

2024 ASPA Summer Nationals Tournament Rules

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1. The ASPA Rulebook will govern this event. Please refer to this page, the ASPA Rulebook, and the Official Entry Brochure for any and all rules of play. Any situation that arises that is not covered by these rules will be handled at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Any ruling or interpretation of these rules by the Tournament Director shall be final.
2. \$20,000 Team Championships Eligibility
 - a. Teams Rosters may consist of 4-9 players
 - b. In each match of the tournament, the 4 player's Skill Level must add to 14 or higher.
 - c. Handicaps for this event will be used and will be based on the player's Skill Level, not their in-league handicap. Some players Skill Level or Handicap may be "re-rated" at any time if it is determined that the player's current level of skill is significantly higher than what their ASPA Skill Level reflects (See Rule 5c)
 - d. Each player on the roster must have a minimum of 8 Lifetime league matches in a regular ASPA Team or Individual League. In addition to this, each player must have played a minimum of 6 of those league matches between the 2024 Winter and Spring seasons.
 - e. Interim league matches do not count toward League matches played. Individual League matches played as a substitute also do not count towards matches played. The exception to this rule would be when a regular paying league member subs on their bye week.
 - f. Each player on the roster must be a current ASPA member in good standing. If any player quits a league after gaining eligibility, that player's matches may be voided. Any player that owes league dues or yearly membership fees at the time of the event may be disqualified from participation.
3. Singles and Doubles Eligibility
 - a. All players must be current ASPA members, in good standing, to play in the Singles and Doubles events (League matches are not required). Membership forms will be available for new players on site. Please refer to the Official Entry Brochure for additional rules and information.
 - b. New members will be assigned an ASPA Skill Level and Division based upon their Bower's rating. If a player does not have a Bower's rating, the ASPA will assign a Skill Level and Division based on all available information regarding the player's level of shuffleboard skill and experience
4. Jamboree Team Event
 - a. All players must be current ASPA members, in good standing, to play in the Jamboree Team Tournament (League matches are not required). Membership forms will be available for new players on site. Please refer to the Official Entry Brochure for additional rules and information.
 - b. The Jamboree Team Tournament is open to players with Skill Level 5-7 only.
 - c. The entry fee for the Jamboree Social Division Team Tournament is \$400 per team and includes 16 drink tickets. The entry fee for the Jamboree Competitive Division Team Tournament is \$500 per team and does not include drink tickets. The expense fee for each division is \$50 per team. The cost of the drink tickets taken from each entry is \$150
 - d. Each team will play a minimum of 2 matches with the top 2 or 4 teams advancing to the Single Elimination Bracket Finals. All teams advancing to the Finals will cash.

5. Skill Levels, Divisions, Re-Rating

- a. Please refer to the Official Entry Brochure for a breakdown of Divisions and the Skill Levels that are eligible for each Division of Singles and Doubles.
- b. In the Singles Event, players may qualify for the Semi-Finals in multiple divisions that they are eligible to play in, but may only play in one division in the Semi-Finals. In the Doubles Event, players may only qualify for the Single Elimination Bracket Finals in one division.
- c. If it is deemed that a player's level of skill is significantly higher than their ASPA Skill Level, that player may be re-rated. When looking at a player's current level of skill and comparing it to his/her ASPA Skill Level, some of the factors taken into consideration are: ASPA league performance, ASPA Regionals performance, previous ASPA Nationals performance, and all "Calcutta Style" tournament performance with extra weight given to National Events. In the \$20,000 Team Championships, there are 2 scenarios in which a player can be re-rated.
 - i. In a normal re-rate situation, a player may have his/her handicap adjusted by one or two points to better reflect the player's current ability.
 - ii. In an extreme case, where a player has vastly improved since the last Skill Level adjustment chart was posted, the player may have a "Skill Level Re-rate". In this case, the player's Skill Level may be changed. In order to avoid a team from being ineligible to play under the "Add to 14" rule, the player and the captain may choose to take a 2x Handicap re-rate in lieu of the Skill Level Re-rate. For example, if a player's Skill Level current Skill Level is a 4, and he/she is re-rated to a 3, the team may elect to play him/her as a Skill Level 4 with a Handicap 2. The player will still be required to use their Skill Level re-rate for Singles and Doubles.

6. Entry Fees, Re-Entries, Registration Fees

- a. Entry Fee for the \$20,000 Team Championships is \$1,000 per team. Entry fee must be paid prior 2pm on July 24, 2024. There are no re-entries allowed for the Team Event
- b. Entry Fee for the Jamboree Team event must be paid prior to 9pm on Thursday, July 25, 2024.
- c. Please refer to the Official Entry Brochure for a breakdown of Entry Fees associated with each division for Singles and Doubles. Entry fees for Singles and Doubles can be prepaid at the time of entry. Based on the Singles and Doubles format, which is outlined in the Official Entry Brochure, players/teams that do not qualify for Finals on their first entry may re-enter to try again to qualify. (Subject to availability)
- d. For Singles and Doubles events, once a player/team qualifies in a Division, they may not re-enter in that same division, but may play in a different division that the player/team is eligible for. Please refer to rule 5(b) for additional details regarding re-entries and the Finals.

7. Refunds

- a. Team event entry fees are fully refundable prior to July 24 2024. No refunds will be given on or after July 24, 2024
- b. Singles and Doubles events entry fees may be refunded no later than 24 hours prior to the start of the registered squad. No refunds will be given once a squad is full and ready to start.

8. Expenses

- a. A maximum of 12.5% will be deducted from all entry fees to cover the costs of operating the 2024 ASPA Summer Nationals

9. Event Schedules and Times

- a. Please refer to the 2024 ASPA Summer Nationals Official Entry Brochure for information about days and times for Singles, Doubles, and Team Championships. Schedules will be updated with signage at the tournament site
- b. Singles and Doubles qualifying squads will be on a pre-registration basis and first come, first serve. Once a division is full, we may start a waiting list, and at the Tournament Director's discretion, offer an additional squad.
- c. Team Championships and Jamboree Team squads will be based on the number of entries and times will be updated at the tournament

10. Format & Finals

- a. Please refer to the 2024 ASPA Summer Nationals Official Entry Brochure for information about the formats for Singles, Doubles, and Team Championships. Format and Finals details will be updated with signage at the tournament site
- b. In the \$20,000 Team Championships, if there is an odd number of teams entered, there will be a bye in each of the first 3 matches of Round 1. The team that has the bye each match will receive the average number of match points scored by the winning team of each match during that round of play.

11. Scoresheets

- a. Scoresheets will be used for all Team event matches. Each team is expected to keep score during their match. Volunteers, if available, may help keep score during these matches.
- b. Squad sheets will be used for Singles and Doubles qualifying. Frame by frame scoring won't be used, but recording of final scores will be required after each game. An example of the squad sheet will be available at the tournament

12. Weight & Cap Specifications – Please refer to TSA rule 3.2 – This rule will be used for this event

13. Photo and Video Consent - You understand that photographs and video recordings may be made as a part of ASPA Leagues, tournaments and events. In connection with your participation in ASPA Leagues, tournament and events, you grant ASPA and the Local ASPA League (and our licensees, designees and assigns) the full right to photograph and/or video record you and/or your voice; use your name in association therewith; use, broadcast, reproduce, distribute and exhibit such photographs and recordings freely for any purpose, including for advertising, promotional and commercial purposes; and edit, modify, adapt, make derivative works from, copyright and otherwise use the pictures and recordings as ASPA chooses. You waive any claim of any right or interest in the photographs and recordings and any compensation or other benefits for our appearance in any images or recordings.