (Race to 4 in the Finals).
4. All participants are expected to be on time and ready to shoot when the match is called. In the singles and doubles each participant has a thirty (30) minute grace period from the start of the tournament. **IT IS EXPECTED ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE READY TO SHOOT WHEN CALLED.**

5. The State Pool League Committee will, upon receipt of submitted names and entries, proceed to set up the tournament details, including order of play and referee assignments.
6. For a Team to be eligible for representation in the singles, doubles or team tournaments, they must sell at least six (6) books of State Pool League raffle tickets. If a post has more than one (1) team, this applies to each team. If a Post does not have a team, but only has singles and or doubles in their District competition, each singles entry must sell (1) book of tickets and each doubles entry must sell two (2) books of tickets. Each District Chairman is responsible for monitoring his/her District and adherence to this by-law. All tickets, monies, and rosters are due three (3) weeks prior to the tournament.

### **SECTION VIII (8) - DRESS CODE**

1. Participants should be clean and neat in appearance. The Staff can disqualify any player if proper attire is not worn. Sleeveless shirts, thongs and sandals are not considered to be proper attire.
2. If Post or Team shirts are available, it is suggested they be worn. Be Proud of your Post. Show off where you're from and who you are representing.
3. Shorts are allowed if they are not cut-off and are in good condition, i.e. golf shorts.

### **SECTION IX (9) - CONDUCT**

1. Conduct unbecoming to a VFW comrade, sister, or guest will not be tolerated.
2. Districts, Posts, and teams entered in the State Tournament will be held responsible for the conduct of their members and guests.
3. The Tournament Master can disqualify any shooter, or team member who is unruly or fails to act in a proper manner.
4. No Gambling will be allowed at any time.
5. No personal liquor containers will be brought into the Post or tournament area.
6. There is absolutely **NO SMOKING/VAPING** in the room where the tournament is being held.

### **SECTION X (10) - GAME**

1. The game is 8-Ball, Last Pocket
2. Universal Rack: The number one ball is at the head of the rack and the second row has two high balls; the third row will have two small balls with the eight ball in the center. The fourth row will have two high balls, one at each outer edge of the triangle, and the last row will have one small ball at one corner of the triangle and a large ball at the other corner.
3. The game is played with a cue ball and fifteen (15) object balls numbered from one (1) through fifteen (15).
4. One player/team must pocket balls from one (1) through seven (7) and the other player/team from nine (9) through fifteen (15). Player/team pocketing his/her numerical group and legally pocketing the 8-ball in

his/her last pocket, WINS THE GAME.

5. The game starts when the referee places the cue ball at the head of the table and starts the clock. The game is completed when the referee declares a winner or there is a mutual agreement to re-rack the balls.
6. There is a forty-five (45) second time limit between shots and any consultation is part of those forty-five (45) seconds.
7. The referee will give a fifteen (15) second warning before time elapses.

## **SECTION XI (11) - BREAKING & SCORING**

1. The flip of a coin will determine who has the opening break.
2. The loser of the game breaks thereafter.
3. Legal break shot: The player breaking must strike the number one (1) ball (head ball) first and drive at least one ball from the rack to a rail. If the breaking player makes a legal break but fouls and/or scratches. The next shooter must play the table as it is but gets cue ball in hand behind the head string. Failure to make a legal break gives the next shooter the option of playing the table as it is with cue ball in hand behind the head string or have the ball's re-racked and break the balls himself/herself. Any foul before the cue ball strikes the one ball (to include running out of time), will be considered as a failure to make a legal break.
  - a. While shooting, the shooter must have at least one foot on the floor.
4. If the opening player sinks only one ball, high or low he/she must shoot at that group. If the opening player pockets one or more balls of both groups, high or low he/she has choice. If a player scratches while shooting at an open table, the table remains open until a group is legally pocketed.
5. If the 8-ball is pocketed on the break, the breaker may ask for a re-rack or have the 8-ball spotted and continue shooting. If the breaker scratches while pocketing the 8-ball on the break, the incoming player has the option of a re-rack or having the 8-ball spotted and then begins shooting with ball in hand behind the head string.
6. Each player must call the object ball into a called pocket. Doing the following is a loss of shot and not cue ball in hand to the opponent:
  - a. Do not call your pocket.
  - b. Call the wrong numbered ball.
  - c. Call the wrong pocket.
  - d. Make the called ball in another pocket than the called pocket.
  - e. See rule #7.
7. Any ball that jumped off the table, except the 8-ball, is re-spotted. If the player makes a legal hit and pockets his/her called ball and an object ball jumps the table, the ball is spotted, and the player continues to shoot. If the player makes a legal hit but does not pocket the called object ball and a ball jumps the table, it is a miss, not a foul and the ball is re-spotted.
8. The player is entitled to all balls of his/her group legally pocketed. If a player pockets a ball from the opponent's group, without pocketing one of his/her own, the player loses his/her shot and the opponent is credited with the pocketed ball.

9. After a player/team has pocketed all balls of their group, they must legally pocket the 8-ball in the pocket of their group's last legally pocketed ball.
10. **Loss of Game Fouls:** If the following is committed while shooting at the 8-ball.
  - a. Scratching on the 8-ball.
  - b. The 8-ball jumps the table.
  - c. Make the 8-ball in the wrong pocket.
  - d. Make the 8-ball on a bad hit.
  - e. Improper Masse' shot.
  - f. Any shooter(s) in a game must leave their cues together until the game is over. If the shooter(s) start to disassemble their cue(s), while the other shooter(s) are trying to shoot, such action would be deemed as conceding the game. Please ask the Ref to break down a break cue.
  - g. If any shooter reaches their hand in a pocket in the act of scratching the cue ball.
11. Improper masse' shots are not allowed. The cue must remain under the shooter's shoulder. It is suggested the shooter check with the referee first. This is for the safety of the pool tables an improper masse' shot is a loss of game.
12. If anytime during the game, before either side pockets all their object balls, the 8-ball gets trapped in a neutral pocket, both sides can mutually agree to a re-rack and start over. The same rotation from the break must be followed. If both sides do not agree, the game continues. If the game continues and neither side is attempting to pocket any balls, the referee can call for a re-rack.
13. Combination shots are always allowed. The first ball struck in the combination must be from the player's group. Players may carom or kiss off the opponent's ball or the 8-ball if he/she hits his/her own group first.
14. The table belongs to the player from the time the referee starts the clock. If after time is started a ball or cue ball falls into a pocket. The ball will be re-spotted to its original position.
15. If a player pockets an opponent's last object ball, except on a legal hit, the opponent has the option of taking that last pocket or have the ball re-spotted. The opponent also gets cue ball in hand.
16. **Appeals:** The opponent must appeal a referee's decision before the next shot is taken. Once the next shot is taken, no appeal can be made. A referee's decision on a shot is final. Only an appeal on rules is allowed.
17. **Cue ball in hand rule:** If a player has cue ball in hand, he/she may place the cue ball anywhere on the table and then shoot. He/she may pick up the cue ball with his/her hand and place it on the table several times before shooting. The referee will retrieve the cue ball for any player that is entitled to cue ball in hand. If a player picks up the cue ball before the referee is able to retrieve it for him/her, it is a foul and the opponent gets cue ball in hand.

