

## Frequently Asked Questions



Q: How much does it cost to sponsor a team?

A: The cost to sponsor a team is \$225 per season.

Q: What nights of the week do you schedule matches?

A: The league schedules matches on weeknights, as weeknights are generally slower nights for business in taverns. The championship matches are on a Saturday.

Q: Are there restrictions to who can play on a team on any particular night?

A: There are no restrictions on open division nights. Mixed division nights require a mix of 3/2 women or men in each round of play. For more information, see the sponsorship application.

Q: How many players do I need to field a team?

A: You need at least five players to field a team. The league places no restrictions on the total number of players that you can have on your team. We recommend at least seven players, in case of vacation or illness of one of your players on league night.

Q: Do I have to be a good player to play in the league?

A: The league welcomes all levels of skill. We offer divisions A-E on each night. Division A and B teams generally consist of more serious players. If you are unsure of your level of skill, select a lower division. We want your team to be competitive.

Q: Does the league use a handicapping system?

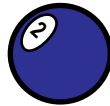
A: No. If you have played in other organized leagues, you may have played under a handicapping system. The Tavern League does not use a handicapping system, but the league does try to seed teams in divisions based on anticipated strength, and previous seasons' records. Scorekeeping is as simple as marking an "X" for each win. You spend more time enjoying pool.

The San Francisco Tavern Pool League is a home-grown, non-profit, volunteer-run pool league. The Tavern League is dedicated to the promotion of amateur pool in San Francisco, CA.

If you are interested in sponsoring a pool team, please contact us.



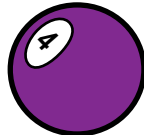
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**GENERATING EXCITEMENT**



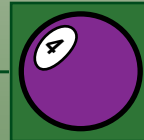
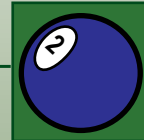
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## Local Excitement



There is nothing like the excitement of being part of a team. The San Francisco Tavern Pool League gives you and your customers something to rally around and provides local excitement and pride. These bonds foster a strong sense of loyalty and community in your own tavern.

## Good Sportsmanship

Win or lose, the Tavern League encourages all teams to display good sportsmanship. League play provides challenges, highs, lows, lessons in winning (and in losing) gracefully and with respect for others. The league wants all members to enjoy their time and the company of other players at home and in away taverns throughout the city. We're all in this together.

## Great Value

Look around. You will not find a better value for your business, or for your customers. The money you spend to sponsor a team goes directly into the running of this league. Without your business, we would not exist. We hope that you enjoy your experience with us, and come back every season. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us. We will respond to your requests quickly.

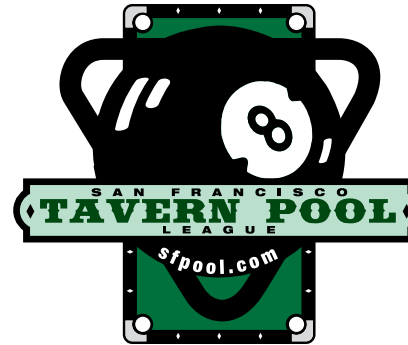
## Building Good Relationships...

Building good relationships is what the San Francisco Tavern Pool League is all about. We care about your business, as our success is dependent on your success. If your tavern has a pool table, and your business is a bit slow on weeknights, consider sponsoring a pool team on one of those nights. When you sponsor a pool team, league nights guarantee (at a minimum) ten customers with whom you can build long-lasting relationships.

Our organization's operations are run by a Board of Directors who are passionate about pool. We are completely volunteer-run, but that does not mean we are not responsive to your needs. In fact, you can be assured that the relationship you build with us is not based solely around money, but around building community. Isn't that what we all love most about San Francisco; community?

There are two league seasons each year: Spring and Fall. Each season lasts ten weeks, with five matches held at your "home" location, and five matches at "away" tavern locations. The Spring season starts in the beginning of March and lasts through mid-June. The Fall season starts in the beginning of September and lasts through late

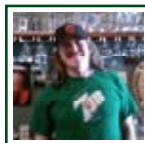
November. Playoffs start directly after each season. An awards banquet occurs each February and August at the end of each season. The banquet is open to all players and sponsors in the league. All 1st and 2nd place teams in each division receive five free trophies or plaques. Sponsors may purchase a team plaque or trophy for display in their tavern.



League nights begin at 7pm and are usually over by 11pm. A match consists of three rounds of five pool games. Five players from the home team match up against five players from the visiting team, with no shooter playing against the same player twice. Your team's captain can make two substitutions on any given night, and your team can have as many of your customers on the roster as you would like.

The league also sponsors tournaments throughout the year for eligible league members. These tournaments are free to enter, and cash prizes are awarded to the top four finishers. The hosting of tournaments rotates and is awarded to taverns whose teams report their scores in a timely manner, and have not forfeited any matches. What are you waiting for? Sponsor a team this coming season!

## What Sponsors Say About the Tavern League...



Sponsoring a team in the Tavern League is a great investment for my bar. The business on Monday nights doubled with the addition of a pool team; easily.

The money I spend to sponsor a pool team is an effortless decision, as it increases customer loyalty, and I can write the expense off as a business expense. The players on my team return to the bar to spend money on off-league nights, and the league generously gives back to its players.

I especially like the fact that the money I spend on the pool league stays in San Francisco.  
Johnny Davis, Bender's

## Your sponsor dollars at work

**Sponsorship dues are used for the following resources:**

- 35% - Banquet**
- 22% - Trophies**
- 20% - Statistician**
- 18% - Tournaments**
- 05% - Postage, supplies, other**

