

Great Lakes Area VNEA Charter 423

American Amusements/Melody Music

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Re: Use of Personal Equipment during League Play

From: Thomas Kaekel, President VNEA Charter 423

After much research and discussion, you will now be allowed to use certain equipment during a League match, to include...

- A Cougar cue ball or equivalent (5.9oz)
- A personal set of object balls
- A personal rack

If you chose to provide your personal equipment for league play, you must inform the opposing captain before a match starts. It is required that they approve. Otherwise, if both captains do not agree, you may not!

Reasoning: At the International Tournament in Vegas, and the MI State Tournament a Cougar cue ball is used. It weighs 5.9oz. The ball sets also weigh 5.9-6.0oz. This means that all balls are of the same size and weight. The ball sets provided to us are sets designed for bar play, and therefore cost much less per set. We as a league, cannot expect our charter holder to provide cue balls and premium ball sets since the average Cougar cue ball costs around \$23 and a matched set of object balls can cost anywhere from \$90.00 to \$300. I weighed the provided mudball (6.5oz) and the object balls, they weigh the same as well (6.5.) Hence, if you use a Cougar cue ball, playing with the provided object balls, the Cougar cue ball is 10% lighter. Your breaks, draw, spin & follow- thru all are affected. I still encourage use of the Cougar cue ball, since it is a **perfect roll** ball opposed to the provided mudball, which is susceptible to: slow roll, left or right movement, not associated with leveled table.

RE: YouTube video, search for... **The IMPROVED Valley Cue Ball Weigh-in**

This policy is now set in writing; comments/concerns can be directed to your League officials.

Thank you

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