

# **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

Teams that are qualified for the Local Team Championships, known in our area as Finals (LTC), have to pay particular attention to a number of items that can/may cause their team's or player's disqualification.

### **50% RULE FOR QUALIFIED TEAMS**

Teams that do not finish in the top half of their division in the session(s) following qualification are subject to heavy scrutiny of their handicaps and/or loss of eligibility. The Local LO will discuss those teams with the national office for a determination of loss of eligibility.

## YOUR SPRING ROSTER IS YOUR HIGHER LEVEL TOURNAMENT ROSTER

Your SPRING roster will be the roster you must play with when you enter the Finals (LTC). You cannot go back and re-sign a player who used to play with you in previous sessions, even if that player was part of the team when the team became qualified.

## **TEAMS MUST RETAIN FOUR "ORIGINAL MEMBERS"**

A qualified team must maintain a minimum of four original team members from the qualifying roster, from the time the team qualifies, thru the spring session.

#### SKILL LEVEL YOU MUST PLAY WITH

Every player MUST enter the Finals (LTC) with their highest session-ending skill level, be it from the session in which the team gained qualification thru the present session r their current skill level - whichever is highest.

#### NUMBER OF SCORES EACH PLAYER MUST HAVE

Each player must have a minimum of 10 actual match scores in their player's record (from the time they joined APA) AND play a minimum of 6 matches during the spring session in the corresponding format.

#### **IDENTIFICATION**

All players must have a valid, state issued photo ID and be ready to present it upon request.

#### THE APA HAS THE OPTION TO DISQUALIFY ANY TEAM

Handicap manipulation compromises the fairness and integrity of tournament play and cannot be tolerated. Accordingly, APA may disqualify any team if, in APA's sole judgment and absolute discretion, one or more of its players are deemed by APA to be playing at a skill level below their true ability. The determination of whether a player is playing at a skill level below his or her true ability is necessarily subjective; APA is the sole judge of a player's ability and may make such a determination in its absolute judgment and discretion.