

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

MATCH TIME GUIDELINES

The APA has established guidelines to limit match play time in an effort to produce a tournament that adheres to a schedule that is productive and enjoyable for all participants. We have a full schedule of rounds that must be completed in a timely manner. We strive to offer the best environment and playing conditions for our participants, while fulfilling our obligations to the tournament facility.

The guidelines we have set are more than adequate for tournament status play; in most cases actual match play will take less than the time allotted. Please be courteous; long matches are exhausting to all the players. We ask for good sportsmanship in keeping to the schedule. Your cooperation will help make this tournament fun and exciting for everyone!

| TIME GUIDELINES FOR 8-BALL MATCHES | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|
| Total Games Must Win | Match Time | Average Game |
| 4 – 6 | 45 minutes | 10 minutes |
| 7 – 10 | 60 minutes | 8 minutes |

| TIME GUIDELINES FOR 9-BALL MATCHES | |
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| Match Time | 40-60 minutes |

| TIME GUIDELINES FOR MASTERS MATCHES | | |
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| Race to | Match Time | Average Game |
| 7 | 60 minutes | 8 minutes |

| TIME GUIDELINES FOR DOUBLES MATCHES | | |
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| Total Games Must Win | Match Time | Average Game |
| 4 – 6 | 45 minutes | 10 minutes |
| 7 – 8 | 60 minutes | 8 minutes |

Example: If a player with a *Games Must Win* of 5 is matched with a player with a *Games Must Win* of 3, the total for their handicaps is 8, and their match should not last any longer than 60 minutes.

| ADDITIONAL TIME GUIDELINES | |
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| Each 8-Ball Team Match | 4 Hours |
| Each 9-Ball Team Match | 3 Hours |
| Each New Player selection | 2 minute limit |
| Each coaching | 1 minute limit |
| Average Shot | 20 seconds |
| Special Shooting Situation | 45 seconds (maximum) |

Note: The Tournament Director may impose *Sudden Death* in team competition for teams that are not adhering to the guidelines.