



Our Top Gun program recognizes players for their performance during the session. Starting the 2014 Fall Session, APA will be utilizing a new calculation system for our Top Gun Program. This is a system that our National Office has been working on that addresses how well players play in their matches, not just if they won and what skill level they beat. The new system is going to be using a calculation that is based on the percentage of points you win versus the total number of points you could win when you play a match, known as the "Points Available" or "PA" Calculation.

Players that play a minimum of 6 matches within the regular session (playoff matches are not considered "regular" session matches when calculation Top Gun points) will be eligible for the TOP GUN calculation. Winners will be divided based on skill levels, league wide as before.

The qualification will be determined by using the following equation to determine their "PA" (Points Available) percentage:

Number of points earned/Number of points available = PA percentage

Example in 8-Ball: In every 8-ball match, a player has 3 points available to win. If a player played 10 matches, they had 30 points available to win. If they won a total of 13 points in those 10 matches then the calculation is: $13/30 = 0.43$ or 43%. *This means that player won 43% of the points available (PA) to them during the session.*

Example in 9-Ball: In every 9-ball match, a player has 20 points available to win. If a player played 10 matches, they had 200 points available to win. If they won a total of 162 points in those 10 matches then the calculation is: $162/200 = .81$ or 81%. *This means that the player won 81% of the points available (PA) to them during the session.*

The amount of matches played will be the main tiebreaker. Player who has more matches played, wins the tie.

Players can check out their personal Top Gun points throughout the session on "Member Services."

At the end of each session, APA will combine all the divisions and generate a final Top Gun Top 20 List for each skill level tier in 8-Ball & 9-Ball. The players making the final list will then be invited to play in the Top Gun Tournament following the end of the session. Players must be active the next session to be eligible to participate in this tournament. This Top Gun Tournament is both a cash/money added tournament and a chance to qualify for the Singles Regional and making it to Las Vegas for the APA National Singles Championships.

Players who make win at the Regionals Singles, get \$425 toward travel, their hotel paid for, as well as \$100 cash and a commemorative jacket at registration. And of course a chance to win a piece of the \$500,000 prize money in Vegas!