



**AMERICAN SHUFFLEBOARD**  
— PLAYERS ASSOCIATION —

# **Official Rule Book**

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# ASPA Mission Statement

*“The primary mission of the American Shuffleboard Players Association is to grow the sport of Table Shuffleboard for our players, sponsors, venue owners, and product manufacturers.”*

## **We will grow the sport for our players by:**

- *Creating a membership organization for shuffleboard players*
- *Creating a standardized set of rules that will govern all ASPA competition*
- *Offering quality leagues and tournaments for our members to compete in*
- *Creating a National Championship Tournament for league champions*

## **We will grow the sport for our sponsors by:**

- *Giving sponsors of all sizes the opportunity to grow with the ASPA*
- *Allowing sponsors to promote their products and services to our members*
- *Allowing sponsors to advertise at ASPA sanctioned events*
- *Creating cross promotions with players, sponsors, and venue owners that will increase exposure, value, and profitability for all*

## **We will grow the sport for our venue owners by:**

- *Promoting leagues and tournaments that will keep customers coming back and attracting new customers to their venues*
- *Offering clinics for players to learn new skills and increase their knowledge of the game*
- *Offering education to venue owners on how to keep the playing conditions of the shuffleboard table at a high level*
- *Offering regular communication, through our website and e-newsletter, regarding upcoming events, results, and other news*

## **We will grow the sport for our manufacturers by:**

- *Creating and developing new shuffleboard players, which will create a demand for more shuffleboard tables, wax, weights, weight cases, etc.*
- *Encouraging manufacturers to sponsor ASPA leagues and tournaments, which will increase sales to players and venue owners*

# **2021 Calendar of Events**

## **January 2021**

*The start of the season! All Winter Season ASPA leagues will start during the first 2 weeks of January. Leagues played during this season will try to qualify for the Winter Nationals in December!*

## **April 2021**

*All Spring Season ASPA leagues will start during the first 2 weeks of April. Leagues played during this season will try to qualify for the Winter Nationals in December!*

## **June 21-27, 2021**

*Our 1<sup>st</sup> ASPA Summer Nationals in Las Vegas! Although we won't have any qualifiers for this event, we will still be running the Summer Nationals for all ASPA members to compete! Players will be able to "buy in" to team, mixed triples, singles and doubles events! With over \$20,000 added, we're expecting the turnout to be amazing!*

## **July 2021**

*All Summer Season ASPA leagues will start during the first 2 weeks of July. Leagues played during this season will try to qualify for the Summer Nationals in June 2022.*

## **August 2021**

*Our 1<sup>st</sup> ASPA Summer Regionals! Winners of the Summer Regionals will earn paid trips to the 1<sup>st</sup> ASPA Winter Nationals in Las Vegas! ASPA Winter Regionals will be held in Venues across the United States and will feature local league winners competing for those paid trips to ASPA Nationals. In addition to the qualifier only team event, additional singles and doubles events will be available to "buy in" to.*

## **October 2021**

*All Fall Season ASPA leagues will start during the first 2 weeks of October. Leagues played during this season will try to qualify for the Summer Nationals in June 2022.*

## **December 2021/January 2022 TBD**

*Our 1<sup>st</sup> ASPA Winter Nationals in Las Vegas! Teams from all over the USA will have qualified for this event during the Winter and Spring 2021 seasons. The teams won their spots by finishing at the top of their APSA Regional Finals! For the ASPA players and teams that didn't win their spots, they can "buy-in" and participate!*

# Introduction

Welcome to the American Shuffleboard Players Association! As a member of the ASPA, you will help usher in a new era for the Sport of Table Shuffleboard. We're very excited to have you on board with us and we look forward to a very bright future for the sport that we all love!

In this Rulebook, you'll find an enormous amount of helpful information to help you along the way. Playing in the ASPA means being a member of the largest Table Shuffleboard organization in the world and being part of a community. Part of that means playing by the rules and being a good sport.

Every ASPA match will be governed by these rules and every ASPA member agrees to abide by them. League play allows you to play Table Shuffleboard year round and enjoy the benefits of being an ASPA member. The entire ASPA organization is here for you...to operate your leagues at the highest level and to offer the most rewarding tournaments ever offered to Table Shuffleboard players.

So, keep this Rulebook handy, learn the rules inside and out, and get a lot of practice to increase your skills. Your road to being an Official Table Shuffleboard Player begins here. Good Luck and Good Shuffling to you and your teammates!

