

Thunder Bay Men's Pool League – Rules 2025-2026

- 1) Thunder Bay Pool League (TBPL) is a men's league. Players must be of legal drinking age.
- 2) Each team will have at least 7 players and not more than 13.
- 3) A final roster must be turned in by the 4th week of play. If a team roster is not turned in the team will forfeit all games until the roster is turned in.
- 4) All league disputes will be put in writing and turned into the President of the League by the protesting Captain within 48 hours. Failure to do so will result in the matter being dropped.
- 5) A match will consist of 17 games of partners.
- 6) A single player can only play a maximum of 5 games.
- 7) Match start time will be 7:00pm, actual time. If a team does not show by 7:30pm the match will be considered forfeit.
- 8) If a team is short players they will play as many games as possible. Forfeits in matches will be awarded to the team that has enough players to finish the match. If both teams do not have enough players, then the team that has more players will be awarded the win for each match they could have presented players. Any matches where both teams do not have enough players to put forth will be divided evenly between the two teams. In the event of an uneven number of matches to be divided, the team with the most players in attendance will be awarded the odd match.

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Forfeits can be played out if both Captains agree. Every player in attendance must play their maximum number of games before a teammate can play 6 or more games. Then, all possible players must play their 6th match before another player can play his 7th and so on. The opposing Captain chooses which players on the opposing team will play each match.

- 9) At the start of the match; players from each team must be present.
- 10) The visiting team will break first then rotate the break with each game.

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- 11) All games will be played as straight 8-ball. Players shall call their ball and pocket on all shots. Play will be full ball-in-hand. Ball-in-hand is defined as: after legal contact any ball may hit a rail or pocketed to be considered a good hit. The cue ball scratching, not contacting any of the player's balls, or a ball not striking a rail will be considered ball-in-hand.
- 12) A team will get one point for each win or forfeited game.
- 13) A picture of the score must be sent by text message to the Secretary/Treasurer phone number directly after the match by both team captains. Scores will be posted on the Thunder Bay Men's Pool League webpage tbm8ball.com. If the sheet is not sent within two weeks of the conclusion of match play zeros will be given.
- 14) Unlimited coaching during regular season matches. Playoff matches allow one coach per player per match. The player may call any member of his team to the table as a coach.
- 15) If any ball is moved unintentionally by the player or pool cue; the captain of the opposing team has the choice of either leaving the ball as it lies or returning it to its original position. If the player replaces the ball (without consent) it will be considered a foul and result in ball-in-hand for the opposing team.
- 16) A player must hit his ball first when making a combo-shot. He must call the shot. Any ball may be used on an open table except for the 8-ball.
- 17) Any contact made between the cue ball and the cue tip while stroking will be considered a shot, except when breaking.
- 18) If the player miscues without hitting the rack while breaking he will be allowed to shoot until he breaks the rack.
- 19) City Championship matches will consist of 18 games at the first bar and 17 games at the second bar. Round robin matches are a race to nine wins.
- 20) Annual dues are \$50.00 per man.

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- 21) A player can be added after the 5th week of play. Three Captains in the team's division must agree upon the addition. Players added after January 1st of the season require permission from the Board. The Board consists of the President, V-P, and Secretary/Treasurer. The new player must pay his full \$50.00 dues before participating in play. If a player is added to the roster after the 2nd half his dues are still \$50.00.
- 22) The President, Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-President and team Captains are the governing body of the TBPL. Captains will vote on all league decisions. The President may only vote to break ties. Conflicts of interest will go to Vice-President and then the Secretary/Treasurer.
- 23) The elections of officers will be held at the annual banquet. A ballot system may be used during the year to save time.
- 24) The Treasurer's books will be turned over to the treasurer-elect within a two-week period after the annual banquet.
- 25) The first through fourth place teams will not shoot in the Round Robin. They will play for City Champions.
26. The Sponsor fees will be \$100.00 per team.
- 27) The present officers will reserve the banquet hall for the following year's banquet.
- 28) If a man is barred from the bar, he cannot assume he may shoot that night. To participate in the match, arrangements with the bar owner must be made prior to the match. If the owner lets him shoot that evening, he must play his five games and then leave.
- 29) Each team is required to have one man present when work is to be done. This includes the banquet.
- 30) The officers shall not pay dues. Officers shall receive \$150.00 each for running the league.
- 31) Full ball-in-hand on all fouls.
- 32) The shooter has one minutes from when the ball stops moving to shoot the next shot. This includes any coaching time. If one minute is exceeded, it is ball-in-hand.
- 33) Jump shots will not be allowed.

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- 34) On the break, if both stripe(s) and solid(s) fall, the first legally pocketed ball after the break decides possession.
- 35) Teammates must rotate shooting order during match. Team player who shoots last in previous match CANNOT be first player to shoot for team in next match.
- 36) A player must shoot in 50% of the matches to date to be eligible for league sponsored tournaments.
- 37) PUSH rule: If the cue ball and object ball are touching the player must shoot at a 45-degree angle. If the player fails to do so it will be considered a foul and the opposing team will receive ball-in-hand. If a shot is in question, it is between both Captains to decide the outcome.