## **SECTION XII (12) - CUE BALL IN HAND FOULS**

1. On all shots, the player must make a legal hit on his/her object ball first. It does not matter if he/she has an open shot or not, this also applies to the 8-ball if it is his/her last object ball.
2. **Legal hit:** The cue ball must contact the player's group and then something must touch a rail. It is okay for the player to bank the cue ball off a rail before contacting his/her object ball, however after contact with

the object ball, his/her ball must be pocketed, or any ball must contact a rail.

3. Ball froze to the rail: When playing a shot where the object ball is frozen on the rail, the cue ball must contact the frozen ball and then: (1) pocket the frozen ball or any other ball. (2) drive the frozen ball off that rail to another rail, or (3) drive the cue ball or another ball to any cushion. Failure to do so is a foul and ball in-hand to your opponent.
4. Touching any ball with our stick, shirt, hand, or anything else gives cue ball in hand to your opponent.
5. NO jump shots.
6. Scratch while shooting or the cue ball jumps the table.
7. The referee calls a time violation.

### **SECTION XIII (13) - CONSULTATION**

1. Should a situation develop regarding a pool shot, the two partners may consult the team captain/coach at will. This applies to the team tournament only. The singles & doubles event the player/s are on their own.
2. No more than three (3) people are allowed at the table at one time for consultation. The two players and the team captain/coach. The captain/coach must leave the playing area before the next shot. **Penalty:** More than three people at the table for consultation results in loss of shot. It is the referee's judgement whether a fourth player approaches the table for consultation. The penalty for anyone other than the shooter at the table when executing the shot results in a ball in hand foul. Again, it is the referee's judgment whether a coach is still at the table during shot execution. The referee may choose to issue a warning in either instance at their discretion, indicating the rule was close to a breach but no harm was done, and no advantage was gained.
3. The referee has the power to call time when deemed necessary. Time at this point is at a standstill until the referee resumes the game.
4. Whenever a critical situation occurs on the table, where it could be a difference of opinion, before you shoot, ask the referee for a decision. A referee will advise you only when you ask, concerning a situation or rule. A referee cannot advise you on how to shoot your game.

### **SECTION XIV (14) - AWARDS**

1. Awards that are currently used: Singles, Doubles, Teams (Traveling Trophies along with trophies to keep). Table Runs and Break & Runs will be awarded. 1st & 2nd place awards will be presented at the banquet pending the results of a best of 7 (Race to 4) set in the finals. 3rd and 4th place trophies will be awarded at the banquet pending the results of a best of 3 (Race to 2) set in the consolation finals. The two winners will play off for 1st & 2nd and the two losers play off for 3rd and 4th.
2. Traveling trophies will be awarded to all the winners and need to be engraved and returned the following year. (Engraving is paid by the winner's expense along with any damage that may occur in the year of occupancy).

Singles: George Strahanic Memorial Trophy

Doubles: Galen Morrow Memorial Trophy

Team: William "Fred" Kemp Memorial Trophy

3. The Mount Rushmore Hall of Fame plaque was introduced at the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual VFW State Pool League Tournament. The purpose of the award is to reward exceptional individual performance in all three tournament events. Players qualify for induction by placing 1<sup>st</sup> at least once in all three events (singles, doubles, team) at some time in their individual careers. Members are ranked by the total number of 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes and then sub ranked by event difficulty where singles is most difficult, then doubles, then team. The top four ranked members are honored at the top of the award with their picture, while remaining members are honored in order of their ranking on an ID plate. New inductees will be added upon qualification. All members are adjusted in ranking after each year's tournament.

**APPENDIX 1, Pool League Staff Procedural Guidelines** - *This section is added for staff guidance only and are not considered by-laws or rules. The guidelines provide procedural steps for staff to prepare for and conduct the annual tournament. This section does not require league approval and can be changed any time deemed necessary by the director or their staff.*

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE POOL LEAGUE DIRECTOR**

1. After being elected for the coming term, select a staff as needed to ensure the smooth operation of the State Pool tournament.
2. Attend all State Pool League meetings, the Tournament and Banquet. The VFW State Convention, Fall Conference, Mid-Winter Conference and July C of A (if needed); or appoint a proxy for conferences.
3. Make a complete report to the Council of Administration at the State Convention, any C of A meeting, the Fall Conference concerning the operation of the State Pool League.
4. Oversee and coordinate the workings of the State Pool League with the other members of the staff.
5. Assign Staff members as needed to visit District Playoffs/Tournaments throughout the State.
6. Assist in the Distribution of the raffle tickets to the various districts.
7. Assist in selecting new referees as needed.
8. Determine where the raffle tickets will be printed and the number to be printed.
9. If a program guide is to be done or an ad book, determine who will handle completion of either or both.

**June**- Attend State Convention & give report to the C of A meeting. Inform them of the results of the pool tournament and inform them of the Date and Location of the next tournament.

**July**- 1. Set up a meeting with all staff members to go over April's pool tournament, work on the problems that may have happened or make suggestions for improvements. 2. File through the State Lotto Commission for license for 50/50 tickets for fundraiser.

**August**- When you receive 50/50 license, order as many tickets as necessary, 25 tickets per book and one seller ticket per book.

**September**- 1. Set up a meeting with host post contact person and go to local area and meet with local hotel/motels to cut a deal on cost and comp rooms. 2. When you receive tickets, contact our District Chairman and find out how many books of tickets they need and draft up a letter on the hotels being used and the cost. This is important because a lot of shooters must get time off from work to make the tournament dates. Make sure the District Chairman know they MUST be responsible for the tickets for their district. 3. Contact Pool Table Supplier (Statewide Billiards).

**November**- Draft up letters to State VFW Headquarters and request the State Jr. Vice Commander and the Jr. State President as Dept. Reps.

**December**- Call hotels and set up rooms for the Staff. Get with the Assistant Director and have him reserve the rooms with payment from the Department Quartermaster.

**February**- Order all plaques and awards for tournament.

**April**- Upon arrival at the host post, go through their set up and post the State Lotto License and Meeting Times (Thursday morning 8am, Friday morning 8am, Saturday morning 7am election). Saturday night settle with post for monies for the banquet.

