

President's Message To Captains

Captains,

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It gives me great pleasure to welcome you and your team to the 2011-2012 Manatee Valley Pool League season. I look forward to a great season and am here to help you and your team with any questions or guidance you may need. I have been involved in the VNEA and organized pool leagues for nearly 20 years now and take great pride as President of this charter and believe I have a lot to offer the league.

As the League President I have a responsibility to you. This includes helping you and your team with any questions or problems that may occur, helping with any rules questions that you may have and most important getting you proper and up to date information promptly. As a Captain you also have a responsibility and an obligation to your team. It is the team captains responsibility to insure that your team has all the information in the team packets, as well as information on the weekly cover sheets (I.e. tournaments, fundraisers, league changes, rule changes, location changes, etc.). It is extremely important that care is taken in checking over score sheets (averages, scores, player feats and totals (for both)) before signing and turning in original copy in envelope. It is very time consuming going back to change sheets after they are put into the computer and most fields cannot be changed after it has been entered. It is also important to familiarize yourself and educate your team as to the 2011/2012 VNEA Rule Book, at this time there are no rule changes from the 2010/2011 VNEA Rule Book. Returning captains, please note we are using VNEA Rules and Regulations for the 2011/2012 season. Some rules used locally last year have changed. Do not assume you know the rules, check. Do not allow your team to lose round points from late envelopes and unpaid sanctions. Take caution when asking other captains or players to drop off envelopes, it is ultimately the responsibility of the home team to make sure this is done and on time.

In an effort to eliminate confusion to teams. Most questions to League Officers should be inquired by Team Captains and Co-Captains. This will help with repetitive questions from the same teams being asked. The League is always open to inquiries by any player but with over 150 players this can get overwhelming, so using the Chain-of-Command method is encouraged. We have been and are in the process of revamping our website, many questions can and will be able to be answered using this site. The website is open to all players, schedules, Team standings, player averages, player standings, bar locations and a player's network are all amongst the information the site has to offer. Please familiarize yourself with the website and if you have any feedback or suggestions let us know. We are always looking for

your comments to help better the league for you and other players. We will be using this site to get information and weekly standings to you.

Please be respectful to the officers personal lives, as most of you they too have jobs outside the pool league. If you have a question or have tried to make contact with one of them, please give them time to get back with you. Every effort will be made to answer all your questions in a timely manor. Again, I cannot wait to get the new season started and look forward to seeing all of you through-out the season. Good luck to all and shoot well.

Thank you,

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