

LCPA Chip 8-Ball Pool Tournament Rules and Gameplay

A **Chip 8-Ball Pool Tournament** is a fun and competitive variation of the traditional 8-ball pool game. In this format, players compete to earn "chips" while aiming to stay in the game as long as possible. Below are the rules and instructions on how to play:

Objective

The goal of the tournament is to collect as many chips as possible while avoiding elimination.

Setup

1. **Players:** A Chip 8-ball tournament can be played with 4 to 16 players.
 2. **Chips:** Each player starts with a designated number of chips (e.g., 2 to 5 chips).
(Different amounts of chips may be handed out, in order to level out skilled players)
 3. **Tables:** Use one or multiple pool tables depending on the number of players.
(9-16 players is recommend on 2 tables, or 3 tables for more than 16 players)
 4. **Game Format:** Standard 8-ball rules apply (See LCPA Rules).
 5. **Order of Play:** Players are paired up randomly for each round in a blind draw.
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Gameplay

1. **Initial Buy-In:** Each player bets one chip to join a match.

2. **Winning the Match:**

- The player who legally pockets the 8-ball wins the match and collects all chips wagered in that game.
- The losing player forfeits their betted chip back to the house.

3. **Re-Entry:** Players with remaining chips continue to compete in subsequent matches.

4. **Elimination:** Players who lose all their chips are eliminated from the tournament.

Tournament Progression

1. Players continue playing rounds until only one player remains with chips.
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Winning the Tournament

The tournament ends when:

1. Only one player has chips remaining. This player is declared the **Chip Champion**.
 2. Payouts may go to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd depending on number of players.
 3. Alternatively, the player with the most chips at the end of a pre-determined time limit wins, if time becomes an issue.
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Options

1. Winner stays on the table, and the next challenger will rack for the previous winner.
("King of the Table")