

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	
Match Time	40-60 minutes

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

TIME GUIDELINES FOR DOUBLES MATCHES		
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	
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.