# Organizational Structure

The success of the ASPA depends on the hard work of every person within the organization, no matter what level they are on. We've broken down the ASPA into individual regions for the purposes of qualifying for the ASPA National Championships. State directors will oversee and assist the Regional Directors and, in some cases, be the same person depending on the amount of teams playing in that particular State.

Within each Region will be many leagues playing in many different counties. Some leagues will be Travel leagues and some will be In-House leagues. Each area will have a designated Local League Ambassador...a liaison to help create a cohesive group of Teams, Players, and Venue Owners. The relationship between the ASPA and the Host Venues is critical, which is why it is one of the 4 Pillars of our Mission Statement. The ASPA does not exist without Venues that offer Table Shuffleboard, so having a good relationship with the owners and helping them to grow their businesses is very important to the ASPA. Local League Ambassadors, or LLA's will also be responsible for recruiting new players and teams, as well as looking for new Venues to host league teams. This will help us grow not only the ASPA, but the entire Sport of Table Shuffleboard, which is good for everyone!

Finally, we'd like to recognize all the Team Captains! Anyone can be a team captain, recruit players and form a team. You don't even have to be the best player on the team, but organizing and dealing with people should be a strong suit for a team captain. From time to time, the APSPA will rely on the input of the team captains in dispute situations or when discussing rule changes. The team captain's role is an important one for the Local League Ambassador to have a "Go To" person on each team to help get information out to the players.

On the next page, we dive even deeper into these Organizational Roles and more of the responsibilities. Keep in mind, other than the Team Captains, each of these other Positions within the ASPA are appointed positions that come with responsibilities and corresponding compensation. When the ASPA grows and prospers, so does everyone within the organization!

# Organizational Chain

## Definitions and Explanations

### **ASPA Player**

*ASPA players are the reason why the ASPA was created. We built this organization so Table Shuffleboard players can compete in world class leagues and tournaments. The ASPA player's responsibility is to show up, follow the rules, and most of all, HAVE FUN!*

### **Team Captain**

*The Team Captain is the decision maker of the team. A team is comprised of 4-7 players. The team captain has the final say in determining weekly lineups, is responsible for the weekly dues, and is the only player on the team who can add and drop players from the roster. It is the responsibility of the team captain to handle all team and match related disputes. Team captains may appeal any dispute to the Regional Director.*

### **Local League Ambassador**

*The primary focus of the Local League Ambassador is to grow the ASPA in their assigned county or counties. LLA's should be spending time signing up venues to host ASPA teams, talking to local patrons about joining the ASPA, and registering teams. When a night of league play is established, the LLA should look to expand to other nights of the week and other venues to host teams. Certain areas could have multiple league divisions on each night and also have league play 4 or 5 nights a week! Even when leagues are going, the LLA's job is not done. During the 12 week season, LLA's should also be helping to recruit subs so each team has 7 players and has flexibility to play each week and not have to request match postponements. Players and venue rely on matches to be played consistently. Accomplishing that relies on each team having enough players on their roster to field a team each week.*

### **Regional Director**

*The main function of the Regional Director is to act as a liaison between the League Players and the State Directors & National Office. Any disputes that cannot be resolved at the match level should be appealed to the Regional Director. Regional Directors will be directly responsible for scheduling and hosting the ASPA Regional Championships in their area. Depending on the number of teams in a region, the Regional Director and State Director may be the same person.*

### **State Director**

*The State Director's main function is to support the Regional Directors and help bridge the gap between the Regional and National levels. State Directors will assist in operating the ASPA Regional Championships in their state. State Directors will be expected to assist in operating the ASPA National Championships as well as other National and State level events.*

# Code of Conduct

*ASPA requires the highest standards of fair play and good sportsmanship to be eligible for participation in our organization. Good conduct must be maintained before, during, and after all matches. You represent, not only yourself, but also the venue you play for, your team, and the ASPA. Obnoxious behavior will not be tolerated. Instigating or participating in any manner of physical violence or verbal abuse will not be tolerated and could result in expulsion from the ASPA with the loss of all prize money and awards.*

*Breaking the Code of Conduct can result in arguments and hard feelings between players and teams. Please show good sportsmanship and common courtesy to both your opponents and the Host Venue by observing these basic etiquette guidelines:*

