

## 2009 Official WPTAPL™ League Advancement Structure

The WPTAPL league advancement structure provides two methods through which a player may advance to the National Championship. The two methods of advancement are; winning tournaments, or earning points. The rest of this outline will describe the progression and how either method can find you at the 2009 WPTAPL™ National Championship event which will take place April 2010 (dates and locations to be determined).

WPTAPL splits the year into two 6 month tournament sessions. During each 6 month session players compete at weekly tournaments. Players advance from the venue level to the regional level and then to Nationals. Each 6 month tournament session culminates with 2 Regional Championship events; the Semi-Annual Regional Championships (SARC) and Semi-Annual Regional Points Championship (SARPC). Players advance directly from regional events to the WPTAPL National Championship held in April each year, for the previous year.

The **Venue Championship (VC)**. A venue must hold at least 3 qualifying tournaments to be eligible to hold a Venue Championship, and may hold no more than one VC per month. Typically, venues will hold a VC each month for the previous months qualified players to include all 1<sup>st</sup> place session winners and the top 10% of point earners. The VC is most commonly held the third week of the following month (Third week is identified as starting the Sunday on or after the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month). **Example:** Session winners and top point earners for June would be invited to the June VC held the third week of July. Invitees will be seated first come first serve. Typically, VC's are scheduled at the venues first event held during VC week, usually at the first session, however the venue may elect to switch the day and time they host their VC. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners of each VC are automatically qualified for the Semi-Annual Regional Championship (SARC).

**NOTE: Most VC's run in conjunction with a side event open to all WPTAPL™ members. There is a minimum requirement of 40 positions on VC invite lists. Point earners will be added to meet minimums when possible.**

### VC Invite Chart

This chart explains how, given the days per week (D.P.W.) the venue runs, the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners and top 10% of point earners determine the number of invitees to the Venue Championship (VC).

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Tournaments Per Week	# Of 1 <sup>st</sup> places each month	10% of all monthly point earners (top 16)	# of potential invites (not factoring duplicates)
2	8	13	21
4	16	26	42
6	24	38	62
8	32	51	83
10	40	64	104
12	48	77	125
14	56	90	146

NOTE: If a venue adds a day to their schedule it will not affect their invite list until the following month

The **Semi-Annual Regional Championship (SARC)** is a pre-set event scheduled to be held in August and February (dates and locations to be determined). These events will consist of all VC 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers from each venue, in that region, during the six month qualifying period. To attend the SARC event in August you must have placed 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in a January through June VC tournament (events held February through July). To attend the SARC event in February you must have placed 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in a July through December VC tournament (events held August through Jan). The top 8 (final table) from each SARC will advance to the National Championship.

The **Semi-Annual Regional POINT Championship (SARPC)** is a pre-set event scheduled to be held in August and February (dates and locations to be determined). This event will invite the top 20 point earners from each Venue in the region during the six month qualifying period. The top 10% of invitees at the SARPC will advance to the WPTAPL™ National Championship. The top point earner in each region for the year (both six (6) month sessions combined) will be invited directly to Nationals and may elect to skip the SARPC.

The **National Championship Tournament** will be held in April for all qualified players from the previous year (date and location to be determined). The top 8 from each SARC, the top 10% from each SARPC, as well as the regional point leader from each region, and the Top 10 Overall Point Earners Nationally for the year will be invited.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- Depending on the number of invites, some events may be split into multiple sessions or days.
- ALL events are first come, first serve and may be subject to venue capacity.
- A region must have active locations in order for regional events to be held. When there are no active locations in a region efforts will be made to find other options if available.
- If a player qualifies for an event through multiple channels, they reduce the total number of players at the final event.
- If a region qualifies fewer people for a level 2 or 3 event than will advance from that event, the event may be bypassed and all those qualified will automatically advance to the next level.
- All points are applied to the region in which the venue you participated at is located.
- All VC 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes apply to the region in which the event took place and allows for SARC advancement through multiple regions.
- VC weeks may be moved up a week in November and December as not to interfere with the holidays.
- The top point earner in each region will be invited to Nationals ONLY if their region has completed at least one of the two six month tournament sessions during the year.

#### **Level 1. - Venue Championships (VC)**

Qualify by placing 1<sup>st</sup> at any session at the venue during the qualifying month, or by being in the top 10% of point earners at the venue during the qualifying month.

#### **Level 2a. - Semi-Annual Regional Championship (SARC)**

Qualify by placing 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> at a VC

#### **Level 2b. - Semi-Annual Regional Points Championship (SARPC)**

Qualify by being in the Top 20 Point Earners from each venue (Based on 6 Month Totals)

#### **Level 3. - National Championship**

Qualify by placing in the Top 8 at an SARC, or placing in the Top 10% of an SARPC, you may also qualify for Nationals by being the Top Point Earner in an active Region (Yearly based), or being in the Top 10 Overall Point Earners in the Nation (Yearly based)

**For questions please contact your local WPTAPL™ Representative.**

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