

Galveston Mixed Masters 2026 Fall Division Handbook

Market Station – Galveston, Texas

August 24, 2026 – December 14, 2026

(No play September 7, 2026 or November 23, 2026)

6:30 pm Start Time

8 & 9 Ball Match

1. Overview

The **Galveston Mixed Masters Fall Division** is a handicapped singles league held within the Galveston Island BCAPL League structure. The division features **separate 8-ball and 9-ball competitions**, with players competing in both disciplines each league night.

The Division is designed to:

- Promote competitive player development in both 8-ball and 9-ball.
- Provide a structured handicapped singles environment for players of varying skill levels.
- Provide separate 8-ball and 9-ball standings, playoffs, and champions.
- Provide players with additional BCAPL-sanctioned league play and opportunities to meet eligibility requirements for BCAPL championship events.
- Cultivate GIBCAPL into a respected tournament and league community on the island of Galveston.

The Fall Division is intended as a competitive, prize-funded singles series. **8-ball and 9-ball remain separate divisions for scoring and standings, with separate playoffs and prize payouts for each discipline.**

2. Event Format

- **Field Cap:** 8 to 13 players
- **Format:** Singles
- **Disciplines:** Separate 8-Ball and 9-Ball divisions, played back-to-back on the same league night

- **8-Ball Format:** Three games per match using the 17-point scoring system; all three games are played and the player with the highest total adjusted points wins the match
 - **8-Ball Handicap:** Fargo-based point handicap calculated by LMS
- **9-Ball Format:** Handicapped Race to 5
 - **9-Ball Handicap:** Fargo-based race handicap using the Division Handicap Chart (See below)

Fargo Difference Higher Fargo Race Lower Fargo Race

0–49	5	5
50–99	5	4
100–149	5	3
150+	5	2

Maximum spot: 3 games.

- **Standings:** 8-Ball and 9-Ball maintain separate standings
- **Playoffs:** Separate playoffs will be held for 8-Ball and 9-Ball
- **Championships:** Separate 8-Ball and 9-Ball champions will be determined
- Players compete against every other player according to the schedule established after registration closes.

13 players, 13-week round robin, everyone plays every other player once, with one bye per player.

3. Entry & Payout

Weekly dues are **\$20 per player**, divided equally between the two divisions:

- **8-Ball:** \$10 per player per regular-season week
- **9-Ball:** \$10 per player per regular-season week
- **Total:** \$20 per player per week

- **Playoffs are included at no additional charge.**

With **13 players competing over a 13-week regular season**, total player dues are **\$3,120**, or **\$1,560 per division**.

Two new players also paid the required **\$20 BCAPL sanction fee**, adding an additional **\$40** to the Fall session funds. These funds are divided equally between the two divisions, adding **\$20 to 8-Ball and \$20 to 9-Ball**.

This brings the total available to **\$1,580 per division**.

Per-Division Allocation:

- **Prize Fund: \$1,300**
- **League Operations: \$280**

Prize Distribution, Per Division:

- **1st Place: \$600**
- **2nd Place: \$350**
- **3rd Place: \$230**
- **4th Place: \$120**

The 8-Ball and 9-Ball prize funds are maintained separately, with \$1,300 awarded in each discipline. Total Fall session prize payouts are \$2,600, with \$560 allocated to league operations.

Operations funds help cover league software, web hosting, domains, email, BCAPL administration, printing and supplies, and other costs associated with operating the league.

4. Fargo-Based Handicap System

The Mixed Masters Fall Division uses separate handicap systems for 8-Ball and 9-Ball. FargoRatings are based on each player's official FargoRating at the time of the match.

4A. 8-Ball Handicap System

Regular-season and playoff 8-Ball matches consist of **three games**, with all three games played using the league's **17-point scoring system**.

LMS automatically calculates a Fargo-based point handicap based on the FargoRating difference between the two players. The calculated handicap points are applied to the lower-rated player's match score.

After all three games are completed, the player with the **highest handicap-adjusted point total** wins the match.