**May** – State lotto forms on ticket sales are to be completed by the State VFW Quartermaster for audit.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

1. Keep complete and accurate records of all incoming and outgoing funds of the State Pool League.
2. Prepare a report on the State Pool League Banquet, Raffle tickets and an overall financial report for the year. An audited copy to be sent to each staff member and district chairman. All financial reports will be kept for five years. The ledger will be kept permanently.
3. After the Convention, do the necessary paperwork to obtain lottery license for raffle tickets.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ADJUTANT/LIAISON**

1. Attend all State Pool League meetings and record the minutes, as necessary. Attend all State Pool League Meetings, The Tournament and Banquet.
2. Maintain an up-to-date record of all incoming and outgoing correspondence. Copies of minutes and general correspondence will be kept for five years.
3. Make the Department Representatives and any special guests feel welcome.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TOURNAMENT MASTER**

1. Attend all State Pool League meetings, the State Tournament and Banquet.
2. Prepare all necessary paperwork for the State Tournament. Upon receiving the names of the entries from each district. Set up the order of play for the various tournaments.
3. Responsible for the overall smooth running of the State Tournaments. Handle all paperwork relating to the tournament preparation and play.
4. Enforcement of Rules & By-Laws as they pertain to the tournament.
5. Arrive at the tournament site between 0600-0630 for set-up and table inspection.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BANQUET COORDINATOR**

1. Attend all State Pool League meetings, the State Tournament and Banquet.
2. Welcoming guests into the banquet hall and collecting their banquet tickets to be turned into the assistant Director for payment to the post. Cocktail hour starts at 6:00PM, dinner at 7:00. Guests will not be allowed to enter the hall before 6:00PM and must provide a banquet ticket to enter.
3. At the State Pool Banquet work with the Post Chairman and staff in setting up the table arrangements for the staff, VIP guests and the audience. Prepare place cards for the Head Table. Make sure a table is set up in front of the head table for trophies.
4. Set up trophies and awards in an orderly fashion Singles, Doubles, Team.

5. Post license from Michigan Gaming Commission by the doorway into the hall. Obtain from League Assistant Director.
6. Determine the order of the tables to be fed and assure that everyone gets through the food line as quickly as possible. Head table and VIP's 1<sup>st</sup> followed by Team Champions, Doubles Champion & Singles Champion then the masses.
7. The Staff will agree on the commitment to the caterer/post which as of April 2021 is \$15.00 per person.

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HEAD REFEREE**

1. Monitor and make referee assignments at the State Tournament.
2. Select new referees as needed in agreement with the Director.
3. Uphold the integrity of our rules and assist and support all referees to the best of your ability.

#### **Referee's**

- a. When checking VFW dues cards, if the name on the card does not match the name on the score sheet given to you by the Tournament master, bring the score sheet, dues card and the individual to the scorer's table.
- b. Before the start of the match explain to the shooters how the match will run. Explain about calling their ball and pocket and be sure they hear you repeat to them **exactly what they call**. (In the end or pointing is not acceptable) Do not assume the pocket they should be playing for is the pocket they are calling.
- c. When racking keep the cue ball down by you.
- d. When you are ready to start the game place the cue ball at the head rail. All cue ball in hands and fouls the cue ball always gets placed at the head rail.
- e. On the break position yourself to be sure the cue ball does not touch the plain of the head-string. If so, this is a foul.
- f. After the break position yourself on each shot so you can see the shot and also watch for the shooter's sleeve, shirt, stick, or any other object that may cause a foul. Be careful not to position yourself so you interfere with the shooter.
- g. Do NOT talk to the player or players during the game. Do Not volunteer any information to them, such as, what group they are shooting, they must ask you.
- h. Remember- any consultation between players with the captain/coach is part of the time limit between shots. The captain/coach must leave the table area before the next shot.
- i. When a shooter calls a shot, repeat it back to them in a clear loud voice. Repeat to them **exactly what they called**.
- j. You can stop time whenever you deem it necessary. If a shooter has a question concerning a rule or ruling that may need a longer explanation it would be advisable to stop the clock.
- k. Fouls - when you call a foul, **call it loud in a clear voice**. Also tell the shooter what the foul was.
- l. Be sure you mark the last pocket of each shooter as soon as you can after the last object ball is

pocketed.

- m. When calling the 15 second warning, do so in a loud and clear voice.
- n. If any situation or problem arises during a match that is not game related do not hesitate to stop the game and talk to the Tournament Master, not the Head Referee. It is better to stop a game and get assistance before an argument is started.
- o. Be sure to write on the score sheet, the names of any shooter that accomplishes the following: Break & Table Run or Table Run. A table run may occur at any point in the game as long as all balls of his/her suit is pocketed plus the 8 in one turn at the table.
- p. As a referee you are expected to make sure your referee shirt is neat and clean. Proper attire is also expected.
- q. As a referee you are **expected** to be at each morning's meeting all three days of the State Tournament.
- r. The Position of the Head Referee is filled with an election of the referees. This is done at the State Tournament on Saturday morning's meeting.
- s. The only function of the Head Referee is to cast one vote that referees have. Other duties maybe assigned by the staff as needed.
- t. From time to time the director will ask referees to perform other duties at the State Tournament.
- u. Please do not leave the tournament area without notifying the Tournament Master. We need to know who is available so we can distribute the workload evenly.
- v. In return for your hard work and dedication, a referee will receive \$50.00 per day worked at the State Tournament.
- w. All guidelines and procedures can be changed as circumstances dictate.

## STATE REFEREES & SENIORITY - 2026

REFEREE NAME	CUMULITIVE YEARS	DISTRICT	COMMENTS	GRADE
WAYNE TAYLOR	32	12	X	
CHET RAKOWSKI	20	12	X	
RANDY PLANK	15	12	X	
ANDY WALKER	13	10	X	
RICK FLANNERY	10	12	X	
BILL SCHAEFFER	7	4	DIDN'T REF 2025	?
MARK KANDOW	6	13	X	
DAVE BELANGER	4	12	X	
JEREMY SHANKS	3	9	DIDN'T REF 25	
RON PRATT	3	11	?	
DAVE MACDONALD	3	11	X	
JESSIE LUTTRELL	3	11	X	
JULIE FERREL	2	4	DIDN'T REF 25	X

ANDREW TAYLOR	2	11	DIDN'T REF 25	?
TODD DAVIS	1	11	X	
JON TEAGAN	1	4	X	
ERIC GIOVENG	1	4	DIDN'T REF 25	ALTERNATE
<b>ALTERNATES</b>				
STEVE SCHIPANSKY	9	10	HEAD REFEREE	
THOMAS GLEASON	17	9	DIDN'T REF 25	X
AL LINDEMAN	16	12	X	
ED MOORE	13	10	DIDN'T REF 25	X
ED KANDOW	3	13	DIDN'T REF 25	X
JIM ALDRICH				
TIM LICHON	2	9	DIDN'T REF 25	X
DON SMITH	28	12	STAFF	
ED MELTZ	11	11	STAFF	
ROGER FATER	24	4	STAFF	
RODNEY FATER	5	4	STAFF	
TIM CRIDER	8	4	ALTERNATE	

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST POST**

**I. Tournament:**

a. Pool tables must be set up and ready for practice by 1300 on Wednesday of the tournament weekend.

b. The host post will receive 50% of the first 50/50 drawing.

