

President's Message To Players

Players,

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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. Your captain has the responsibility to insure you receive this information and that you are well informed of any changes during the season, upcoming events and educated on the VNEA Rule Book. As a Player you also have a responsibility and an obligation to your team. It is important that you be on time and ready to play when it is your turn. League pool should be fun as well as competitive and it makes for a long and stressful night to you and your team when players are not there at the start of play. We all know that things come up and that sometimes players can run late. You as the player should have the courtesy to your team to call and inform the captain if this is the case. We all know that sometimes a player needs to shoot your games and leave due to circumstances. In either case the opposing team does not have to agree to this, so please do not abuse the kindness of other teams or put your team in an awkward position. It is important for you as the player to note your position in the line up and be ready to play when it is your turn, remember this league implements the rack your own policy, so if it is your break please be ready. Your team should not have to look for you to play your game.

New players, if you have a question during your game you should first ask your opponent. If your opponent cannot answer the question then it is best if both captains are brought in to answer the question, this will avoid a possible coaching foul from occurring. Returning players, please remember some of the new players have never played organized pool before. We want the league to grow and for players to enjoy our league; we all started as a new player at some point in time, so please help to make this an enjoyable experience for all. 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 your captains.

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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