

Bromfield Billiard Rules Of Etiquette

- **Respect** the equipment and other players during training & competition. Do not put drinks or food on the table for any reason. Food and spilled drinks will damage the cloth.
- **No** masse or jump shots without proper equipment, training or supervision. Done incorrectly, these shots may tear the cloth!
- **Please** do not sit on the tables. The tables will become un-level and may crack the slate or break the seams of the slate. This will degrade the table playing condition.
- **Use** the mechanical bridge if you can't reach a shot from a standing position. One foot must be squarely on the ground at all times.
- **Do not** use hand powder, even if it is provided. It seriously degrades the table playing conditions. A pool glove may be used to help provide a smooth stroke.
- **Keep** hands and cues clean.
- **When** you're not shooting, hold the cue vertically. Do not twirl or mishandle the cue! Players may be seriously injured. Do not rest the cue on a location from which it may easily fall.
- **Pay** attention during the matches.
- **No** drinking or eating within the Billiard area, during practice or competition.

- **No** socializing with friends, girlfriends/boyfriends, family, etc., during practice or competition.
- **Causing distractions (SHARKING)** while another player shooting is not allowed during training and competition.

Here are common SHARKING distractions:

- Doing anything vocal while your opponent shoots (talking, coughing, clearing your throat, humming, whistling, etc.) Making intentional noises while your opponent shoots (example: dropping stuff, chewing loudly, cracking gum, tinkling ice cubes, tapping fingers, etc.)
 - Deliberately moving while a player is shooting or getting into the shooter's field of view (chalking your cue, walking near the table, making sweeping hand or arm movements, etc.)
 - Standing at the table, especially behind the target pocket. If you're not shooting then stay away from the table and remain quiet. Do not coach or offer suggestions to your teammates while they are in a game.
- **If** a foul is being committed you may not tell your teammate that the opposing team has fouled. It is up to the players playing to call fouls. It is required and very advantageous to know the rules of the game.
 - **Know** the rules that have been provided to you.

Please practice good etiquette and shake your opponents hand before and after the game. Be RESPECTFUL & HAVE FUN! *

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