(Tables will be opened for Tournament Play)

c. Friday after tournament play, the host post may use half of the tables to host a 9-ball tournament. The other half need to be available for practice (discretionary).

d. Chalk comes with each table, Chalk should be given to the tournament master to be distributed daily. (Blue Chalk Only)

e. At least 2 table brushes and 2 bridges should be provided by the host post.

f. No baby powder or hand talc is allowed on Statewide Billiard provided tables or no other color chalk. (Blue Chalk Only)

g. Appropriate lighting above each table, 32"above the tabletop.

h. Raised Platform for league staff to operate the tournament.

I. Working PA System for Tournament Play and the Banquet.

j. Host Post Pool representative will coordinate tournament/banquet with Liaison/Banquet Coordinator.

## 2. Banquet

- a. The host post incurs all expenses for the banquet. (Caterer, Booze, Bartender, etc.).
- b. The directors' staff and host post will agree on a price, to a maximum of \$15.00 per person for catering, open bar, bartenders, etc.
- c. The host post shall secure an appropriate state liquor license to serve alcoholic beverages in the banquet hall for the duration of the tournament/banquet at least 30 days prior to tournament opening and provide visual proof to the tournament director.
- d. State Pool League Banquet Coordinator will work with host post on the set up of the hall. Cocktail hour starts at 6:00PM, dinner at 7:00. Guests will not be allowed to enter the hall before 6:00PM and must provide a banquet ticket to enter.
- e. The host post and Banquet Coordinator decides the menu.
- f. The host post shall guarantee meal security to the director prior to the opening ceremony. A caterer agreement or food receipt if preparing the banquet meal in the post is an acceptable demonstration of security.
- g. Host post may decide to use a DJ or Band for entertainment (entertainment should be set up NLT 6:30 PM and can expect to play until 10:30PM, soft music will be played through dinner).

## 3. Misc.

- a. Minimum of eight pool tables will be used for the tournament.
- b. During the three days of tournament play and nine ball tournaments, no raffle tickets, souvenirs, or any other miscellaneous items will be sold in the playing area except State Pool Tournament items.
- c. The Post club room shall not raise prices just for the tournament.
- d. It is suggested that the host post have breakfast, lunch and dinner on Thursday and Friday and just breakfast & lunch on Saturday.
- e. It is all suggested, if possible, that the host post has some sort of entertainment in the club room on Thursday and Friday night.
- f. All bills are paid after the banquet on Saturday by the Assistant Director.

**APPENDIX 2, Record of Changes** - *This section is added for staff guidance only and are not considered by-laws or rules. The appendix provides a historical record of changes in summary format. This section does not require league approval and can be changed any time deemed necessary by the director or their staff.*

<b>2019 - Alpena</b>				
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>SECTION, RULE</b>	<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>VOTE OUTCOME</b>	<b>YEAR IMPLEMENTED</b>
Election	Director	Candidates – Don Smith	Unanimous – Don Smith	2020
Election	Head Referee	Candidates – Gregg Godby, Ed Meltz	Greg Godby	2020
Post Bid			Alpena	2022
<b>2020 – Tournament cancelled due to COVID. Bids moved forward.</b>				
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>SECTION, RULE</b>	<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>VOTE OUTCOME</b>	<b>YEAR IMPLEMENTED</b>
Election	Director	Elections not held. Director organized a group call with voting body all agreed to extend last year's election for 1 year.	Don Smith	2021
Election	Head Referee	Elections not held. Director organized a group call with voting body all agreed to extend last year's election for 1 year.	Greg Godby	2021
Post Bid	Section III, Rule 9	All Bids moved up 1 year	N/A	N/A
<b>2021 - Manistee</b>				
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>SECTION, RULE</b>	<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>VOTE OUTCOME</b>	<b>YEAR IMPLEMENTED</b>
Modify	Section III, Rule 5	Approval Authority for rule changes. Rules proposed by staff do not require district approval.		Defeated
Modify	Section XI, Rule 3	Drive four balls to rail for a legal break.		Defeated
Election	Director	Candidates – Don Smith	Unanimous - Don Smith	2022
Election	Head Referee	Candidates – Chet Rakowski, Gregg Godby	Gregg Godby	2022
Post Bid	Section III, Rule 9	Host Post Candidates – Manistee, Alpena, St Louis.	St Louis	2024
<b>2022 - Southgate</b>				
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>SECTION, RULE</b>	<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>VOTE OUTCOME</b>	<b>YEAR IMPLEMENTED</b>
Election	Director	Candidates – Don Smith	Unanimous – Don	2023

			Smith	
Election	Head Referee	Candidates – Chet Rakowski, Steve Schipansky, Tim Crider	Unanimous - Steve Schipansky	2023
Post Bid	Section III, Rule 9	Host Post Candidates - Manistee, Alpena, Southgate	5, 2, 2 Manistee	2025
Modify	Section III, Rule 5	Approval Authority for rule changes. Rules proposed by staff do not require district approval.	Yes – 5 No – 0	2023
Add	Section XIV, Rule 1	Insert official establishment of places and awards for each. 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> , race to 4, 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> race to 2. Award accordingly	Yes – 6 No – 0	2023
Add	Section XIV, Rule 2	Identify honorary trophies in the by-laws and rename team trophy to Fred Kemp traveling trophy.	Yes – 6 No – 0	2023

### 2023 - Alpena

ACTION	SECTION, RULE	SUMMARY	VOTE OUTCOME	YEAR IMPLEMENTED
Election	Director	Candidates - Don Smith	Unanimous - Don Smith	2024
Election	Head Referee	Candidates - Steve Schipansky	Unanimous - Steve Schipansky	2024
Post Bid	Section III, Rule 9	Host Post Candidates - Manistee, Alpena, Southgate.	2, 1, 5 Southgate	2026
Modify	Section II, Rule 5	Immediate past director must be present to cast ballot.	Yes - 8 No - 0	2024
Modify	Section III, Rule 12	List current tournament fees.	Yes - 8 No - 0	2024
Modify	Section III, Rule 12	Increase registration fees: Singles - \$25, Doubles - \$30, Team - \$48	Yes - 7 No - 2	2024
Modify	Section VII, Rule 6	Increase the number of raffle books to sell to 2 per person.	Yes - 1 No - 8	Defeated
Modify	Section XI, Rule 3	Drive four balls to rail for a legal break.	Yes - 2 No - 7	Defeated
Modify	Section XI, Rule 4	Group assignment following the break.	Yes - 2 No - 7	Defeated