- *Treat your opponent as you would like to be treated.*
- *Wish your opponent good luck before the match begins.*
- *Stay away from the table and out of your opponent's line of sight when they are shooting.*
- *Do not engage your opponent in conversation while they are shooting.*
- *Pay attention to your match.*
- *Be ready to shoot when it is your turn.*
- *Begin your game or match as soon as the previous game or match is over.*
- *Observe all time guidelines.*
- *Shake your opponent's hand after the game or match...win or lose.*
- *Cheering for your teammate is part of the fun, but don't root against your opponent. Observing these guidelines and displaying good sportsmanship helps ensure a fun and competitive evening of League or Tournament play.*
- *Without our Host Venues, there would be no ASPA Leagues. Host Venues have the right to refuse service to anyone, at any time. ASPA cannot require a Host Venue to host a team or to let specific individuals in the door. Remember you are the Host Venue's guest. Please follow these basic guidelines:*
  - *Be courteous and polite to the staff.*
  - *Always respect the equipment*
  - *Be knowledgeable of, and adhere to, House Rules.*
  - *Do not set drinks on the shuffleboard tables.*
  - *Never smoke at the table.*
  - *Be aware of your surroundings. If someone is in the way of a shot, wait for them to move or politely ask them to move.*
  - *Unless Host Venue policy allows it, never bring in outside food or beverages.*

# Chapter 1: Membership

## 1.01 Application

*Membership in the ASPA is contingent upon acceptance of a completed application. A membership application is provided in your Team Welcome Packet or is available on our website. All information requested and provided will be used only for the purposes of the ASPA and its sponsors. Personal information will not be sold to anyone for any reason, however, by signing the application, you agree to all ASPA Rules and Regulations, and you understand that ASPA reserves all rights. Possession of a valid membership card entitles the player to participate in all ASPA sanctioned competition for which he/she is qualified.*

## 1.02 Team Registration

*All teams must register via the ASPA website. All team registrations will be time stamped for the purposes of admission to the league.*

## 1.03 Annual Membership Dues

*Each individual applying for ASPA membership shall pay annual dues of \$25. Dues must accompany the application to be considered eligible for any league or tournament match.*

## 1.04 Effective Dates

*On receipt of a membership application and dues, a membership card will be valid for the current season starting January 1 through December 31. Applications received after November 1 will be considered paid for the remainder of the current season and the entire subsequent season.*

## 1.05 Membership Types

*There are (2) types of memberships in the ASPA:*

- a. Amateur – All unrated players and players rated “0” – “4” will receive amateur status*
- b. Masters – Any player rated “-0” to “-1” will receive masters status*

## 1.06 Meetings

*ASPA Board Meetings will be held quarterly and are not open to the general membership. An annual meeting will be held and is open to all members in good standing with the ASPA. League meetings will be held as needed and will be scheduled at least 1 week in advance and will be communicated via the ASPA website.*

# Chapter 2: General Playing Rules (League)

## 2.01 ASPA Certification

*Leagues and Tournaments must be organized and played in accordance with ASPA Bylaws, rules, and regulations. These events must be scheduled on shuffleboards that currently are ASPA certified and only ASPA approved equipment may be used. In addition, all players must be members of the ASPA and show their ASPA membership card to the opposing team captain and picture I.D. upon request. Any players who do not have a membership must fill out a membership application and pay the annual fee in order to be eligible for competition. Failure to comply with this rule will result in forfeiture of the match.*

## 2.02 Definitions

*League – A group of teams competing for a specified number of weeks*

*Team – A group of players competing in a league*

*Match – A competition between 2 teams consisting of a set number of games*

*Game – A competition between 2 or 4 players of opposing teams, usually played to 15 points*

*Weight – The object that is slid down the shuffleboard used to play the game*

*Frame – One round of play consisting of two players from opposing teams, alternating turns, each delivering 4 total weights*

*Hammer – Term used to define the last turn in a frame (If player A goes first, that means player B would “have the hammer”)*

## 2.03 The Game

- a. All players must shake hands prior to the start of the game*
- b. Once the hammer is determined, players must retire to the end of the table that they will be playing*
- c. The team without the hammer shoots first and the weights start from the left end*
- d. Players will alternate turns sliding the weights down the shuffleboard. This is called playing a frame*
- e. After all 8 weights are shot, points are tallied and marked on the scoresheet*
- f. The team that scores the points then shoots first in the next frame. If there is no score in a frame, the hammer switches*

