

Eligibility Requirements for Non-MAPL Players

To participate in the **MAPL Scotch Doubles Tournament**, players who have never played in the Megabucks Amateur Pool League (MAPL) **must meet the following criteria**:

1. **Sanctioned League Experience** – Must have played in either **APA or BCA** within the past **12 months**.
2. **Minimum Match Requirement** – Must have played at least **20 matches** in **APA or BCA** within the past **year**.
3. **Amateur Status Only** – No professional players or players with past or present professional rankings are allowed.
4. **No Unrated Players** – Players without an established handicap in **APA or BCA** will not be allowed to participate.
5. **Must Partner with a MAPL Player** – New players must team up with a **current or former MAPL player** to compete. Some exceptions may apply.
6. **No History of Sandbagging** – Any player found guilty of sandbagging (intentionally lowering their skill level in any league) will be **disqualified** from participation.
7. **No Unverified League Players** – Players who cannot provide proof of their APA or BCA league history (via online stats, league operator verification, or other official records) will not be eligible.
8. **No Unusual Skill Level Changes** – Players who have had sudden, extreme changes in their skill level in APA or BCA (e.g., APA 3 to APA 7 in one session) may be subject to review and potential denial.
9. **MAPL Handicap Conversion Applies** – APA and BCA handicaps **do not directly translate** to MAPL ratings. All incoming players will have their handicaps **converted to fit the MAPL system** based on their APA or BCA ratings, recent performance, and Tournament Director discretion.
10. **Handicap Verification Required** – All players must submit proof of their **APA or BCA** handicap before the event (e.g., league scorecard, online league standings, or official league app screenshots).
11. **TD Discretion on Skill Levels** – The Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust or assign a handicap based on observed skill level if a player's reported rating seems inaccurate.
12. **No Players with Active Suspensions** – Players suspended or banned from **MAPL, APA, or BCA** for misconduct, cheating, or sportsmanship violations are ineligible.
13. **No Cash-Game Specialists or Known Hustlers** – Players known primarily for gambling and not league/tournament play may be restricted from participating.
14. **Maximum Combined Handicap Limit** – If using a rating cap system, teams cannot exceed the established maximum combined skill level (e.g., an **APA 7 and APA 6 may be over the limit**).
15. **Tournament Director Has Final Say** – The Tournament Director has the right to **deny entry** to any player or team if there is reason to believe they may compromise the fairness of the tournament.