### 2024 – St Louis

ACTION	SECTION, RULE	SUMMARY	VOTE OUTCOME	YEAR IMPLEMENTED
Election	Director	Candidates - Don Smith	Unanimous - Don	2025

			Smith	
Election	Head referee	Candidates - Steve Schipansky	Unanimous - Steve Schipansky	2025
Post Bid	Section III, Rule 9	Host Post Candidates - 2496 Alpena	Unanimous - 2496 Alpena	2027
Modify	Section III, Rule 16	Pay all fees by check or money order, no cash. Amended - ...submitted NLT the state tournament bracket drawing.	Yes - 11 No - 0	2025 - change passed with amendment.
Modify	Section IX, Rule 6	No Vaping added.	Yes - 11 No - 0	2025 - passed
Modify	Section XI, Rule 9	Last legally pocketed ball rather than last called ball.	Yes - 11 No - 0	2025 - passed
Delete	Section XI, Rule 12	Eliminate stalemate rule. Rule 13 provides a re-rack option.	Yes - 11 No - 0	2025 - passed

## 2025 – Manistee

ACTION	SECTION, RULE	SUMMARY	VOTE OUTCOME	YEAR IMPLEMENTED
Election	Section III, Rule 1	Election of Director – Candidates: Don Smith	Unanimous – Don Smith	2026
Election	Section III, Rule 2	Election of Head Referee – Candidates: Steve Schipansky	Unanimous – Steve Schipansky	2026
Post Bid	Section III, Rule 9	Host Post Candidates – 2496 Alpena, 4499 Manistee, 9283 Southgate	1 <sup>st</sup> Vote: 2496-4, 4499-4, 9283-1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vote: 2496-3, 4499-6 Bid to 4499	2028
Modify/ Add	Section II, Rule 6	Move head referee election paragraphs	Yes – 9 No – 0	2026 - passed
Add	Section III, Rule 6	Assistant Director prepares and provides financial report.	Yes – 9 No – 0	2026 - passed
Add	Section V, Rule 5	Director & Staff authorized to approve out of district doubles.	Yes – 9 No – 0	2026 - passed
Add	Section VI, Rule 7	Director & Staff authorized to approve out of district teams.	Yes – 7 No – 1	2026 - passed
Add	Section X, Rule 5	Define start and end of game.	Yes – 9 No – 0	2026 - passed
Modify	Section XI, Rule 4	Proposed open table after the break.	Yes – 2 No – 7	Defeated
Modify	Section XI, Rule 15	Proposed last pocket must be a legal hit	Yes – 3	Defeated

		or opponent can decline and spot ball.	No – 4 Abstain – 2	
Add	Section XII, Rule 7	Define time limit penalty as ball in hand foul.	Yes – 9 No – 0	2026 - passed
Modify	Section XIII, Rule 2	Define penalty for rule violation.	Yes – 6 No – 3	2026 - passed
Modify/ Add	Section XIII, Rule 3&4	Move to Section X	Yes – 9 No – 0	2026 - passed
Add	Section XIV, Rule 3	Define Mount Rushmore Award.	Yes – 9 No – 0	2026 – passed

**APPENDIX 3, Record of Champions, Singles - This section is added for staff guidance only and are not considered by-laws or rules. The appendix provides a historical record of past champions in summary format. This section does not require league approval and can be changed any time deemed necessary by the director or their staff.**

YEAR	SINGLES WINNER	POST	DISTRICT	TOURNAMENT LOCATION
1969	No Singles			4087 - Davison
1970	No Singles			6896 - Detroit
1971	No Singles			6896 - Detroit
1972	No Singles			1669 - Royal Oak
1973	No Singles			4087 - Davison
1974	Dick Borman	4162 - Hamtramck	4	3087 - Flint
1975	Fred Kemp	4012 - Northville	4	2144 - Holland
1976	Bud Trussell	3033 - Mt. Pleasant	11	3087 - Flint
1977	*Ron Howle	5709 - Ecorse	4	2496 - Alpena
1978	Doug Hatchcock	2052 - Romeo	5	4087 - Davison
1979	*Ron Howle	5709 - Ecorse	4	3087 - Flint
1980	*Ron Howle	5709 - Ecorse	4	2496 - Alpena
1981	Ken Senchuck	2496 - Alpena	13	9885 - Westland
1982	*Ron Howle	5709 - Ecorse	4	701 - Lansing
1983	*Ron Howle	5709 - Ecorse	4	4087 - Davison
1984	John Wischmeyer	3033 - Mt. Pleasant	11	3676 - Sault Ste Marie
1985	Fred Kemp (2)	4422 - Taylor	4	7546 - Dearborn Heights
1986	*Ron Howle	5709 - Ecorse	4	4012 - Northville
1987	Ken Senchuck (2)	2496 - Alpena	13	2496 - Alpena
1988	John F. Sweeney	6896 - Westland	4	4087 - Davison
1989	Harry Riney	6756 - Centerline	5	3676 - Sault Ste Marie
1990	Jim Woldt	4422 - Taylor	4	1146 - St. Clair Shores
1991	Fred Kemp (3)	9283 - Southgate	4	3055 - St Louis
1992	Fred Kemp (4)	9283 - Southgate	4	3243 - Fenton
1993	Fred Kemp (5)	9283 - Southgate	4	4087 - Davison
1994	Fred Kemp (6)	9283 - Southgate	4	1146 - St. Clair Shores
1995	*Mike Mischley	2496 - Alpena	13	3676 - Sault Ste Marie
1996	Fred Kemp (7)	9283 - Southgate	4	4499 - Manistee
1997	John Bell	9283 - Southgate	4	9283 - Southgate
1998	Ralph Bonin	1146 - St Clair Shores	5	4087 - Davison
1999	Rich Cole	9283 - Southgate	4	4499 - Manistee
2000	Tim Lichon	1566 - Saginaw	9	2496 - Alpena
2001	Bob Lewandowski	2496 - Alpena	13	3087 - Flint
2002	Jim Woldt (2)	9283 - Southgate	4	4499 - Manistee
2003	Mike Bunting	4406 - Belding	9	3676 - Sault Ste Marie

