

## *Budweiser League Championship Playoff Rules*

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1. In order for a league to participate in the BLC Series Playoff, they must be an affiliate of Mitchell Companies or Anheuser-Busch Budweiser or no affiliate of a competitor organization.
2. Administration of the BLC Series Playoff shall be comprised of a representative chosen by Anheuser-Busch Budweiser and the Board Members of the participating league associations.
3. In order for a team to participate in the playoffs, the placement of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> within their division must be achieved by the end of the league season.
4. League Seasons:
  - a. Leagues participating in the playoffs must adhere the seasons of play.
    - i. Spring Season is from January to June
    - ii. Fall Season is from July to December
  - b. The BLC Playoff window is at the end of each season.
5. Playoff Locations:
  - a. At any time Anheuser-Busch Budweiser can deem the Playoff Location unless the playoffs have already commenced.
  - b. Locations are subject to geolocation of participating leagues, number of adequate tables, and room capacity.
    - i. Boundaries for the geolocation of participating leagues are determined by the administration as to not to exceed a reasonable distance for members to compete.
    - ii. Some locations may be limited due to number of teams within the playoffs.
  - c. Determination of locations shall be rotated among participating leagues, unless a permanent location is deemed by Anheuser-Busch Budweiser or by the Administration.  
For Example:
    - i. Spring Season Round 1 and 2 locations - Tri City League
    - ii. Spring Season Finale – Gulf Coast Billiards Association of Jackson County
    - iii. Fall Season Round 1 and 2 – Gulf Coast Billiards Association of Jackson County
    - iv. Fall Season Finale – Tri City League
6. Rules of Play
  - a. Race to 13 (minimum of 4 players)
    - i. If a team has 4 Players – 4 on 4 each set until a team reaches 13 wins
    - ii. If both teams have 5 players or more – 5 on 5 each set until a team reaches 13 wins
    - iii. A player plays once per set
    - iv. A player does not play the same person twice unless there is no other option such as with the 4 on 4 sets.
    - v. In the event a team has only 3 players then one forfeit is given in each set in order to satisfy Rule #6(a)(i).
      1. If a player arrives late, the player is allowed to play the active set and the forfeited game of the previous set before the active set.
      2. Example, if a player arrives during set 3, the player is allowed to play the forfeited game on set 2, but must forfeit the game on set 1.

- vi. Teams with 2 or less members forfeit the entire match.
  - vii. Each game within the sets is 1 Singles game.
- b. 8-Ball rules are determined by the host League.
- i. Division A rules are governed by the Host
  - ii. Division B rules are governed by the next participating Host
  - iii. Division C rules are governed by the Host
  - iv. And so forth
  - v. Example:
    - 1. Spring Season is Hosted by Tri City
      - a. Division A – Tri City Rules
      - b. Division B – Gulf Coast Billiards Association of Jackson County Rules
    - 2. Fall Season is Hosted by Gulf Coast Billiards Association of Jackson County
      - a. Division A – Gulf Coast Billiards Association of Jackson County Rules
      - b. Division B – Tri City Rules
- c. Home team Determination:
- i. Higher Seed is Home
  - ii. If tied then Team within the League Hosting Playoff is Home
  - iii. If both teams are within the same league and tied then by coin toss.
7. Players within multiple Leagues
- a. Players are allowed to play on their respective teams.
    - i. If locations are restricted and Divisions must participate at different establishments, then the player must choose a team.
      - 1. If a team cannot satisfy the *#6 Rules of Play* then the team must forfeit.
      - 2. If the locations are combined at a later Round, then the players may shoot with their respective teams.
  - b. When a player shoots on both teams within the same match then the player must
    - i. Choose one team to shoot with.
      - 1. If the chosen team is eliminated, then the player may continue with the winning team to the next Round if the team welcomes the player back.
    - ii. Choose to sit out the match and then continue with the winning team to the next Round.
8. Table selection
- a. Tables shall be numbered or marked in some way.
  - b. Home Team captains shall draw for the table.
9. Purse Payout
- a. Purse of all Divisions shall be disbursed as follows:
    - i. Winning team of the Finale Match payout 60%
    - ii. Losing team of the Finale Match payout 40%
    - iii. Winning team takes the trophy home to their league.
10. Rounds 1, 2 and Finale
- a. Round 1

- i. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place team of each division is Home
  - ii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place teams challenge the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place teams of opposite Leagues within their Divisions
  - iii. Winners move on to Round 2
- b. Round 2
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Place team of each division is Home
  - ii. Winners of Round 1 challenge 1<sup>st</sup> Place teams of opposite Leagues
    - 1. In the event that opposite Leagues cannot be met, then the lowest seed challenges the 1<sup>st</sup> Place team of the opposite league.
    - 2. Example: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place of Tri City would challenge 1<sup>st</sup> Place of Gulf Coast Billiards Association of Jackson County and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place of Tri City would challenge 1<sup>st</sup> Place of Tri City.
  - iii. Winners of Round 2 move on to Finale
- c. Round 3 (Finale)
  - i. Winners of Round 2 compete for the Championship Trophy
  - ii. Home teams are outline in section 6c.