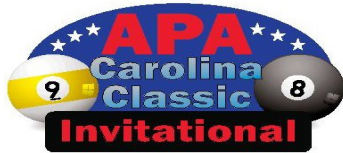


**2017 9 Ball APA
Carolina Classic Invitational
November 3 – 5, 2017**



Your team is entered in the 2017 9 Ball APA Carolina Classic Invitational. The event will be held at Smokin' Cue in Charlotte, NC, located at 10901-10 University City Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28213. Team registration will take place at Smokin' Cue on Friday, November 3 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Play will begin at 7:00 am Friday.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Teams will be invited to participate by their local League Operator. Teams must have placed as a runner up in your local World Pool Qualifier event (formerly LTC). Teams must have a minimum of five players who are all currently active members on a summer session roster and will be listed on a fall session roster. Rosters must include four original members from the WPQ/LTC runner up team. Teams may add players who are not original to the qualifying team if those additional players have a minimum of 20 APA scores in the corresponding format within the last two years. All players original to the qualifying team must have at least 10 APA scores in the corresponding format within the last two years.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

A current picture I.D. Is required! All tournament participants must present a current, certified, positive picture I.D. In the form of a state I.D. from their state of residence, a military I.D., or a passport, prior to competing in the event. Your I.D.

Must be available for review prior to competing in each match. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PROPER PICTURE I.D., THEN YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY! Proper photo I.D. Is also required for any cash payout.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Enclosed is your team's Carolina Classic Invitational Certification Statement. Complete this form and bring it with you to present during team registration.

SEEDING

Your team will be seeded by a blind draw that will be conducted by APA prior to the event.

SKILL LEVELS

Your local League Operator has reviewed all participants' skill levels. If your skill level has been adjusted since your entry form was submitted, then your League Operator must notify us prior to the event. Each team is limited to a combined skill level of 23. It is the responsibility of each player to make certain the skill level on their scoresheet is accurate and current.

MODIFIED-SINGLE ELIMINATION

All Carolina Classic Invitational teams will have an opportunity to play at least twice. This does not mean your team plays until they LOSE twice, but does guarantee the chance to play two team matches. The maximum number of teams will be 32.

SSN REQUIRED

Your Social Security Number will be required if you receive a cash payout. The IRS requires that we submit a 1099 for anyone who is paid \$600 or more in prize money.

RESERVE LODGING

Each team will be responsible for their own lodging. A block of rooms has been reserved for APA teams at Drury Inn and Suites, located near Smokin' Cue, at 415 West W.T. Harris Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28262. The phone number for our group reservation is 1-800-325-0720. You must refer to **GROUP #2316071** in order to receive the APA discounted rate.

RULES FOR PARTICIPATION

1. This is a pre-registered event. You must have entered and paid the entry fee THROUGH YOUR LOCAL LEAGUE OPERATOR prior to the deadline of September 7, 2017 or late fees will apply.
2. Players may participate on only one team per format.
3. All APA game rules apply.
4. It is considered good sportsmanship for both players in a match to offer photo I.D. prior to shaking hands at the start of the match. All matters relative to proper I.D. Will be decided by the tournament directors and all decisions are final.
5. Entry fee is \$400 per team. Late fees will apply after the September 7th deadline. There will be no refunds in the event that teams are disqualified or elect to not attend.
6. Proper attire is required. Casual dress code will be enforced. No gang colors allowed. Any player that the APA considers inappropriately dressed will be asked to change or leave.
7. In order to conduct a fair and equal tournament for all APA players, APA must ensure that all participants are playing at skill levels that are not below their true ability. Handicap

manipulation compromises the fairness and integrity of tournament play and will not be tolerated. Accordingly, the APA may disqualify any player or team if, in APA's sole judgment and absolute discretion, one or more of its players are deemed by APA to be playing at a skill level below their true ability. The determination of whether a player is playing at a skill level below his or her true ability is necessarily subjective: APA is the sole judge of a player's ability and may make such a determination in its absolute judgment and discretion.

8. Any player entering or participating under fraudulent circumstances will be automatically disqualified.
9. APA has the absolute and final authority to make all ruling affecting participation in the Carolina Classic Invitational, including player ability (i.e. correction of skill levels) and disqualification. Disqualification from this event for any reason will result in forfeiture of all titles, awards, prize money, and minimum two year suspension from APA Pool Leagues. Disqualification can occur prior to, during, or after the event.
10. The APA has the authority, at its sole discretion, to make modifications to the rules, format, or any other aspect of the event.
11. Release of APA and tournament sponsors: I, the participant, being of lawful age, as inducement for and in consideration of the agreement by American Poolplayers Association, Inc (APA), that I may take part in this event, hereby covenant and agree that the APA and all other sponsors and their respective affiliates, director, officers, employees, and agents (collectively Releasees) shall not be liable for any damages arising from personal injuries, including death, and/or damage to

property that I may sustain in any way which result from or arise out of my preparation for or any participation in the event. I hereby fully and forever release and discharge and covenant not to sue Releasees from any and all claims, demands, damages, rights of action or causes of action, present or future, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of my preparation for or participation in the event. I acknowledge and agree that participation in the event may involve the risk of such personal injury, including death, and/or damage to property and I hereby assume full responsibility for any risk of such personal injury, including death and damage to property. I warrant that I am in good health and have no physical condition that would prevent me from participating in the event. I further agree for myself, my successors, heirs, assigns, executors and administrators to indemnify and hold Releasees harmless from and against all claims and suites for personal injuries, including death, and damage to property, real or personal, cause by my act or omission and arising out of my involvement in the event, and from all judgments and costs recovered in said claims and suits, and from all expenses incurred in defending said claims or suits. This Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law, and if any portion is held invalid, the balance shall continue in full legal force and effect. This Release shall be binding on my heirs, executors,

administrators, and assigns. I have read and fully understand the above Release.

12. Recording and Reproduction: I consent to the taping (audio and video), and/or photography of my participation in the event, and grant the APA and all other sponsors the right to use and reproduce my name, voice, and likeness in any and all photographs and video reproductions taken or made of myself for any purpose whatsoever. I release the APA and all other sponsors, their employees, agents, successors, and assigns from any liability whatsoever for such use and reproduction of my name, voice, and likeness. I agree that the photographs videos and any sound tracks taken or made of me are the exclusive property of the APA and/or all other sponsors, and I waive any right of inspection or review.
13. If this event is canceled, for any reason, I understand that my only remedy is a refund of entry fees.

**GOOD LUCK
GOOD SHOOTING
GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP**

