

# Match Time Guidelines



**League Play Start Time: 7:00 pm**  
**League Play End Time: 11:00 pm**

The American Poolplayers Association has put into place structured timeframes for match play based on skill levels. As Captain of your team, you should ensure that these timeframes are adhered to so that members from both teams can return safely home at a decent hour and matches can be concluded in a timely fashion.

The League Office is adamant on allowing Team Captains to enforce these timeframes. Team Captains should inform players, both on their team and on the opposing team, when they are playing over their allotted timeframe. Please instruct players to *speed up play* in the event of slow play. In addition, if your location contains more than one pool table and it is available for play, please utilize it by allowing another match to be played.

## **8-Ball Match Time by Skill Level**

<u>Skill Levels</u>	<u>Time Allotted</u>
2 / 3	30 minutes
4 / 5	45 minutes
6 / 7	1 hour

## **9-Ball Match Time by Skill Level**

<u>Skill Levels</u>	<u>Time Allotted</u>
1 / 2 / 3	30 minutes
4 / 5 / 6	45 minutes
7 / 8 / 9	1 hour

## **Masters Match Time**

<u>Skill Levels</u>	<u>Time Allotted</u>
Not Applicable	1 ½ Hours per match

When allocating timeframes for matches, use the highest ranking player to discern how much time should be allocated.

Examples would be:

A skill level 5 plays a skill level 3 in 8-Ball. The allocated timeframe for that match would be 45 minutes. Since the 5 is the higher rank, he/she is allowed 45 minutes of play.

A skill level 9 plays a skill level 5 in 9-Ball. The allocated timeframe for that match would be 1 hour. Since the 9 is the higher rank, he/she is allowed 1 hour of play.

By adhering to these guidelines, no single team match should exceed 4 hours of play time.

## **Slow Play Prevention: Things not to do**

- ⊘ Go to the bar during your shot to order a beverage
- ⊘ Remove yourself from the game to light up a cigarette/cigar during your shot at the table
- ⊘ Take more than 7-10 practice strokes
- ⊘ Spend an elaborate amount of time in between shots
- ⊘ Spend an elaborate amount of time analyzing the pool table
- ⊘ Spend an elaborate amount of time on your pre-shot routine
- ⊘ Talk or text on your cell phone during your match
- ⊘ Rant or argue between shots
- ⊘ Have extended conversations or tell stories during your shot