The same scoring and handicap format applies to the 8-Ball playoffs, except playoff matches consist of five games. **All scheduled games are played, and the player with the highest handicap-adjusted total wins the match.**

4B. 9-Ball Handicap System

Regular-season and playoff 9-Ball matches are a **handicapped Race to 5.**

Fargo Difference	Higher Fargo Race	Lower Fargo Race
0-49	5	5
50-99	5	4
100-149	5	3
150+	5	2

0-49	5	5
50-99	5	4
100-149	5	3
150+	5	2

Maximum spot: **3 games.**

The Fargo difference is calculated using the players' official FargoRatings at the time of the match.

4C. 9-Ball Championship Match

The 9-Ball Championship Match is a **handicapped Race to 7.**

Fargo Difference	Higher Fargo Race	Lower Fargo Race
0-49	7	7
50-99	7	6
100-149	7	5
150+	7	4

0-49	7	7
50-99	7	6
100-149	7	5
150+	7	4

The Fargo difference is calculated using the players' official FargoRatings at the time of the championship match.

5. Player Rating Assignments

A. Players with FargoRating

Official FargoRating will be used.

B. Players without Fargo but with APA Skill Level

Provisional FargoRatings assigned as follows:

- APA 2: 250
- APA 3: 325
- APA 4: 375
- APA 5: 450
- APA 6: 525
- APA 7: 575

C. Unrated Players

Players with no established Fargo or APA history will be assigned a provisional FargoRating of 500.

The Division Director reserves the right to assign provisional ratings before Week 1 begins.

6. Break & Rack Format

8-Ball

- The first break is determined by the **Home/Away assignment shown on the official LMS scoresheet.**
- Breaks alternate for each of the three games.
- Standard BCAPL 8-ball rack requirements apply.
- Opponent racks.
- Players may inspect the rack before the break.

9-Ball

- The player with the **lower FargoRating breaks first** regardless of what the official LMS scoresheet says.
 - If both players have the same FargoRating, players will lag to determine the first break.
 - Breaks alternate after the first rack for the duration of the match.
 - Opponent racks.
 - Magic Rack allowed.
 - Standard BCAPL 9-ball rack requirements apply.
 - Players may inspect the rack before the break.
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7. Rules of Play

- CSI / BCAPL rules apply for both 8-ball and 9-ball.
- Standard foul penalties apply.
- Rule disputes occurring during a match must be raised immediately and before the next shot is taken.
- The League Operator's ruling during league play is final for purposes of continuing play.
- **Complaints, disputes, or requests for review involving a League Operator ruling must be submitted in writing through the official dispute form. Verbal arguments or continued confrontation with the League Operator will not be considered a formal dispute and are grounds for suspension or removal from the league.**
- Players are expected to conduct themselves appropriately and remain fit to compete. **Verbal abuse, threats, harassment, arguing, intimidation, excessive intoxication, or other disruptive behavior toward players, spectators, venue staff, or the League Operator may result in a warning, forfeiture, suspension, or removal from the league.**
- Excessive intoxication that affects a player's ability to compete appropriately or contributes to disruptive conduct may result in forfeiture or removal and is subject to League Operator discretion.

- All regular-season matches must be completed by the end of the regular season. Playoff seeding will be finalized after all regular-season matches are complete.
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8. Division Points System

8-Ball and 9-Ball are maintained as separate divisions with separate standings, playoff qualification, and champions. Results from one division do not affect standings in the other.

8A. 8-Ball Standings

8-Ball standings are determined by match points during the regular season.

Each 8-Ball match consists of three games using the 17-point scoring system and the Fargo-based handicap automatically calculated by LMS. The player with the highest handicap-adjusted point total after all three games wins the match.

8-Ball Tiebreakers:

1. Head-to-head record
2. Total 8-Ball points
3. Games won
4. Sudden-death 8-Ball rack, if necessary to determine playoff qualification or seeding

8B. 9-Ball Standings

9-Ball standings are determined by match wins during the regular season.

Each match is played using the Fargo-based handicapped race described in Section 4. The first player to reach their assigned race wins the match.

