

New York Gay Pool League, Inc.
2026 Captains' Board Annual Meeting Minutes

The Annual Meeting of the Captains' Board of the New York Gay Pool League, Inc. was scheduled for August 10, 2026 beginning at 7:30pm at Gym Bar. Six captains and three alternates being present, a quorum was reached. The President opened the meeting at 7:41pm, which proceeded as follows:

- The Rules Committee, represented by Bruce, distributed three handouts, attached, consisting of the following:
 - Full-year calendar layout with participation from 11 to 16 teams
 - Proposed 8-ball season for 2026/2027
 - Proposed rules changes

There was general agreement about the first two handouts, though the items will not be finalized until the total number of teams for the season is known. The proposed rules changes were all adopted unanimously, with the following exceptions:

- Instead of the third Rule Change Proposed to the Organizational and Structural Guidelines, the following sentence is deleted from section 5.1H of the 8 ball guidelines: "No individual may serve more than two consecutive years as President." This change was adopted unanimously.
 - In connection with the proposed Rule Changes Based Upon NYGPL Variance with BCAPL/CSI Standard Rules, the fourth sentence of section 10.10 of the 8 ball guidelines and the third sentence of section 3 of the Match Structure in the 9 ball guidelines is replaced with the following sentence: "The referee must give a 30 second and a 10 second warning." This change was adopted unanimously.
 - The Rule Proposal on Coaching was adopted for one season as an experiment, with the alternate parenthetical change adopted for part 4. This change was adopted with two negative votes.
- The Tuesday Table Committee, represented by Mark, distributed a handout, attached.
 - The Charities Committee, represented by Mark, distributed a handout, attached. Eddie suggested looking into the North Hudson Community Health Center as a new recipient of the League's donations.
 - The Social Media/Technology Committee, represented by Alyson, described her efforts to gain control of our Google Suite account. Alyson then led a discussion about creating a WhatsApp community group with multiple specific chats for specific league information, such as:
 - General information
 - Tournaments and workshops

- New recruit information
- Social events
- Rules and rule clarification questions

Separately, Glenn suggested urging our bar sponsors to include their participation in the NYGPL on their websites.

- The Treasurer presented his financial report. The Board unanimously approved donating \$2000 to each of the three organizations the League has sponsored in recent years: Callen-Lorde, God's Love we Deliver and Visual Aids.
- There was discussion about Nowhere Bar joining the League. Various Board members are meeting on this possibility.
- There was a discussion of the venue for the events leading up to the 8 ball season, with a unanimous vote for:
 - Recruitment Event on 8/31 at Gym Bar; and
 - Season Opening Party 9/8 at Boxers Bar.
- The following officers were elected unanimously:
 - PRESIDENT, Mark Heinold
 - VICE PRESIDENT, Scott Filimon
 - TREASURER, Eddie Boyd
 - SECRETARY, Steve Sibol
- The Secretary advised the Board that its current practice of allowing an alternate to act as a member of the Board when the Captain is unavailable violates NYS Not-For-Profit Corporations Law. The Executive Committee will develop a plan to ensure compliance with the law.

There being no further business, the President adjourned the meeting at 9:38pm.

wk of Monday:

