

SAN DIEGO POOL LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE RULES COMMITTEE

The Rules Committee Meeting of the San Diego Pool League, was held on Sunday, February 7, 2010, at 10:20 a.m., at The Hungry Stick.

There were present at said meeting the following Directors:

Jorge Calvo:	President
David Laguana:	Statistician
Norma Posy:	Treasurer
Pat Lowery:	Secretary
Ashi Fachler:	Community Relations
Ron Rinker:	Member-at-Large

Also present at said meeting was the following league member:

Michael Loyer

I. CALL TO ORDER: Jorge Calve called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

A review of the previous adopted rule changes were reviewed and discussed. It was recommended that Rule 1.34 “Jump Shots and Masse Shots” and Rule 1.29 “Balls Jumped Off The Table” be printed in the next few issues of Table Talk.

Ashi Fachler and Michael Loyer volunteered to review the Rule Book to replace the word “You” to a more suitable word to indicate the player. The word “You” is viewed as ambiguous.

III. DISCUSSION AND VOTING OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO SDPL BYLAWS, MATCH POLICY / PROCEDURES AND RULES:

Reference	Proposed Changes to SDPL Bylaws, Match Policy/Procedures and Rules:	Passed	Failed	Discussed No Action
Pg. 27-28 Rule 1.3.2	<p>Rule 1.3.2 Use Of Equipment A motion was made make the following changes to Rule 1.3.2: During a match:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A player shall not wear or access any electronic communication device which might enable the reception of advice or coaching. b. Cell phone ringers must be turned off. c. Interrupting play to answer a cell phone call is prohibited. d. In the case of a call deemed to be an “emergency,” the call may be taken if both team captains agree. e. Medically required hearing aids are permitted. f. Noise-canceling headphones are permitted, but only if used specifically in the noise-canceling mode. Rationale: Some bars are unbearably loud. Noise-canceling headphones should be allowed. The rule, as written, does not say why this rule exists. <p>After discussion, the motion with withdrawn.</p>			X
Pg. 27 Rule 1.3.1	<p>1.3.1: Use of Equipment. A motion was made to add new text to Rule 1.3.1: “The mechanical bridge may be placed flat on the table, or with the butt end resting on a rail, if there is room to do so. Otherwise, the butt end must be held off the table. When placing the bridge, contact with or disturbing the position of any ball on the table constitutes an “incidental foul,” and rule 1.33 shall apply. Once the cue stick is placed upon the mechanical bridge, one hand must be on or gripping the mechanical bridge, or at least one of them if two are in use. Failure to do so is a foul. It is a foul to place the mechanical bridge on the table, then leave it there to walk around the table, or to behave in any other manner which might be construed as using the mechanical bridge as an aid to aiming. It is a foul if, after stroking the cue ball, any balls contact the mechanical bridge, or the cue stick itself.”</p> <p>Rationale: There no rule in our book specifically addressing the proper use of the mechanical bridge. After discussion, motion was withdrawn.</p>			X

Reference	Proposed Changes to SDPL Bylaws, Match Policy/Procedures and Rules:	Passed	Failed	Discussed No Action
Pg. 36 Rule 1.41	Rule 1.41 Coaching Time Out. Teams were assessed fouls for coach touching the table during league playoffs. Referees are to be made aware that it is NOT a foul for a coach to touch the table during a coaching timeout. Rationale: Clarification of Rule. No further action pending.			X
Pg. 21 Rule 1.14 Pg. 36 Rule 1.41	Rule 1.14 Coaching and Rule 1.41 Coaching Time Out. Can a coach be allowed to approach the table with his own cue. This issue was tabled until a modification submitted in writing. In addition, Jorge Calvo will contact Gibbi to verify.			X
Pg. 28 Rule 1.6	Rule 1.6 Playing Without Referees. Can a third party outside of the league (i.e., a bystander or APA member) be designated to watch the table? Captains must agree. Rationale: Clarification of Rule. No further action pending.			X
Pg. 28 Rule 1.8	Rule 1.8 No Practice Allowed During Match. Discussion was held on whether a player may practice while waiting for his opponent to return from a break. A player took a restroom break and cigarette break in a middle of a tournament match that extended beyond the 5 minutes. Can the other player practice while waiting for match to resume. It is a foul if you practice at any time during your match, including time-outs and periods of suspended play. In this instance, the captains or tournament director should be made aware of the situation. Rationale: Clarification of Rule. No further action pending.			X
Pg. 28 Rule 1.8	Rule 1.8 No Practice Allowed During Match. Add the words: “Play-Offs Only.” The phrase “Play-Offs Only” was erroneously deleted or was deleted by captains vote. This issue was tabled until Jorge can review and verify why the words were deleted.			X

Reference	Proposed Changes to SDPL Bylaws, Match Policy/Procedures and Rules:	Passed	Failed	Discussed No Action
Pg. 40 Rule 2.5	Rule 2.5 Table Open After the Break. Is it a foul or is it loss of turn to use the 8 ball as 1st ball during open table. Rationale: Clarification of Rule. This issued was tabled pending rule clarification.			X
Pg. 15 Bylaw 10.2	Bylaw 10.2 San Francisco - This bylaw is out dated and needs to be rewritten. Each board member is requested to submit a proposed revision at next Rules Committee meeting. This issued was tabled until a modification submitted in writing.			X

IV. ITEMS TO BE REVISITED: The following were identified as possible items for the Next Rules Committee Meeting:

1. Rules 1.14 and 1.41 - Can a coach approach the table with his own cue?
2. Rule 1.8 - Add "Play-Offs Only"
3. Rule 2.5 - Use of 8 Ball as first ball - Is it a foul or loss of turn?
4. Bylaw 10.2 - San Francisco rewrite.

V. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. The next Rules Committee meeting will be held on March 7, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., at The Hungry Stick.