- g. Teammates take turns shooting frames and stay on the same end for the entire game*
- h. When a team reaches 15 points, then the game is over.*
- i. Teams may use their own weights. In the event that a team does not have their own weights, then the venue must supply weights for the team to use.*

#### **2.04 Delivering the Weight**

- a. The following criteria must be met for a shot to be a legal delivery: one foot must be on the ground and both feet must be behind the deuce line when the shot is delivered*
- b. No double release shots are allowed. Penalty for violation shall be the loss of that shot and any weights that have been knocked off or moved shall be replaced*
- c. A player may not hold a weight in his/her hand while their opponent is shooting. The player shooting may not hold another weight while shooting. A player may not hold drinks, cigarettes, cell phones, or any objects in his/her hands or mouth while playing a frame. Turn off cell phones while playing.*

#### **2.05 Foul Line**

- a. The foul line closest to the player will be the line used in all ASPA League competition*
- b. If a weight is delivered and does not pass the foul line completely, then it will be removed and that turn is forfeited*

#### **2.06 Etiquette**

- a. All generally accepted rules of good sportsmanship shall apply*
- b. No drinks or foreign objects in hands or mouth while shooting*
- c. Players shall stand behind their opponent while opponent is shooting*
- d. No verbal or physical harassment while a player is shooting*
- e. No Sharking*
- f. Players at the opposite end must stand at least 5 feet away from the board during a frame at the other end*
- g. Any infractions to these rules of etiquette will result in a warning, then any subsequent infraction will carry a two point penalty*

#### **2.07 Scoring**

- a. After all weights in a frame have been shuffled, the player's whose leading weight is farthest away from the playing end is the winner of the frame. The winner's score is then determined by adding the values of all his leading weights which lie ahead of the loser's leading weight. Only the winner scores in each frame*
- b. In order for a weight to be counted as a deuce, the weight must be completely across the deuce line. The same goes for a three*

- c. *In order for a weight to be counted as a four, the weight must be hanging across the far edge of the board. In the event that there is a question as to whether or not a weight is a “hanger”, then the opposing captain will run a straight edge to determine if it is truly a “hanger”*
- d. *In the event that a two or a three is too close to call and both players and both team captains cannot agree on the call, then the weight will be scored as the lower*
- e. *Weights shall not be removed at the end of a frame until both parties have viewed, and agreed, upon the score to be marked. If a scoring weight is moved by a player before the score is agreed upon, the score will be marked in favor of the player who did not move the weight*

## **2.08 Hammer**

- a. *The first hammer in a match is determined by the away team. The hammer will alternate during the match, therefore, the away team will decide to have the first hammer in games 1, 3, & 5 or games 2, 4, & 6. The home team will have the first hammer in the games not chosen by the away team.*
- b. *The home team is given the choice of color to be used for the match. Once color is chosen, a change cannot be made*
- c. *After each frame, the hammer will go to the team who didn't score in the previous frame*
- d. *If the leading weights in a frame are tied, regardless of whether there are any other weights on the board, there is no score and the hammer changes*
- e. *If the player who has the hammer shoots first, they lose that privilege and must complete the frame in the same rotation*

## **2.09 Coaching**

- a. *Coaching during the end being played can only be done during a timeout. A timeout can only be requested by the players that are playing at the time or the team captain*
- b. *Each team is limited to 4 timeouts per game. Each timeout is limited to 1 minute. Each team may meet during a timeout. When a team reaches their limit of 4 timeouts, the opposing team must warn them. Any other coaching after the 4-timeout limit will result in forfeiture of that shot.*
- c. *No other discussion may be had while an end is in process, including yelling across the board at a teammate or meeting at either end or the middle of the board or hand gestures or signaling of any kind.*
- d. *The team captain is permitted to discuss strategy to the player whose end is not currently being played. Once the hammer is delivered at the opposite end, the captain must retire from that strategy session and allow the game to proceed without interruption.*

## **2.10 Mush Hit or Soft Hit**

- a. In the case of a Mush Hit, the game will continue without penalty*
- b. If the object weight has wax on the side which may result in a Mush Hit, you may request to have the opposing team captain wipe it off and re-spot it*