2004	Wayne Taylor	4499 - Manistee	12	2496 - Alpena
2005	Edward Meltz	2496 - Alpena	13	4499 - Manistee
2006	Fred Kemp (8)	9283 - Southgate	4	3087 - Flint
2007	Andrew C. Walker	3243 - Fenton	10	6896 - Westland
2008	Dennis Glutz	4499 - Manistee	12	2496 - Alpena
2009	Mike Bunting (2)	4406 - Belding	9	3676 - Sault Ste Marie
2010	John Wischmeyer (2)	2215 - Shepherd	11	4499 - Manistee
2011	Don Smith	4087 - Davison	10	552 - Detroit
2012	Duane Anderson	3243 - Fenton	10	2496 - Alpena
2013	Mark Kandow	2496 - Alpena	13	3323 - Westland
2014	Jack Grimshaw	4406 - Belding	9	4499 - Manistee
2015	Mike Hinojosa	9885 - Bova Eng, Westland	4	4499 - Manistee
2016	Wayne Taylor (2)	4499 - Manistee	12	3676 - Sault Ste Marie
2017	John Sayad	4499 - Manistee	12	3055 - St Louis
2018	Jerry Haynor	3243 - Fenton	10	552 - Detroit
2019	Wayne Taylor (3)	4499 - Manistee	12	2496 - Alpena
2020	COVID			
2021	Edward Meltz (2)	2496 - Alpena	13	4499 - Manistee
2022	Norm Wisnewski	9885 – Bova Eng, Westland	4	9283 - Southgate
2023	Mike Hinojosa (2)	9885 - Bova Eng, Westland	4	2496 - Alpena
2024	Andy Walker (2)	8236 – George Washington Carver, Flint	10	3055 - St Louis
2025	Norm Wisnewski (2)	78 – Donovan	4	4499 – Manistee

**APPENDIX 4, Record of Champions, Doubles** - *This section is added for staff guidance only and are not considered by-laws or rules. The appendix provides a historical record of past champions in summary format. This section does not require league approval and can be changed any time deemed necessary by the director or their staff.*

YEAR	DOUBLES WINNER	POST	DISTRICT	TOURNAMENT LOCATION
1969	No Doubles			4087 - Davison
1970	No Doubles			6896 - Detroit
1971	No Doubles			6896 - Detroit
1972	No Doubles			1669 - Royal Oak
1973	No Doubles			4087 - Davison
1974	No Doubles			3087 - Flint
1975	No Doubles			2144 - Holland
1976	No Doubles			3087 - Flint
1977	No Doubles			2496 - Alpena
1978	No Doubles			4087 - Davison
1979	No Doubles			3087 - Flint
1980	No Doubles			2496 - Alpena
1981	No Doubles			9885 - Westland
1982	No Doubles			701 - Lansing
1983	Floyd Ruehle Jerry Drozdzewski	6756 - Centerline	5	4087 - Davison
1984	Floyd Ruehle (2) Jerry Drozdzewski (2)	6756 - Centerline	5	3676 - Sault Ste Marie
1985	Walter Rolston Lyle Morrow	3055 - St. Louis	9	7546 - Dearborn Heights
1986	Walter Aures Bill Stringer	3901 - Algonac	10	4012 - Northville
1987	Harry Riney Lou Barrie	6756 - Centerline	5	2496 - Alpena
1988	Fred Kemp Jim Woldt	4422 - Taylor	4	4087 - Davison
1989	Fred Kemp (2) Jim Woldt (2)	4422 - Taylor	4	3676 - Sault Ste Marie
1990	Fred Kemp (3) Jim Woldt (3)	4422 - Taylor	4	1146 - St. Clair Shores
1991	Fred Kemp (4) Jim Woldt (4)	9283 - Southgate	4	3055 - St Louis
1992	Fred Kemp (5) Jim Woldt (5)	9283 - Southgate	4	3243 - Fenton
1993	Ken Senchuk Mike Mischley	2496 - Alpena	13	4087 - Davison

1994	Lyman Mead John Wischmeyer	3033 - Mt. Pleasant	9	1146 - St. Clair Shores
1995	Fred Kemp (6) Jim Woldt (6)	9283 - Southgate	4	3676 - Sault Ste Marie
1996	Fred Kemp (7) Jim Woldt (7)	9283 - Southgate	4	4499 - Manistee
1997	Fred Kemp (8) Jim Woldt (8)	9283 - Southgate	4	9283 - Southgate
1998	Tim Lichon Rick Stork	1566 - Saginaw	9	4087 - Davison
1999	Terry Trainer Steve Lee	1669 - Royal Oak	5	4499 - Manistee
2000	Eddie Meltz Bob Lewandowski	2496 - Alpena	13	2496 - Alpena
2001	Bob Huber Phil Jennings	3033 - Mt. Pleasant	11	3087 - Flint
2002	Duane Anderson Jerry Haynor	3243 - Fenton	10	4499 - Manistee
2003	George Stevens Jr. Burt Francisco	2496 - Alpena	13	3676 - Sault Ste Marie
2004	Marv Smith Don Smith	3243 - Fenton	10	2496 - Alpena
2005	Roger Fater Al Pethers	9283 - Southgate	4	4499 - Manistee
2006	Ed Kandow Mark Kandow	2496 - Alpena	13	3087 - Flint
2007	Terry Trainer (2) Steve Lee (2)	1669 - Royal Oak	5	6896 - Westland
2008	Tim Lichon (2) Rick Stork (2)	1566 - Saginaw	9	2496 - Alpena
2009	Wayne Taylor Chet Rakowski	4499 - Manistee	12	3676 - Sault Ste Marie
2010	Terry Trainer (3) Steve Lee (3)	1669 - Royal Oak	5	4499 - Manistee
2011	Dave Maney Gordon Evert	8215 - Shepherd	11	552 - Detroit
2012	Wayne Taylor (2) Chet Rakowski (2)	4499 - Manistee	12	2496 - Alpena
2013	Andy Walker Duane Anderson (2)	3243 - Fenton	17	3323 - Westland
2014	Jack Bailey Mike Hart	4406 - Belding	9	4499 - Manistee

2015	Jim Woldt (9) Mike Hinojosa	78 - Westland	4	4499 - Manistee
2016	Lou Barrie (2) Gary Hedegus	6756 - Centerline	5	3676 - Sault Ste Marie
2017	Mike Bunting Mike Hart (2)	4406 - Belding	9	3055 - St Louis
2018	Gene Bierl Mike Hinojosa (2)	9885 - Westland	4	552 - Detroit
2019	Gene Bierl (2) Mike Hinojosa (3)	9885 - Westland	4	2496 - Alpena
2020	COVID			
2021	Dennis Glutz Chet Rakowski (3)	4499 - Manistee	12	4499 - Manistee
2022	Eddie Meltz (2) George Stevens (2)	2496 - Alpena	13	9283 - Southgate
2023	Don Smith (2) Tim Lichon (3)	1566 Saginaw	9	2496 - Alpena
2024	Randy Planck Chet Rakowski (4)	4499 - Manistee	12	3055 - St Louis
2025	Dave McDonald Jesse Luttrell	3735 – Oscoda	11	4499 - Manistee

**APPENDIX 5, Record of Champions, Team** - *This section is added for staff guidance only and are not considered by-laws or rules. The appendix provides a historical record of past champions in summary format. This section does not require league approval and can be changed any time deemed necessary by the director or their staff.*

