

# SIGNIFICANT RULE CHANGES

In September, 2007 the BCA Pool League published “The Official Rules of the BCA Pool League. The 2008 BCA National 8-Ball Championships will be governed by these rules. Following are some significant changes that the players will need to be aware of.

## 1.3 USE OF EQUIPMENT

- a. You may use only your cue stick , held in your hand or not, to align a shot

## 1.14 RACKING PROCEDURES

1. All BCAPL events require you to rack for yourself when you are breaking

### CALLING A SHOT

Regardless of whether or not your opponent asks, and regardless of how simple or obvious a shot may appear to you, bank shots and combination shots are defined as not being obvious and must always be called. If you do not call a bank shot or a combination shot and you pocket any ball on that shot, your inning ends and the incoming player must accept the table in position.

## 1.33 CUE BALL FOULS ONLY

7. If you accidentally move more than one object ball or if the accidentally moved ball contacts any other ball, it is a foul. Your opponent receives ball in hand and has no restoration option.

## 1.34 JUMP AND MASSE' SHOTS

2. It is a foul if you miscue on any jump shot or masse' shot.

## 2.3 8-BALL BREAK REQUIREMENTS

1. You must use an open break. An open break is defined as: A break in which a forceful stroke is used in an attempt to significantly scatter the balls around the table in a random pattern.

## 2.4 ESTABLISHING GROUPS

3. Once they are established, groups can never change for the remainder of that game. If a player shoots the wrong group and no foul is called before the next shot, and the player continues to shoot at that group, or if at any time during the game it is discovered by any player or official that the players are shooting the wrong groups and a foul was not called in a timely manner, the game will be replayed with the player who broke the game breaking again.