## **2.11 Making a Weight “Safe”**

- a. Any weights in danger of falling off the end of the board may be made safe by either team captain at the request of either opposing player involved in the game*
- b. If a weight is made safe, it cannot be out-distanced by a weight of the other color*
- c. If a “4” or overhanging rail weight falls, while a player is shooting, the weight will be returned to its original position and the player will not shoot again. Any weights affected by the shot will remain where they ended.*
- d. If a weight that is made safe falls off after a weight is delivered by the opposing team, that player has the option of taking that turn over, after the weight is returned to its original position*
- e. A weight cannot be made or called safe without physically moving the weight. A player who deliberately moves a hanger so as to force a call will lose their, or their teams, next shot in that frame*
- f. If a safe weight is moved to a new position by another weight, the safety of the weight is removed. If it is still a “4” the procedure for safety must be reinstated.*

## **2.12 Moving and Spinning Weights**

- a. A weight can only leave the playing surface under its own momentum, or by being struck by another weight after it has come to a complete stop.*
- b. A weight which leaves the playing surface after being struck by another weight, then returns to the playing surface, is considered out of play and must be removed. Any weights displaced by this weight will be returned to the position they had before the “out of play” weight returned to the playing surface*
- c. A weight which is flipped over after being struck will be turned right side up.*
- d. A player cannot shoot an opponent’s weight if it is still moving forward, however a player can shoot at a weight that is spinning but no longer has forward momentum. If a player shoots while an opponent’s weight is moving forward and the moving weight leaves the playing surface; it will be placed at the spot where it fell. The player who shot, will lose their shot and any weights moved will be returned to their original position*
- e. If a weight has come to a complete stop, then falls after a player or object, contacts the playing surface, cradle, or scoreboard, it will be replaced as close as possible to the weight’s original position.*

### **2.13 Waxing the Rails**

- a. You may wax dry spots on the left and right rails up to the foul line, out of the containers only, only on the end of the board you are shooting, only when it is your shot, and only prior to the end of the frame.*
- b. Any other waxing during a game can only be requested by the players in that game, and shall be done by the team captain and only by mutual agreement of the captains*

### **2.14 Infractions and Penalties**

- a. No tampering with or altering weights, wax, or boards. Violations shall result in forfeit of the match and possible expulsion from the ASPA*
- b. More than 30 seconds between shots shall constitute slow play and result in a warning. Any other subsequent infractions shall result in forfeiture of that shot*

### **2.15 Disputes During a Game**

- a. Any disputes during a game can be appealed to the team captains without using a timeout*
- b. If the captains cannot resolve the dispute, then the game will continue with the benefit of the doubt being given to the home team*
- c. If the dispute is not resolved, both captains must put the dispute in writing, stating the nature of the dispute and present all evidence to the APSA office within 24 hours of the dispute*
- d. The ASPA will then make a ruling on the dispute and may award or disqualify points or games based on the ruling*
- e. All decisions by the ASPA are final*

### **2.16 Commonly Asked Questions**

# Chapter 3: League Rules

## 3.01 League

- a. A League will consist of a minimum of 4 teams, and must have an even number of teams.
- b. Teams will be entered on a first come, first serve basis. All returning teams from the previous season will have first right of refusal.

## 3.02 Schedule

- a. The season schedule will be provided for each league no later than 72 hours prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of play. Schedules will be posted on the website.
- b. Teams will be notified of their match Venue and opponent for the first week of play no later than 48 hours prior the scheduled match. *In the event that there are an odd number of teams to start the season, the last team to register will postpone the first week's match until another team is registered. If there are an odd number of teams going into the second week, then the last team to register will be out for the current season.*

## 3.03 League Match

- a. A league match consists of 2 teams, with 4 players each, playing a total of 6 games. Each player will play 3 of the 6 games, and will play with each of the other 3 players on his/her team.
- b. Each game, there are 4 total match points available to win.
- c. 1 match point will go to the team that reaches 15 points first.
- d. 2 match points will go to the team with higher game score with handicap (In the event of a tie, each team will receive 1 match point).
- e. 1 match point will go to each team that scores at least 10 actual points in the game.
- f. 4 additional match points will go to the team with the higher total score with handicap for all 6 games combined (In the event of a tie, each team will receive 2 match points)

## 3.04 Start Time

- a. Start time for league play will vary from league to league and will be posted on the website and listed on the scoresheet and standings.
- b. Official practice will begin 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled match.

