

WSPA Endorses ACS as the Official National League Sponsor Of WSPA for 2015-16

As our first year of operations have drawn to a close, the WSPA Directors and member volunteers successfully produced our first independent state championships, and we appreciate the many accolades we received from our members in this and our other first-year endeavors. The WSPA desires to expand more benefits to our members, and we researched how we could work with other existing organizations to make this happen – starting with our relations to national pool league sanctioning bodies. It was obvious that only two national league sanctioning bodies – the American CueSports Alliance (ACS) and the BCA Pool League (BCAPL) – were structured to be able to nationally sanction any Wisconsin-based league affiliated to WSPA without the local league having to make any changes to its current structure...and to offer reputable National Championships that many of our members desire to attend.

We reviewed the benefit package that ACS offered and the timing of their events and determined to recommend the ACS as the favored national sanction body to those leagues interested in nationally sanctioning their leagues. Here is why WSPA is recommending ACS:

- The ACS National Championships are conducted every mid-May in Las Vegas at the Tropicana on the Strip (the dates better coordinate with end-of-Spring league sessions of most leagues, and the location is closer to the Vegas action). [BCAPL Nationals moving to late July off The Strip has not proved to be popular with many players across the country.] We attended the 2015 ACS Nationals this month and were very impressed with its overall production and player satisfaction...and it's growing!
- ACS is a non-profit, member-governed association structured like that of WSPA, and it only charges a \$10/player annual sanction fee. [BCAPL charges a \$15/player per league sanction fee annually]
- The ACS also offers more regional events open to WSPA members whose leagues sanction with ACS: **WI ACS Championships in Fall 2015, the ACS Midwest Championships in Davenport, IA, January 13-17, CCS Canadian Championships north of the border throughout the league year and the 2016 ACS Nationals May 7-14 at the Tropicana Hotel/Casino on the Strip in Las Vegas, NV.**
- Each WSPA-affiliated league sanctioning with ACS receives a free \$300 retail-value league cue.

- ACS offers free web-based league management software (not required) to any league desiring to change from its current league-management program (leagues may continue to use their current program if desired).
- The ACS is the only national league-sanction body headquartered in Wisconsin – Green Bay!
- The **ACS** has become the **Official National League Sponsor of the WSPA**, and for every WSPA league that sanctions with ACS in the 2015-16 league year, WSPA will gain added financial support that can further benefit our members.

Sanctioning with ACS is easy, and you may contact ACS via info@americancuesports.org or 920-662-1705. Website: www.americancuesports.org.