🎱 LCPA Scotch Doubles Tournament Rules

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1. General Overview

- This tournament follows Lake County Pool Association (LCPA) General Rules for 8-Ball, with specific adjustments for Scotch Doubles.
- Teams consist of two players who alternate shots for the entirety of each game.
- Play will be on a combination of Diamond and Valley tables using LCPA Assigned Handicaps (HC).
- Maximum combined handicap (HC): 9.

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2. Format of Play

- Scotch Doubles: Teammates alternate shots, not turns.
    - Example: If Player A pockets a ball, Player B shoots next.
    - The same sequence continues until a miss, foul, or win.
- Lowest combined HC breaks first game – Winner breaks thereafter. (Coin toss if same)
- Race to Handicap (HC) based on LCPA Scotch Matrix
- Take what you make on break.

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3. Game Rules (Based on LCPA 8-Ball Rules)

- Break Shot: A legal break requires at least four balls to hit a rail or a ball to be pocketed.
- 8 Ball on Break: pocketed 8 ball on the break is spotted and same player continues to shoot, unless the player scratched, then treat as a scratch on the break.
- Scratch on the Break: Opponent gets ball in the Kitchen.
- Legal Shot: The cue ball must contact a player's group ball first and either pocket a ball or drive any ball to a rail.
- Ball in Hand: All fouls result in ball in hand for the opposing team.
- Calling Shots: Ball and Pocket must be called or assumed, and the 8-Ball must be explicitly called.

4. Loss of Game

- Pocketing the 8-Ball early.
- Scratching on the 8-Ball (including on the break)
- Any deliberate unsportsmanlike action.

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5. Conduct & Sportsmanship

- Coaching is not allowed during a teammate's shot. Strategy discussions are permitted between innings only.
- One 30 second Time-Out will be permitted per match. (Not per Player)
- No interference with active shots.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in a warning or disqualification.
- All disputes will be resolved by the Tournament Directors; their decision is final.

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6. Entry, Payouts & Structure

- Entry Fee: $40 Per Team of 2 Players + $5 Green Fee
- Main Event: Top finishers compete for cash prizes.
- Payouts: Dependent on number of teams at final registration

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7. Equipment & Tables

- Play conducted on Diamond and Valley tables.
- No jump cues.
- Racking is performed by the losing team.

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8. Tiebreakers

- In the event of multiple teams tied for playoff qualification:
    - A random draw will determine matchups.
    - Single-game eliminations will be played to break ties before entering the bracket.
