

The OCMA Board on Thursday, August 18th approved the below changes to the 2023 OCMA/VNEA Pool Championships.

1. On a trial basis, there will be an "Open B" Division Event in 2023, based only on the 2022 tournament. If an Open A Team went two and out in 2022 (or three and out in the case of a first round BYE), the team will be eligible for entry in the Open B division for 2023. It is not mandatory, it is only an option for those teams. The entry fee will be the same as the Open A division. A list of OCMA B Players is included in this email.

2. Masters Events Changes:

- a. If there are less than 6 Ladies Masters Teams entered in the Ladies Masters Division, then the Teams will be contacted and asked if they would like to be moved and compete in the Open AA division (at the lower entry fee). If there is a unanimous vote of those Teams to still have a Ladies Masters Division, then it will be conducted. If not, they will have the option to be moved to the Open AA division.
- b. No Master Players are eligible to compete on a AA Team.

3. Petitions to be removed from Master or AA List: Players are not eligible to petition to be removed from the OCMA Master or AA Player List until after they have participated in the OCMA Tournament for at least three years without cashing in those state tournaments. "Sitting out" for three tournaments does not qualify them to petition to be removed, they MUST participate in at least three tournaments.

Common questions/concerns on B Division

Q: Why are you using two different rating systems for one tournament (Our traditional A, AA, M system and the CSR system?)

A: We are not using two different rating systems, EXCEPT FOR ADDING PLAYERS ON AN EXISTING B TEAM, SO AS TO PREVENT "RINGERS"

Q: I have team(s) playing in my local league, and they're "really not very good", can I put them in the B division for the 2023 tournament?

A: No, the B division is only for teams who participated in 2022 and went 2 (or 3) and out.

Q: How will the B division be filled in future years?

A: Most likely just like from the 2022 tournament, losing two and out.

Q: How can I get a list of the "B" players?

A: The list will be distributed after the OCMA board of directors approves this new division at the August board meeting. A preliminary copy is included with this email.

Q: My team is listed on the "B" list; do they have to play in the "B" division?

A: No, just like in previous years, team may play up to any division they wish to participate in, A, AA, or Masters.