YEAR	TEAM WINNER	POST	DISTRICT	TOURNAMENT LOCATION
1969	Shafer Rachel	6782 - Schaefer Rachel	5	4087 - Davison
1970	Borley Hanel	3033 - Mt Pleasant	11	6896 - Detroit
1971	Berkley	9222 - Berkley	5	6896 - Detroit
1972	Ecorse	5709 - Ecorse	4	1669 - Royal Oak
1973	Acorn	1669 - Royal Oak	5	4087 - Davison
1974	Northville	4012 - Northville	5	3087 - Flint
1975	Jean R. Anderson	7309 - Mason	6	2144 - Holland
1976	Jean R. Anderson (2)	7309 - Mason	6	3087 - Flint
1977	E.G. Shreeves	2496 - Alpena	13	2496 - Alpena
1978	Ecorse (2)	5709 - Ecorse	4	4087 - Davison
1979	E.G. Shreeves (2)	2496 - Alpena	13	3087 - Flint
1980	D.M. Squier	3943 - Newport	6	2496 - Alpena
1981	Davison	4087 - Davison	10	9885 - Westland
1982	E.G. Shreeves (3)	2496 - Alpena	13	701 - Lansing
1983	Ecorse (3)	5709 - Ecorse	4	4087 - Davison
1984	Flushing	5666 - Flushing	10	3676 - Sault Ste Marie
1985	E.G. Shreeves (4)	2496 - Alpena	13	7546 - Dearborn Heights
1986	Ecorse (4)	5709 - Ecorse	4	4012 - Northville
1987	Cpl R.W. Menge	6756 - Centerline	5	2496 - Alpena
1988	Olsen-Kiste	4406 - Belding	9	4087 - Davison
1989	Cpl R.W. Menge (2)	6756 - Centerline	5	3676 - Sault Ste Marie
1990	Cpl R.W. Menge (3)	6756 - Centerline	5	1146 - St. Clair Shores
1991	City of Southgate	9283 - Southgate	4	3055 - St Louis
1992	City of Southgate (2)	9283 - Southgate	4	3243 - Fenton
1993	City of Southgate (3)	9283 - Southgate	4	4087 - Davison
1994	Acorn (2)	1669 - Royal Oak	5	1146 - St. Clair Shores
1995	Walsh	4499 - Manistee	12	3676 - Sault Ste Marie
1996	Borley-Hanel (2)	3033 - Mt Pleasant	11	4499 - Manistee
1997	City of Southgate (4)	9283 - Southgate	4	9283 - Southgate
1998	Walsh (2)	4499 - Manistee	12	4087 - Davison
1999	Cpl R.W. Menge (4)	6756 - Centerline	5	4499 - Manistee
2000	City of Southgate (5)	9283 - Southgate	4	2496 - Alpena
2001	Olsen-Kiste (2)	4406 - Belding	9	3087 - Flint
2002	Borley-Hanel (3)	3033 - Mt Pleasant	11	4499 - Manistee
2003	City of Southgate (6)	9283 - Southgate	4	3676 - Sault Ste Marie
2004	City of Southgate (7)	9283 - Southgate	4	2496 - Alpena

2005	City of Southgate (8)	9283 - Southgate	4	4499 - Manistee
2006	Acorn (3)	1669 - Royal Oak	5	3087 - Flint
2007	Saginaw	1566 - Saginaw	9	6896 - Westland
2008	City of Southgate (9)	9283 - Southgate	4	2496 - Alpena
2009	City of Southgate (10)	9283 - Southgate	4	3676 - Sault Ste Marie
2010	Olsen-Kiste (3)	4406 - Belding	9	4499 - Manistee
2011	Curtis-Wolverton	3243 - Fenton	10	552 - Detroit
2012	Shepherd	8512 - Shepherd	11	2496 - Alpena
2013	Donovan	78 - Donovan	4	3323 - Westland
2014	Walsh (3)	4499 - Manistee	12	4499 - Manistee
2015	Curtis-Wolverton (2)	3243 - Fenton	10	4499 - Manistee
2016	E.G. Shreeves (5)	2496 - Alpena	13	3676 - Sault Ste Marie
2017	E.G. Shreeves (6)	2496 - Alpena	13	3055 - St Louis
2018	Flat Rock #2	9363 - Flat Rock #2	4	552 - Detroit
2019	Bova Engineers	9885 - Bova Engineers	4	2496 - Alpena
2020	COVID			
2021	Walsh (4)	4499 - Manistee	12	4499 - Manistee
2022	E.G. Shreeves (7)	2496 - Alpena	13	9283 - Southgate
2023	Saginaw (2)	1566 - Saginaw	9	2496 - Alpena
2024	GWC	8236 - Flint	10	3055 - St Louis
2025	Donovan	78 – Romulus	4	4499 - Manistee

**APPENDIX 6, Record of Mount Rushmore Hall of Fame Inductees** - *This section is added for staff guidance only and is not considered by-laws or rules. The appendix provides a historical record of Mount Rushmore Hall of Fame Inductees in summary format. This section does not require league approval and can be changed at any time deemed necessary by the director or their staff.*

NAME	SINGLES	DOUBLES	TEAM	TOTAL
Fred Kemp*	8	8	12	28
Jim Woldt	2	9	12	23
Wayne Taylor	3	2	5	10
Mike Hinojosa	2	3	2	7
Honorable Mentions				
Eddie Meltz	2	2	3	7
Andy Walker	2	1	3	6
John Wischmeyer	2	1	3	6
Mike Bunting*	2	1	3	6
Tim Lichon	1	3	2	6
Duane Anderson*	1	2	3	6
John Sayad*	1	1	4	6
Dennis Glutz	1	1	4	6
Mark Kandow	1	1	3	5
Harry Riney*	1	1	3	5
Ken Senchuck*	2	1	1	4
Don Smith	1	2	1	4
Jerry Haynor	1	1	2	4

**APPENDIX 7, Record of Fallen Players, In Memory of - This section is added for staff guidance only and is not considered by-laws or rules. The appendix provides a historical record of all pool players who have passed. This section does not require league approval and can be changed at any time deemed necessary by the director or their staff.**

NAME	DISTRICT	POST
Abbate, Sam	4	9283
Ainsworth, Bill	4	9283
Albert, Larry	9	4406
Amos, Charles	4	2233
Anderson, Duane	10	5666
Angellar, Richard	10	4087
Arceneau, Larry	5	1669
Arnold, Cleon	9	4406
Aro, Richard	4	3323
Artibee, Tim	11	3033
Atkins, Doug	4	4422
Axeline, Robert "Al"	4	6032
Baber, Bob	4	4012
Barber, Larry	7	5319
Barns, Francis	9	4406
Barrie, Lou	5	1669
Bell, Tom	9	3055
Biesczak, Joe	4	9283
Black, Bob	4	9283
Blanton, Charles	4	9568
Block, Bill	4	3941
Bly, Ken	9	4406
Boice, Jim	8	7581
Borieo, Albert	4	4553
Bowie, Jim	4	2233
Braconnier, Red	4	7575
Brandt, Allen	4	1888
Brenner, Franz	4	6695
Brogan, Al	4	3323
Brooks, John	9	4406
Brown, Gene	4	7575
Brubaker, PSC Dale J.	4	3941
Bruneau, William	4	4012
Bryan, Frank	4	7575
Brzak, Jerry	9	3055
Bunting, Mike	9	4406
Burnett, Larry	4	4012
Bush, Bill	9	4406
Butler, Chuck	4	9885
Canada, Albert	4	2233