8/31/2026	monday	NEWBIE RECRUITING
9/7/2026	monday	LABOR DAY
9/8/2026	TUESDAY	OPENING PARTY
9/14/2026	8-ball	week #1
9/21/2026	8-ball	week #2
9/28/2026	8-ball	week #3
10/5/2026	8-ball	week #4
10/12/2026	8-ball	week #5
10/19/2026	8-ball	week #6
10/26/2026	8-ball	week #7
11/2/2026	8-ball	week #8
11/9/2026	8-ball	week #9
11/16/2026	8-ball	week #10
11/23/2026	8-ball	week #11
11/30/2026	8-ball	week #12
12/7/2026	8-ball	week #13
12/14/2026	8-ball	week #14
12/21/2026	NO MATCHES	CHRISTMAS WEEK
12/28/2026	NO MATCHES	NEW YEARS WEEK
1/4/2027	8-ball	week #15
1/11/2027	8-ball	week #16
1/18/2027	8-ball	week #17
1/25/2027	8-ball	week #18
2/1/2027	8-ball	week #19
2/8/2027	8-ball	week #20
2/15/2027	8-ball	week #21
2/22/2027	8-ball	week #22
3/1/2027	8-ball playoffs	M-T-W
3/8/2027	8-ball semi's	M-T-W
3/15/2027	8-ball finals	M-T-W
3/22/2027	NO MATCHES	INTERMISSION (9-ball newbies) and Captains' Board Meeting)
3/29/2027	9-ball	week #1
4/5/2027	9-ball	week #2
4/12/2027	9-ball	week #3
4/19/2027	9-ball	week #4
4/26/2027	9-ball	week #5
5/3/2027	9-ball	week #6
5/10/2027	9-ball	week #7
5/17/2027	9-ball	week #8
5/24/2027	9-ball	week #9
5/31/2027	NO MATCHES	MEMORIAL DAY
6/7/2027	9-ball	week #10
6/14/2027	9-ball	week #11
6/21/2027	9-ball	Monday: 1st round
6/22/2027	9-ball	Tuesday: semi's
6/28/2027	9-ball finals	M-T-W

NYGPL

2026-2027

	11/12 teams	13 teams	14 teams	15/16 teams
newbie	Mon 8/31	Mon 8/31	Mon 8/31	Mon 8/31
Labor Day	Mon 9/7	Mon 9/7	Mon 9/7	Mon 9/7
party	Tues 9/8	Tues 9/8	Tues 9/8	Tues 9/8
start play	9/14/26	9/14/26	9/14/26	9/14/26
8-ball 1st rotation	11 weeks	13 weeks	13 weeks	15 weeks
8-ball 2nd rotation*	11 weeks	6 matches-7wks	7 matches-7wks	<u>none</u>
8-ball playoffs	3 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks
9-ball one rotation	11 weeks	13 weeks	13 weeks	15 weeks
9-ball playoffs	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	<u>3 weeks</u>
Thanksgiving	play	play	play	1 week off
Christmas	1 week off	1 week off	1 week off	1 week off
New Years	1 week off	1 week off	1 week off	1 week off
Between 8 & 9-ball	1 week off	1 week off	1 week off	1 week off
Memorial Day	1 week off	1 week off	1 week off	1 week off
end play	42 weeks wed 6/30/27	42 weeks wed 6/30/27	42 weeks wed 6/30/27	41 weeks wed 6/23/27

*the second rotation difference between 13/14 teams is because of the byes which are created with 13 teams in the first 6 weeks of the second rotation

REPORT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE AUGUST 2026. For this report, the Committee consisted of Dewayne (Gym Rats) and Bruce (Boxers Brawlers). The rules committee is endorsing all changes as detailed below with a slight variation offered on the last item in this report.

EXISTING RULE DOCUMENTATION

All the various versions of the existing rules have been reviewed and brought into total consistency. There were a lot of small changes, but nothing was done that fundamentally changed anything. As per the last Captains' Board meeting, these updates did not require prior captain notification. NOTE: rule 14 of the Guidelines still has to be totally rewritten. This is the section which describes exceptions from BCAPL rules. It will be updated after all pending rule changes have been addressed.

NOT A RULE CHANGE BUT WORTH REVIEWING

There has been some on-going confusion as what is to happen if a hanging in the pocket ball drops on its own. The rule is: *"If a ball is hanging on the lip of a pocket and falls into that pocket by itself after being stationary for five seconds or longer, it will be replaced as closely as possible to the position it was in prior to falling. The five-second count does not begin until all balls in play have stopped moving. Whether the shooter remains at the table does not affect the five-second period"*. This makes sense as what else could be done if the hanger is the cue ball, 8-ball, or 9-ball.