Standings:

- Match Win: 1
- Match Loss: 0

9-Ball Tiebreakers:

1. Head-to-head record
2. Game win percentage

3. Games won
4. Sudden-death 9-Ball rack, if necessary to determine playoff qualification or seeding

8C. Sudden-Death Tiebreakers

When a sudden-death rack is required:

- The game played will match the division being decided: 8-Ball for the 8-Ball Division and 9-Ball for the 9-Ball Division.
 - Players lag for the break.
 - BCAPL rules apply.
 - No handicap applies.
 - The winner receives the higher playoff seed or qualifying position.
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9. Playoffs & Championship

The **top six players in each division** qualify for their respective playoffs based on final regular-season standings. 8-Ball and 9-Ball playoff qualification and seeding are determined separately.

Play-In Round

- #3 vs. #6
- #4 vs. #5
- #1 and #2 receive first-round byes

Semifinals

- #1 vs. lowest remaining seed
- #2 vs. highest remaining seed

9A. 8-Ball Playoffs & Championship

8-Ball playoff matches use the **same format and handicap system as regular-season play**:

- Five games are played using the 17-point scoring system.

- All five games are played.
- The Fargo-based point handicap is calculated and applied automatically by LMS.
- The player with the highest handicap-adjusted point total wins the match.
- The same format applies to the Play-In Round, Semifinals, Championship Match, and 3rd Place Match.

9B. 9-Ball Playoffs & Championship

The **9-Ball Championship Match is Race to 7**, using the following handicap structure:

Fargo Difference Higher Fargo Race Lower Fargo Race

0–49	7	7
50–99	7	6
100–149	7	5
150+	7	4

The Fargo difference is calculated using each player's official FargoRating at the time of the match.

10. Seeding & Schedule Policy

Regular-season scheduling will follow a round-robin structure based on the final number of registered players.

- With 13 players, the regular season will use a single round robin, with each player competing against every other player once in both 8-Ball and 9-Ball, with one bye per player.
- 8-ball and 9-ball are scheduled as separate divisions, but opponents will be matched so players compete against the **same opponent in both disciplines during the same league night**.
- Each player will normally play **one 8-ball match and one 9-ball match per league night**.
- **Table Priority & Match Start Times:** Tables will be assigned as scheduled opponents arrive and **both players are present and ready to play**. The first three complete

matchups will receive table priority, and the remaining matchups will begin as soon as a table becomes available and will not be guaranteed a 6:30 PM start time.

- Missed matches may be made up by agreement between both players, subject to table availability.
- Makeup matches must be completed before the end of the regular season.
- All regular-season matches must be completed before playoff seeding is finalized.
- Playoff seeding will be determined separately for the 8-ball and 9-ball divisions based on their respective final regular-season standings.

11. Conduct & Professional Standards

The Division is intended to provide a competitive, respectful, and professionally run environment.

- Sportsmanship is required at all times.
- Sharking, verbal abuse, harassment, intimidation, unsportsmanlike conduct, or disruptive behavior toward players, spectators, venue staff, or the League Operator will not be tolerated.
- Repeated disputes, arguments, or outbursts may result in a warning, forfeiture, suspension, or removal from the Division.
- The League Operator retains authority over all rulings during league play. If the LO is not present, the authority goes to the Division Representative.
- Disputes involving a League Operator ruling must be submitted **in writing through the official dispute process**. Continued verbal argument or confrontation is not considered a formal dispute.
- Players must remain within call range while awaiting an available table. Once a table becomes available and both players are called, a 20-minute grace period applies. A player who is not present and ready to play within 20 minutes may forfeit the match.
- Players are expected to respect the venue, equipment, other league members, and venue staff.
- The Division is intended to provide a **serious but welcoming competitive environment** for players of varying skill levels.

- **Player Responsibility:** It is each player's responsibility to know and follow the rules, read the current Division Handbook and League Bylaws, and regularly check official league communications sent by text, email, or published on the league website.
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12. Amendments

The League Operator reserves the right to amend, clarify, or update these rules at any time during the season as necessary for fairness, scheduling, league administration, or competitive integrity.

- All amendments and updates will be published on the official league website.
- Changes that **materially affect rules of play, scoring, handicaps, standings, playoffs, or match procedures** will also be announced to players.
- Administrative, scheduling, formatting, or clarification updates that do not materially affect competition may be published without a separate announcement.
- These rules are **subject to change at any time during the season and without prior notice** when circumstances require immediate clarification or action.
- Unless otherwise stated, amendments become effective upon publication on the official league website.