

## A Message To All Members of TAP, LLC

We at TAP, LLC, also referred to as TAP, would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the new generation of league play. Our goal is to promote the sport of billiards in a forum that fosters fellowship, good sportsmanship and team spirit. Your affiliation with TAP is very important to us – important because it lets us know that you share the same love for the sport of billiards as we do. We hope that you enjoy your league play, and we are certain that you'll witness your skills developing as you participate in the fastest growing team sport of the new millennium.

TAP has put a good deal of effort into developing the programs offered to our members. Our research has noted that there are many different ways to play Scotch Doubles, and these vary from establishment to establishment throughout the world. We've structured our rules to be as fair as we possibly can to all of our players, regardless of where they are competing. Please remember that there will be circumstances that arise that are not specifically covered in the rules. We ask you to use this booklet as a guide, and let your common sense and sportsmanship do the rest. Also remember that there are all levels of players and teams in TAP. Some like to play for fun, and others enjoy the thrill of competition. Please remember that we all have the right to play and participate. Whatever a person's reason for playing, respect them and encourage others to do their best.

TAP, and its subsidiary, POOL Net, are nationally and internationally recognized league and tournament management systems. The support of our players and our products have elevated us to where we are today, and your continued support will put us in the forefront of the industry we've all grown to love. We hope to see all of you at one of our major events, and perhaps some-day, we'll be handing you a check for the winner's share. Until then, kick back and enjoy your league experiences and remember...

*“After all the rest,  
Why not the best?”*

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**Many of our members have been playing league pool for years; however, some find themselves participating in organized league play for the first time. If this is the case, a few simple rules will make your league experience, as well as those of your teammates, as enjoyable as possible.**

**The rules are as follows:**

**TAP Scotch Doubles Rules:**

(Applies for 8, 9, & 10 Ball)

**Object of the Game:**

Scotch Doubles is a game played by a team of (2) players who oppose another team of (2) players in a league match. During their league match, the (2) players function as a single entity, alternating shots until a game is brought to conclusion. This league format has proven to be very popular throughout the United States and is an excellent way for members to learn team communication skills. The rules for the corresponding TAP team format will apply when playing Scotch doubles.

**NOTE:** In order to play in Scotch Doubles, TAP Members must be actively participating in a team format.

**Handicaps:**

All new teams will begin as a new player and play a "Race to 3" match.

POOLNET will assign a handicap after the initial team stats have been entered.

**Race Grids:**

Teams will compete using the same Race Grid Rules for the team format they correspond with.

**Player Rotation:**

Player rotation must be maintained throughout each game and into the break of the next game. The non-breaking team can start each game with either player. Failure to stay in rotation is a Ball In Hand Foul.

**Time Outs:**

There are no Time Outs in Scotch Double. Because each team is considered (1) entity, teammates can talk to each other throughout the game as long as they stay within the (45) second Shot Clock Rule.

The rules of play for the corresponding TAP team format are to apply throughout the game.

Score keeping is identical to the score keeping in the corresponding team format.

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