RULE CHANGES (3) PROPOSED TO ORGANIZATIONAL AND STRUCTURAL GUIDELINES. There are three new/amended rule changes which do not affect matches or play:

1. RULE CHANGES:

Rules 13.3 (Changes to Sections 1-13) and 13.4 (Changes to Section 14, Rules of Play) remain valid as they deal with implementation and do not need to be changed. The proposed new rule adds 13.5 which is how proposed rule changes are handled by and through the rules committee:

13.5A Proposed rule changes are submitted to the rules committee at least 2 weeks prior to the next scheduled Captains' Board meeting. The rules committee will work with the proposer to ensure clarity of the rule to be presented to the Board. The committee is obligated to submit all changes. The rules committee shall submit the proposal with an analysis and with a recommendation to accept, reject, or without recommendation. Any such recommendation will show vote tally from the committee. In the case of a reject recommendation, the proposer will be notified in advance and has the right to withdraw the proposal if they so desire.

13.5B The involvement of the Rules Committee and normal deadlines may be waived at the discretion of the Executive Committee to allow for more timely action including items that may arise at Captains' Board meetings.

2. RULE 5.1G EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: amended to more reflect how we have been functioning.

Current: The Executive Committee may choose to elect a Chairman of the Finance Committee who is authorized to represent the NYGPL in external financial matters.

Proposed: The Executive Committee may choose to select a Chairman of the Finance Committee who is authorized to represent the NYGPL in external financial matters. They may also choose to include that person as a member of the Executive Committee.

3 Rule 5.1H TERM LIMITS: amended to reflect how we have actually been functioning as each of the last two Presidents, Jason (Skip) Skipper and Larry Sears served 3 terms

Current: No individual may serve more than two consecutive years as President.

Proposed: No individual may serve more than two consecutive years as President unless the Captains' Board votes to waive this restriction

MINIMUM FOR PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY

Currently there is a rule which specifies that a player must participate in 5 8-ball matches to be eligible for the playoffs. In 9-ball, the executive committee sets the rules for that season. Currently in 8-ball a player needs to play in 5 of 20 matches and in 9-ball 5 out of 10 matches. This is out of balance as it requires 25% participation in 8-ball and 50% participation in 9-ball.

Proposed: To be eligible to participate in the playoffs, a player must have participated in a minimum of one-third* of their team's regular season matches. (*rounded up to a whole integer value).

RULE CHANGES (2) BASED UPON NYGPL VARIANCE WITH BCAPL/CSI STANDARD RULES.

Background: There were two different international organizations running pool leagues and publishing standardized Rules of Play: the BCA (Billiard Congress of America) and CSI (Cue Sports International). Some time back, the NYGPL determined that we would use BCA rules except where there were noted exceptions (rule 14 in the Guidelines). At some point the BCA created a different body for pool leagues, BCAPL. Subsequently the BCAPL was sold to CSI. There are two conflicts with how we have been playing and the BCAPL/CSI rules. In one case, the committee recommends adoption of the BCAPL rule and in one case recommends only partial adoption and partial exception

1 SCRATCHING ON 8-BALL BREAK

We have been following bar tradition and a cue ball scratch during an otherwise legal break results in ball-in-hand "behind the line". What we are currently doing is inconsistent with what is done on all other fouls in both 8-ball and 9-ball and provides less punishment to the fouling player for no valid reason. The standardized rule is ball-in-hand anywhere on the table. The committee recommends that we adopt the standardized rule.

2 DISTURBING BALLS (including defining "down on the shot")

We have been differentiating between contact before and after "the shot". Defining when a shot begins has been a bit confusing. We recommend changing this to how the BCAPL handles this be going with before and after "down on the shot". They clearly define what they mean by that. We are in agreement with BCAPL/CSI on what is and isn't a foul BEFORE DOWN ON THE SHOT, (CSI definition of down on the shot is "Having settled completely into a shooting position with a bridge established and pre-shot practice strokes, if any, imminent or in progress").

Fouls are: disturbing the cue ball; disturbing more than one object ball; a disturbed ball contacts any other ball. Disturbing one numbered ball before the shot is not a foul and the referee restores the ball to its original position.

