



WISCONSIN STATE POOLPLAYERS ASSOCIATION

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As you may know, the current sanctioning dues for BCAPL are \$15 per player. What you may not know, is that the WIBCAPL receives only 10% of those dues back from the National BCAPL. That means from the 4,000 BCAPL players in the state of Wisconsin, \$60,000 is sent in and the WIBCAPL receives only \$6,000 back. This money is then contributed to the added money at the state tournament.

Our sole mission is to promote the sport of amateur pocket billiards in the state of Wisconsin. We feel it is crucial to the development of pocket billiards to offer something that more of our players can benefit from. The main benefit to Wisconsin players sanctioning with the BCAPL is the ability to compete at the National BCAPL Championships. However, over the last five years, Wisconsin's participation has been an average of 4% of the WIBCAPL sanctioning body and has been in decline each year. With that said, it is with much excitement that we share this news with you.

The WIBCAPL Board has decided it's in Wisconsin's best interest to become an independent association. The future of Wisconsin pool lies within an independent association, but we need your help in making this a very successful first year! We are inviting all currently sanctioned BCAPL leagues and welcoming any non-sanctioned leagues to join the future of Wisconsin pool: the Wisconsin State Poolplayers Association. The WSPA will have no ties to a national organization and will be its own independent association, keeping 100% of our sanctioning fees right here in the state of Wisconsin!

What the WSPA does for you:

- Lower sanction dues
- Easier startup of new leagues
- Easier ways to sanction
- Bigger state tournaments

What the future holds:

- Reduced green fees
- Reduced administration fees
- More added money
- Even bigger state tournaments
- Player ratings committee

We urge you the players to encourage your League Operator to sanction with the WSPA, as you must shoot in a WSPA sanctioned league to compete in the WSPA State Singles and Team Championships. Leagues still can and are encouraged to sanction with the BCAPL if a number of players participate in team play at Nationals. Please be aware that you do not need to shoot in a BCAPL sanctioned league to compete in National singles and doubles events and can simply do so with a BCAPL Player Membership

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Some of you may have some questions concerning the Wisconsin State Poolplayers Association: Included in this packet, you will find some of the frequently asked questions we've had during our contact with players and League Operators. If your question is not covered, we encourage you to ask one of the WBCAPL Board Members while at the Tournament. We are more than willing to help you all better understand the WSPA.

“What is the reasoning behind the new association?”

The WSPA is not a new association. It is the existing WBCAPL organization and will undergo a name change on June 1st, 2014. Going forward, the WSPA will choose to no longer require BCAPL sanctioning for our tournaments, but instead create an independent sanctioning body within the state of Wisconsin.

The reason behind the WSPA is to simply create more value for Wisconsin league players. It is obvious that the overwhelming majority of players are sanctioning for the state tournament and not for a National tournament. Wisconsin's participation at Nationals has been in decline: over the last five years, an average of only 5% of Wisconsin sanctioned players has competed at Nationals.

We are offering easier ways to sanction, which will bring new life and new faces to the organization. We have some exciting new ideas that we will be announcing in the near future that will develop more player participation.

“How much is the sanction fee and how will it be used?”

The sanction fee is \$8 and will be used as added money, board and tournament operation costs, tournament entertainment (pro exhibitions), etc.

100% of players' sanctioning dues will remain in the state of Wisconsin. It will not get sent to a National organization from which 95% of our players do not benefit from. One of our main goals is to apply sanction fees towards lower green fees and administration fees for the players, all while adding more money to the state tournaments. While this may not happen immediately, we feel the WSPA will be successful in the future and will be able to do so.

“If we shoot in more than one WSPA league, do we have to pay more than one sanction fee?”

Absolutely not. We will gladly work with League Operators to identify players shooting in multiple WSPA leagues.

“Won't you be getting half as much money? Why not just make the sanction fee \$15?”

Keep in mind that the WBCAPL only received \$1.50 from your current \$15 sanctioning fee. This money is then given back to the players as added money into the state tournament. With that said, we felt \$8 was a good number to go with. It's a significant savings for existing BCAPL leagues, and hopefully not a deterrent for new leagues to start.

“What rules of play will the WSPA follow?”

We feel that the BCAPL rules are the most thorough and will continue to use them for our tournaments. League play, while encouraged to use BCAPL rules, are free to use whatever they choose.

“Can I still play at BCAPL Nationals?”

Absolutely! It is not a requirement to sanction through a BCAPL league to participate in singles or doubles events at BCAPL Nationals. By purchasing a \$25 BCAPL Player Membership, you are able to compete in both of these events. Those wishing to play in the team events will still have to sanction in a BCAPL league.

“Can our league multi-sanction with BCAPL and/or other organizations?”

Absolutely! We’re in no way discouraging leagues from sanctioning with BCAPL. Some leagues may still sanction with the BCAPL to accommodate players wishing to compete in team play at the BCAPL National Championships.

“How many weeks does it take to qualify?”

Four matches... not weeks. Some leagues may choose to run double header nights, during which time a team can shoot two matches on the same night. Any player having played four league matches will be eligible for the WSPA State Tournaments. Any player having played less than four matches will not be required to pay a WSPA sanction fee. This is convenient for teams needing to pick up a substitute for a few matches of league play.

Keep in mind that League Operators will have the final discretion on how their leagues run. Leagues that multi-sanction must adhere to the strictest league guidelines outlined by other sanctioning bodies.

“How will you afford an office staff to maintain player info with a lower sanction fee?”

There is no need for a staffed office. Believe it or not, all seven board members have full-time jobs and families and are able to do this during our “free time”.

We will maintain our own player database just as we always have. Nationals simply told us whether or not a player paid their \$15 sanctioning dues. They could not tell us how many weeks you played unless your league used their proprietary software. The WIBCAPL Board would have to manually go through and check league stats to verify tournament eligibility.