

# 2022-2025 Regional Tournament Rules

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## NWOPPA Team Eligibility Rules

1. Players must be sanctioned and have 4 nights and at least 12 games of play on one team as of December 31<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for the main Friday night singles (this includes Ladies weekend main Open), team and Scotch doubles events. Anyone can play in any of the minis.
2. \*\*\*Regional division team rankings will be determined by their final league standings as of the end of the prior year pool league season. It is considered the same team if there are 3 original players from the prior year's team playing on the current year's team. If last year's team moves to a new league or if a team splits into two teams, they are still placed based on their final league standings from last year's league (provided they have 3 of the same players from last year). New teams will be reviewed during the December meeting for league and tournament placement. All teams whether new or old have until December 31<sup>st</sup> to get their tournament players qualified.

\*\*\*\*\*The Association Board reserves the right:

- a. To review ANY team division placement and adjust their placement as they see fit.
- b. To review any individual or any team to determine if they are attempting to manipulate the rules as they are intended.

3. If you use 3 original players from last year to establish your current year's divisional ranking, those original 3 players must play every round at the Regional tournament.
4. If your team has placed \*\*\* in the top two (2) positions at the Regional tournament, each individual player who PLAYED with that team will be ranked at the next higher Division. \*i.e., 1<sup>st</sup> place at Division 3, each individual player will be ranked as a Division 2 player). These designations will remain for a minimum of three years. After those three years OF PLAYING IN THEIR DESIGNATED DIVISION, the players will automatically become "unranked" provided those individuals or teams do not place in the top four (4) spots. \*\*\*This designation takes place the following year.
5. Teams can only have 2 higher level division players on their team/roster. (i.e., 2 Division 1 players on a Division 2 team or 2 Division 2 players on a Division 3 team.) Division 3 teams may have 2 Division 1 players on their roster with only 1 player playing at a time. Division 1 players may be rotated in and out but only 1 may play in any given round.
6. \*\*\*No Master players will be permitted on a Third Division team tournament roster. You can have 2 A or AA or 1<sup>st</sup> division players on your tournament roster but only 1 can play in any round at a time. (Master Player is ANY Master player from any state or national ranking)
7. \*\*\*Allow floating/open subs to play in the regional tournaments \*\*\*\*\*ONLY if a team is going to have to play short AND as long as they meet weeks and games played requirements. Also, only 1 regional tournament per sub.
8. \*\*\*If an Open team's league roster consists of less than 5 players, they will be allowed to create a team with other players within their league. These teams must consist of at least 3 original players (players from the same team) and these original 3 players MUST ALWAYS play. They can then pick up players (maximum of 3 additional) from within their league provided they pay the extra \$.75 per player per week for the Regional tournament fee. \*\*\*This fee will be based on the amount other teams in their league must pay. The newly formed team MUST play at the highest division that either team place in their league and are still required to meet other regional eligibility rules.
9. Per the above rule: if two teams split to form two teams, there will be no additional fees (provided there are still the same number of teams attending the Regional tournament). Examples:
  - A. each team consists of 3 males and 3 females – the 6 males form 1 team for Open, the 6 females form 1 team for Ladies. These teams would not be required to pay additional fees.
  - B. If each team consists of 3 males and 4 females and the 6 males form 1 team for Open and the 4 females from each team play as a team for ladies (2 teams), then the 6 males would be required to pay the additional fees.

10. If a Ladies team has 8 or more (Ladies) players on their roster, they will be allowed to split – making two separate teams for the Ladies Regional tournament provided they pay the extra \$.75 per player per week for the Regional tournament fee. \*\*\*This fee will be based on the amount the other teams in the league must pay.
11. \*\*\*If a Ladies team consists of less than 4 (ladies) players, they will be allowed to create a team with other ladies within their league. These teams must consist of at least 2 original players (players from the same team). These two (2) original players MUST ALWAYS play. They can then pick up lady players (maximum of 3 additional) from within their league provided they pay the extra \$.75 per player per week for the Regional tournament fee. \*\*\*This fee will be based on the amount the other teams in the ladies' league must pay. (also, see examples from rule 10 above)
12. If there are 12 or fewer ladies teams, the ladies division tournament will be played as a round robin. If there are 13 or more ladies teams, the ladies division tournament will be played as a double elimination.
13. Summer league qualifications:
  - A. Must be a minimum of 6 teams.
  - B. Must play a minimum of 24 weeks (2 times a week for 12 weeks)
  - C. Must pay the required fees for the Association based on the 24 weeks times 5 players per team (no matter how many players are on the actual team) times the Regional weekly rate (2023=\$.75 per player per week)
14. Singles tournaments rules: (All requirements Rule #1 MUST BE met as well)
  - A. If you place 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> OR if you split AT ANY POINT in a main singles (excluding the main OPEN singles tournaments of Ladies weekend and to the Ladies main singles), you will not be permitted to shoot in any future main singles. However, you will be permitted to play as many mini tournaments as you would like.
  - B. Ladies Division **Ladies** Singles – ANY female pool player on ANY Pioneer Vending pool team (open or ladies team) may play in the Ladies Singles tournament. Ladies ARE NOT required to play on a Ladies team to be eligible for the Ladies singles.
  - C. Ladies Division **Open** Singles main tournament: ANY pool player on ANY Pioneer Vending pool team (open or ladies team) may play in the Ladies Division Open Singles tournament.
  - D. First Division Singles main tournament: **First spots** will go to any player on a First Division team roster and ranked players that are not permitted to play in the main Singles of the weekend their team is playing. Example: You are on a Division Two team but are a Division One Regional ranked player. You cannot play in the Division Two Singles, but you will be allowed to play in Division One Singles. **If there are still spots available, any other eligible player can play. (SINGLES WILL BE LIMITED TO 64 PLAYERS.)**
  - E. Second Division Singles main tournament: **First spots** will go to any player on a Second Division team roster. **If there are still spots available, any third division player can play.** Player must not hold a State or National “Master” ranking or a Regional Division 1 ranking. All other players may play in the mini tournaments.
  - F. Third Division Singles main tournament: Player must be listed on a Third Division team roster to be eligible. Player must not hold a State, National or Regional ranking of any kind. All other players may play in the mini tournaments.
  - G. Minis: Minis will be held at any available opportunity throughout the 5 weekends. Anyone is eligible to play in a mini tournament. There are no vendor or sanctioning requirements.
15. Open teams **MUST SHOOT** in Division 1 to be eligible for the Invitational tournament. **First spots will be given to Division 1 teams. If there are any spots available after ALL Division 1 teams are offered a spot, then the top 2 Division 2 teams will be offered a spot, 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively.** Exception: If there are open spots available (after being offered to all of the First Division teams **and top 2 placing Second Division teams** and to all of the other participating vendors), these spots will be offered to the American Legion as a courtesy for allowing the tournaments to use their facility.
16. Headsets ARE permitted