We are in partial agreement and partial disagreement on what is and isn't a foul ONCE DOWN ON THE SHOT. We agree that: Fouls are: disturbing the cue ball; disturbing more than one object ball; a disturbed ball contacts any other ball; disturbing a ball-in-motion.

We are in disagreement on what happens if one numbered ball is disturbed during a shot. BCAPL/CSI is now saying that isn't a foul and ball just gets put back to its original position. We have been playing with that being a foul and ball stays in its final resting place. The reason that we recommend staying with our current rule is that the BCAPL/CSI is very conditional and detailed. Their rule:

"Disturbed Balls (Cue Ball Fouls Only) (AR p. 91) 1. During a game, it is not a foul if you accidentally touch or move a single stationary object ball with any part of your body, clothing or equipment, unless the disturbed ball has an effect on the outcome of the shot. 2. "Effect on the outcome of the shot" means that either the disturbed ball contacts any ball set in motion as a result of the shot, or that the base of any ball set in motion as a result of the shot passes through the area originally occupied by the disturbed ball. That area is defined as a circle approximately seven inches in diameter centered on the position originally occupied by the disturbed ball (see Diagram 6). 3. If a disturbed ball has no effect on the outcome of the shot, your opponent has the option to leave the disturbed ball where it came to rest or to restore it to its original position before the next shot. If the disturbed ball is to be restored, a referee may restore it, your opponent may restore it, or you may restore it with your opponent's permission. It is a foul if you touch or restore the disturbed ball without your opponent's permission. 4. It is a foul if a disturbed ball has an effect on the outcome of the shot. Your opponent has no restoration option. 5. If you disturb a single object ball and, in the same shot, commit a foul that is not related to the disturbed ball: you are penalized for the foul, and your opponent has the restoration option for the disturbed ball that was not involved in the foul. 6. If a single disturbed ball falls into a pocket with no effect on the outcome of a shot, your opponent has the restoration option. However, if the disturbed ball is designated by specific game rules as the game winning ball, it must be restored. If the game-winning ball is disturbed and falls into a pocket when there is an effect on the outcome of the shot, it is loss of game. 7. It is a foul if: a. you disturb the cue ball; b. you disturb more than one object ball; c. a disturbed ball contacts any other ball; d. you disturb a ball that is in motion. Your opponent has no restoration option. If the game-winning ball is disturbed in conjunction with a violation of (a) through (d) and falls into a pocket, it is loss of game".

OUR INDAVERTENT DISTURBING RULE BECOMES:

The penalty for inadvertently touching/moving a ball depends upon whether the contact occurs before or after the shooter being "down on the shot" which is defined as "Having settled completely into a shooting position with a bridge established and pre-shot practice strokes, if any, imminent or in progress".

Prior to being down on the shot, contact with one numbered ball is not a foul and the referee returns to ball to its original position. All other contact is a ball-in-hand foul with the referee restoring ball(s) to their original position).

Once down on any shot, any inadvertent contact is a ball-in-hand foul. The ball(s) are not restored to their original position.

RULE PROPOSAL ON COACHING. (an opportunity to discuss coach calls in general)

Currently every coach call must be initiated by the shooter. The proposal is: Once in each round*, the coach may generate a coach call without the player asking for one. (*round: in 8-ball games 1-5 and game 6-11; in 9-ball sets 1-4 and 5-9)

1. Once in a round the coach would tell the referee that they would like a coach call.
2. The player has the option of accepting or rejecting the coach call.
3. Reject or accepted, that's the only coach generated coach call for that round.
4. The player is not charged against their allotted number of coach calls. (an alternate would be to charge the shooter for an accepted coach call but not for a rejected coach call. Rules committee split on this last point)

9-BALL: THERE ARE SOME POTENTIAL 9-BALL RULES TO BE DISCUSSED. THEY WILL BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO THE 9-BALL SEASON BEGINNING.