Carpenter, Bruce	7	5319
Carrick, Ron	11	3033
Caufield, Jeremy	4	1136
Chickerina, Herbert	9	4406
Clark, Dick	4	1136
Cole, Skip	10	3087
Cotton, Robin	4	2233
Cox, Wally	4	3941
Coyle, Sylvester	4	7546
Crandell, Frank	9	4406
Crane, Rich	4	9885
Craycraft, Dennis	9	4406
DeMaree, George	4	7575
DeMaree, John	4	7575
DeMougin, John	9	4406
Dickenson, Donald	10	3087
Douglas, Harold	9	4406
Drozdzewski, Jerry	5	6756
Duczyminski, Chester	4	6896
Duda, John	4	4230
Eckensweiler, Harold	5	1669
Eritano, Frank	4	1888
Evans, Dave	4	9885
Fair, Jack	4	3323
Farmer, Meryman "Zip"	4	9283
Feitchinger, Frank	4	9885
Fletcher, Howard	4	2233
Fletcher, Jimmy	9	3055
Francisco, Burt	13	2496
Freed, Larry	7	5319
Fuller, Vern	9	4406
Genette, Jerry	4	3941
Germain, Ron	4	9363
Gilbert, Bert	4	9568
Gnida, Richard	4	6896
Goetz, Bill	9	3055
Greaves, Tom	5	1669
Green, Norm	4	9885
Greer, Joe	4	9283
Grimshaw, Jack	9	4406
Gritzinger, Cliff	10	4087

Gucwa, PSC Edmund "Ed"	4	6896
Hamilton, Pete	10	3087
Hanna, Pat	9	4406
Harden, Doug	4	9568
Harliss, Geno	11	3033
Hausmann, Ed	4	9885
Havey, Bob	5	1669
Hawley, Cug	12	4499
Helmke, Bill	4	9885
Henderson, Gene	10	7243
Hogue, Art	4	7575
Hoisington, Gary	9	4406
Holbrook, Volley	9	4406
Holoweski, Walt	4	3941
Hueser, Bob	4	9885
Hulander, Bruce	9	4406
Hutchins, Jim	10	5666
Irving, Tom	10	5666
Jaster, Ed	10	4087
Jones, Vince	10	3243
Kemp, William "Fred"	4	9286
Kniffen, Vince	4	3941
Kopka, John	4	3941
Kroetsch, Leon	12	4499
Kuberacki, Ken	4	9283
Kunz, Fred	4	3941
Langley, Dick "Richard"	4	3323
Lawrence, John	4	9885
Learnhan, Jim	4	9885
Lee, Bill	4	2233
Lemoncelli, Valentino	4	3941
Lloyd, Sanford	4	4422
Lynn, Ken	4	3941
Mach, Robert "Bob"	4	9568
Mader, Ken	5	1669
Madson, Dave	4	9283
Mahon, Jim	4	5709
Mains, Dick	4	4422
Major, Roy	4	7310
Marks, Hank	4	9885
McCarver, Mac	4	4012
McGinnes, Walt	10	3087
Miller, Jerry	9	4406
Miller, Ray	4	3941
Misor, Rod	9	3055
Moore, Charles	10	GWC

Morkin, Bill	4	3941
Morrow, Galen	12	4499
Myers, Cloyce	4	4012
Myrand, Tom	4	9568
Nettle, Don	5	1669
Nettles, Bob	5	1669
Nolan, Dan	11	3033
Palowski, Ray	4	9363
Panquin, Ray	4	4012
Pendracki, Joe	4	6896
Philport, Jerry	4	9363
Ploplan, George	4	5709
Poniewiers, Mitchell "Mitch"	4	6896
Potes, PSC Jack	9	4406
Pray, Jack	10	3243
Putnam, Lloyd	11	
Quintana, Jesse	4	9283
Raymond, Jerry	4	4012
Reese, Ken	13	1669
Rice, Ernie	8	8260
Rieger, Dick	4	7910
Riley, Floyd	4	6695
Rinney, Harry	5	6756
Ritchie, Henry	4	9568
Rokita, Jerry	4	9885
Routhuax, Ken	9	3055
Ruffolo, Bennie	4	9568
Sadowski, Tony	4	9885
Sayad, John	12	4499
Schlosser, Louie	10	3087
Schultheis, R.W.	4	3941
Schultise, Cloice	9	3055
Secan, Paul	4	3941
Seisser, Charles E.	4	6695
Senchuk, Kenneth	13	2496
Shamuluss, Mike	8	7581
Shepard, Buck	9	4406
Shocker, Paul	10	4087
Siemianowski, Louie	5	1146
Simpson, Ron	4	7546
Slage, John	4	9363
Snider, Richard "Ozark"	4	4422
Snyder, Richard	4	4422
Sordell, Steve	4	5709
Spindleman, Robert Sr.	4	1888

St. Louis, Maurice "Mo"	4	3941
Steagall, Dewey	4	4012
Stemmller, Doug	4	9885
Stimac, John	10	3243
Stinson, Rick	9	1566
Stobb, Harold	4	3941
Stone, George	4	7575
Strahinic, George	4	9885
Taylor, Gary	4	9568
Teska, Bob	4	1888
Thursman, Wally	4	1888
Tilk, Ray	4	1888
Torikian, Art	4	9885
Trimai, Robert "Trigger"	4	9283
Turner, Russ	4	9363
Tutor, Archie	4	6695
Utley, Mike "Tiny"	4	4012
Valley, Elmer	4	5709
Van Hauter, James	4	4553
Vlahovic, Joe	10	5666
Votenz, Fred	4	6896
Wackerle, Rick	4	9363
Wagner, Al	10	5666
Walters, Roger	4	9568
Ward, Jerry	9	4406
Ware, William "Bill"	4	2233
Watson, Jim	9	4406
Watson, Joe	5	1669
Weisson, Frank	10	5666
West, Aubrey	4	9283
West, Virgil	4	9283
Widataier, Bill	4	
Willis, Ken	14	3676
Wilson, Gerry	9	4406
Winkworth, Francis	9	4406
Wiper, Bill	4	4422
Wolverton, Bill	4	9568
Youmans, Shorty	9	4406
Young, George	4	2233
Zaska, Art	13	2496
Zellman, Rick	4	3941
Zukowic, Al	4	5709