



ROAD TO VEGAS



What is the [Poolplayers Championships \(PPC\)](#)?

Like our [World Pool Championships](#), where teams earn their way to compete against other teams from all over the world in the largest pool tournament in the world, in Las Vegas, we provide an opportunity for our members to participate in a singles program that provides a similar experience. In the 8-Ball Classic and the 9-Ball Shootout programs, individuals participate in a Local Singles Qualifier (LSQ) and if they win their tournament bracket, they receive a free entry into our Regional Singles Qualifier (RSQ). If you win an RSQ, the APA will provide you with free hotel accommodations during the tournament, travel assistance funds for your flight, and a prize package when you check in at the PPC, in Las Vegas, with an opportunity to cash in on the biggest prize payouts in amateur pool!

I'm not good enough to play in a tournament, why should I play?

First and foremost, [The Equalizer Handicap System](#) we use ensures that our players are at an appropriate skill level based on several factors including the application of specific mathematical formulas to the data on the weekly scoresheets, win/loss records, Higher Level Tournament performance, and other considerations. This system allows for a beginner to have a nearly equal chance in a match against a more highly skilled player and aids the lesser skilled player by dictating mathematically that he/she needs to win fewer games or points than their opponent to win the match.

By requiring that participants be current APA members and must have played 10 matches in League play in the last 2 years, also ensures that players are playing at the appropriate skill level.

In addition to The Equalizer, we separate players based on skill levels or groups of skill levels when they participate in our LSQ's. These are called Tier Levels and they consist of the following breakdown:



Skill Levels 2-3
Skill Levels 4-5
Skill Levels 6-7



Skill Levels 1-3
Skill Levels 4-6
Skill Levels 7-9

Example: Players whose Skill Level (SL) in 8-Ball is an SL4, will play in a LSQ tournament against other SL4's and SL5's.

Once you reach the Regional tournament, the Tier Levels are broke down even further, like this:



Skill Levels 2-3
Skill Level 4
Skill Level 5
Skill Level 6
Skill Level 7



Skill Levels 1-3
Skill Levels 4-5
Skill Levels 6-7
Skill Levels 8-9

When are the Regional and PPC tournaments?

There are (2) Regional Qualifying windows a year for both the 8-Ball Classic and the 9-Ball Shootout program. That means you have (2) chances to win a Regional tournament and earn your spot into the Poolplayers Championship every year!

- Window 1 is between Jan. 1 – Jun 15. Winners of an LSQ between these dates, earn their spot to participate in the Fall RSQ the first weekend in October.
- Window 2 is between June 16 – Nov. 30. Winners of an LSQ between these dates, earn their spot to participate in the Spring RSQ the first weekend in March.

The winners of each Tier Level, at these RSQ's will earn their spot to play in the Poolplayers Championship, the last week in April.

How are LSQ tournaments structured?

Our LSQ tournaments are Single Elimination, Tier Leveled, (8) player brackets. The entry fee for these tournaments is \$10 per player. If you win your first match, you pay an additional \$10. Winner of this tournament earns their spot at Regionals. For these tournaments all you need to do is show up, sign-up, and play. There is no pre-registration and spots cannot be held.

We run several of these tournaments on any given event date. Doors will typically open an hour before the official start time of the event and once we show up onsite and get set up, we will allow players to sign up on their Tier Level tournament board with the understanding of the [Player Responsibility](#) flyer. Once a board has been filled (8 players), the Tournament Director will start that tournament. As a player, if you lose your match, you can sign up on another tournament board. This process will continue until there are no longer any boards available to sign up on. If there are not enough players in a particular Tier Level to run a tournament, these players may be asked to play on a tournament board that has a broader range of skill levels, or less than eight players and you will always have a choice on whether you want to do that or not. We cannot control the number of players or which skill levels show up, but all our Tournament Directors are trained to make necessary adjustments to ensure that they run as many tournaments as possible, given the different circumstances.

How can I earn my spot in the Regional tournament?

1. Enter and win one of our many LSQ tournaments scheduled throughout the year. We dedicate every Saturday in the month of March and October, in different locations throughout the Metro Detroit APA area. We run these as our icebreaker the night before our World Pool Qualifier in June. There is also a Last Chance Weekend at the end of November. Then there are Tournament Directors that will run them throughout the week when there is a demand. All these will be advertised on any or all of the following sites: [Facebook](#), [Member Services](#), [Linktree](#).
2. Finish in the top (4) of a League [MVP](#) Tournament. This happens after every session.
3. Become a Captain or Co-Captain and finish in the top (4) of a Captains Appreciation Tournament.

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