“Tuesday Table” Committee Status Report

Committee: Mark (Chairperson), Dennis, Tommy, Griffin, Bruce (Special Advisor), Glenn (Executive Oversight)

Special Thanks: Glenn (agreement with Industry); Steve Sibol (communications); On-site Tournament Directors (Bruce, Scott); All those that Ref'd; All those that acted as Coaches; All our participants

8 TOURNAMENTS

Mission

Create enjoyable, well-organized tournaments that provide competitive and social opportunities for players of all skill levels while increasing league participation.

Progress to Date

- First Tournament Held on April 28th. Various types of Tournaments/Open Table were held:
 - 8 Ball with various Buy-ins
 - 9 Ball
 - Scotch Doubles
 - Open Table (\$2 a game to play)
- Industry was a great partner (6 free drinks on Tuesdays; recovering the table, etc.)
- First Place Winners thus far: Mohammad Raza; Carlos; Tony/Dewayne; Veera; George; (Plus Eric from MVP Tournament) so “7 Winners” Eligible for “Tournament of Champions”
- 72 Participants (not mutually exclusive and not counting “Open Table”)
- \$795 in Prize Money
- \$383 to League for Charities

Next Steps

- Planning for 8th Tournament and then Tournament of Champions

- New York City – Washington D.C. Gay Pool Tournament (new name to be proposed)
 - Finalizing draft of Tournament Structure; Rules; Scoresheet; Date/Location; Team Size; etc. to be circulated for comments and finalization.
 - Put together either Traveling or Home Team (based primarily on First and Second Place winners of Tuesday Table Tournaments)
 - Reach out to Boston and Philadelphia again ... eventually turn this into an “East Coast Challenge”
- More Volunteers to help with:
 - Tuesday Table Tournaments: more Tournament Directors needed (including On-site Directors); better social media/advertising presence; potentially a “Prize Drive” to diminish reliance on cash only; etc.
 - NYC – D.C. Tournament (signage, communications, logistics, “welcome committee”, trophy; Referees, etc.)

Other Tuesday Table Activities

- Focus on other Survey areas:
 - Basic Skills Training:
 - Curriculum Done
 - Workshop Structure Done
 - Discussions about utilizing “a Pro” have started
 - Referee Training – needs more focus and energy
 - Recruitment – starting with “Tuesday Table Tasting” set for Tuesday, August 11th at Industry. Our intention is to help suggest some matchmaking prior to the official “Recruitment Event” held before the kickoff of the season.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE

Committee: Mark (Chairperson), Sonik, Luke, Cooper, Bruce (Special Advisor). New members/additional focus and energy is required.

Mission

Develop a model by which the Committee can evaluate our existing (and potentially new charities), and submit final recommendations (along with “voting plan”) to the Captains Board. Plan is to propose no more than 5 Charities to be Voted on by Captains Board, including Fund Distribution Plan.

Progress to Date

- Committee Implementation Plan drafted (needs updating due to timing). (Bruce supplied By-laws and legal requirements and his input has been included in updated Plan(s).)
- Committee’s Evaluation Scoring Rubric done and modified (includes explanations and how to do scoring for each of the areas below). The key is to evaluate based on “measurable results” and not purely on emotional attachments.
 - Mission Alignment (30%)
 - Measurable Impact (25%)
 - Financial Efficiency (25%)
 - ~~Transparency & Governance (10%) (Eliminated due to Bruce’s input)~~
 - Community Relevance (20%)
- Captains Board Voting Plan done. Plan includes: Voting Process, Evaluation Method, Elimination Thresholds, etc. (It’s a Short/Easy voting plan: each voter gets \$100 to allocate between 1 and (no more than 3) charities.

Next Steps

- Poll the league for charity submissions (that meet criteria) to be evaluated.
- Committee to perform the Scoring and finalize recommendations to Captains Board.
- Execute Voting Plan by Captains Board (including Final Fund Distribution: Proportional based on vote totals; Weighted distribution (50%; 30%; 20%); or equal split among selected charities. Submit final decisions to the Treasurer.