### **3.05 Practice**

- a. Practice begins 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled match
- b. The home team will be permitted to practice for the first 15 minutes of the scheduled match.
- c. The away team will be permitted to practice for the second 15 minutes of the practice session.
- d. Tardy players will not be permitted additional practice time

### **3.06 Rosters**

- a. Rosters must have a minimum of 4 players
- b. Rosters may have no more than 7 players
- c. Any additions to the roster must be made at least 72 hours in advance of the scheduled match. All roster changes must be made with the local ASPA director and the ASPA National office, who will notify the opposing team.
- d. *A player cannot be on more than 1 roster at one time in any given league. The exception to this rule would be the LLA or Regional Director. Players may, however, be on rosters in multiple leagues, and across multiple nights and regions.*

### **3.07 Entering Skill Levels**

- a. All new ASPA members will enter the ASPA with the most current Bowers Rating. Only whole numbers will be used.
- b. Any new member without a Bowers Rating will enter at a Skill Level of "3"
- c. If it is determined that a player without a Bowers Rating has a skill level better than a "3" Skill Level, the player's entering Skill Level may be changed at the discretion of the ASPA.

### **3.08 Legal Lineup**

- a. "Add to 5" Rule- The combined team Skill Level must add to 5 or higher. The Skill Level used will be the league starting Skill Level for each player.
- b. A minimum of 3 players constitutes a legal lineup.
- c. In the event of a 3 person lineup, the team would forfeit all games that the 4<sup>th</sup> player would have played in. The 4<sup>th</sup> player must still be declared to determine if the "Add to 5" rule is satisfied

### **3.09 Scoresheet**

- a. Each team will fill out a scoresheet and compare the scoresheet at the end of each game to check for any errors.
- b. The home team will complete the official scoresheet and submit it to the ASPA upon completion of the match.
- c. Both captains must sign the official scoresheet.
- d. *A sample scoresheet is available in this rulebook in the Appendix section*

### **3.10 Paying League Fees**

- a. *Weekly league fees shall be \$44 per team, per week*
- b. *Fees shall be paid via Paypal each week. Fees must be paid by the end of the match.*
- c. *Any team that is more than \$44 in arrears may be subject to a forfeit of points.*

### **3.11 Postponing a Match**

- a. *Postponing a match should only be done in emergency situations or when a team cannot fill their 4 player roster. If a team has only 4 players, and a player quits the league, the team has a right to request a postponement at any time in order to fill their roster.*
- b. *A match postponement must be scheduled and played within 2 weeks of the original match.*
- c. *It must also be played within 48 hours of a "position week" as the scores of the postponed match could impact the position of teams.*

### **3.12 Forfeits**

- a. *In order to keep integrity of the league, every effort must be made to play each match.*
- b.

### **3.13 Qualifying for Regionals**

- a. *All ASPA leagues shall advance at least one team to the ASPA Regional Tournament held twice a year, with the exception of ASPA Interim Leagues. Interim leagues are leagues that start more than 2 weeks after the Official Beginning of any given season. Interim league teams pay only \$28 per week and are not eligible to advance teams to the ASPA Regional Finals.*
- b. *The size of the league will determine the number of teams that shall advance to the ASPA Regional Finals.*
  1. *4 Team Leagues shall advance the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team*
  2. *6 Team Leagues shall advance the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Teams*
  3. *8 Team Leagues shall advance the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Teams with the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team receiving a Bye to the Single Elimination Bracket at the ASPA Regionals*
  4. *10 Team Leagues shall advance the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Teams with the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team receiving a Bye to the Single Elimination Bracket at the ASPA Regionals*
  5. *We recommend that leagues larger than 10 teams to break up into 2 smaller leagues. The LLA should consult with the ASPA National Office for ideas on how best to do this.*
- c. *Any team that qualifies 2 seasons in a row, from the same league, to the same ASPA Regional Tournament, shall receive a bye to the Single*

*Elimination Bracket, and the next team in the standings shall advance to the ASPA Regional Tournament.*

- d. Due to the format of the ASPA Regional Tournament, there may be a need to add 1-3 additional teams to the tournament. In this case, we would hold a Wild Card Drawing. Each team that did not qualify in either of the two seasons would receive an entry into the Wild Card Drawing and have a chance to win a spot in the ASPA Regional Tournament. The Wild Card Drawing will take place at least one month prior to the ASPA Regional Tournament.*