Marking Your Game Winning Shot (8-Ball Adult Handicap Division)

It is a requirement of the American Poolplayers Association and The **Greater Scranton APA** that all members of the adult 8-Ball Handicap Division mark the pocket of their game winning shot. Simply calling out your shot is not sufficient to constitute a win.

- Pocket Markers from either playing team are <u>community markers</u>, whether they are unique or not. They can be used by both teams on a game winning shot!
- You do not have to touch or move the pocket marker if the pocket marker is already placed on your intended pocket.
- There should be only one pocket marker on the table during your game winning shot to avoid confusion.
- Place your pocket marker as close to the intended pocket as possible.
- The 8-Ball does not have to go clean into the intended pocket.

You can mark your pocket up with anything that is deemed to be unique and appropriate, and signifies the intended pocket you are shooting at. We encourage each team to get creative on this aspect and to use common sense when selecting a pocket marker!

Items that could be used to mark a game winning pocket are:

- ✓ Official APA Pocket Marker
- ✓ Greater Scranton APA Pocket Marker
- ✓ Your wallet
- ✓ A sentimental picture of family or friends
- ✓ Car keys
- ✓ A business card
- ✓ A lighter
- ✓ A small trinket or token
- ✓ A team shared mascot pocket marker
- Anything within reason

Items that cannot be used to mark a game winning pocket are:

- O U.S. Currency (paper and coin)
- 🖉 Cue chalk
- Ø Bottles and/or beverages
- Ø Bar tokens redeemable for a beverage
- 🖉 Food
- Anything that makes fun of, degrades, or offends the opposing team
- A lit or unlit cigarette/cigar
- ⊘ Weapons
- O Unreasonably sized pocket markers
- Any item that could possibly damage the playing surface

Please use common sense when choosing a pocket marker. If you are unsure about what is or what isn't allowed in respect to pocket markers, please contact the League Office and we will assist you.

Marking Your Game Winning Shot (Masters)

Individuals participating in the Master's Division **DO NOT** have to mark the pocket they intend to shoot at for their game winning shot. Master's Division players must announce which pocket & point at the pocket they are shooting at.

The opposing player must definitively know what pocket is being called! Without the opposing player's knowledge of the intended pocket, the game is a loss!