

Billiard Program sign up and information sheet

“Billiards is the well-developed Art of thinking ahead. It is not only a game, but first and foremost a demanding Sport, which requires good stamina, the logical thinking of a chess player and the stable hand of a concert pianist.” - Albert Einstein

The Program:

The Harvard Billiard Program is an after school program available to all eligible students attending the Harvard Public Schools. The focus will be on team play, but there will be ample opportunity for individual practice, improvement and competition.

The program is also designed to generate interest among students in fields of science, physics, math and geometry. To accomplish this task, the members of the club will meet regularly to study, train and compete in the game of billiards.

All club members will be required to attend weekly “clinics” for formal instruction and practice. Instruction will be conducted by BCA (Billiard Congress of America) accredited instructors. All students will be trained in the proper fundamentals of stroke, body mechanics and aiming techniques. As the required fundamental skills are acquired, instruction will proceed to such topics as banking geometry, ball collision physics, energy transfer, and the effects of friction and speed.

Depending on the number of student participants, the weekly “clinics” will be held either in the IT room or the Billiards Café at 39 main street, Ayer. It is likely that any use of The Billiards Café would be outside of normal business hours and that we would have sole use of the 13 regulation size tables.

The two tables located in the IT room will be available throughout the week, after school, for practice time. Ms Chandler will be available during the school week and will make the tables available at various times. Only members of the Billiard Club will be permitted to use the tables for practice.

Eligibility:

Any student enrolled in the Harvard Public School system is eligible to participate. All students, regardless of skill level or experience, are welcome. To remain eligible to participate, each student must maintain passing school grades, attend the weekly “clinics” and follow the rules and regulations of the program and instructor.

Club activities:

Club members will be assigned to a team and teams will compete during the school year. Team assignments will be made by the instructor.

It is expected that club teams will issue challenges during the year. Challenges may result in “tournaments” with teachers, parents, staff, or other billiard teams.

Over the next few months a similar program will be offered to other local schools. If they accept then we will seek games against those schools as well.

Junior National Participation

During the spring of each year, we will be holding qualifying tournaments for the BCA junior national championships for all interested students. The junior national championships are held on a college campus along with the collegiate national championships. During the last several years they have been held in Minnesota, Arizona and Las Vegas. The winners of the national championships represent the United States in the World Junior Championships. During the last two years that tournament has been held in Austria and Australia. See www.Billiardeducation.org for more information.

Equipment and cost:

While the student is welcome to use his or her own equipment, all equipment necessary to participate is provided. Each student should purchase a 3 hole binder. Written handouts will be provided to the students during instruction. Students will be expected to maintain the written materials and be able to refer to those materials during the course of the year.

There is a \$20 fee required to defray the cost of the written materials.

Scheduling and Notices:

Billiard club notices and updates will be posted on www.Billiardacademy.com Contact Roy Pastor at Billiardacademy@hotmail.com or 978-660-3677 if you or your parents have any questions.

To become a member of the Harvard Billiard Club, detach and submit the information below to Ms. Chandler.

Name _____

Phone number _____

E-mail _____

Age and grade _____

