# Pool Etiquette – How to Behave Properly

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#### 1. Table

- a. Don't lean or sit on table
- b. Don't get on table
- c. No food or drinks on table
- d. Respect "house rules"

#### 2. Balls

- a. Don't dump balls from tray
- b. Don't tap balls into place
- c. Don't slam balls down on table
- d. Don't hit OBs
- e. Scrape off miscue marks

### 3. Cues

- a. Don't slap balls with the shaft
- b. Don't slam the table with the cue
- c. Don't be Tom Cruise
- d. Don't pull a cue from the wall while somebody is shooting

## 4. Chalk and Talc

- a. Don't put the chalk face down
- b. Don't use excessive talc
- c. Don't chalk over the table
- d. Don't chalk after your shot with opponent waiting for chalk
- e. Don't leave your chalk on the table if your opponent has their own

#### 5. Rules

- a. Use the "official rules of pool"
- b. Know the rules
- c. Be clear about rules

#### 6. Fouls

- a. Be honest and call your own fouls
- b. Use impartial bystander or phone video

#### 7. Behavior

- a. Dress appropriately
- b. Pay attention
- c. Stay away from the table and sit when not shooting
- d. Control your anger
- e. Don't eat while playing
- f. Don't use somebody else's cue by accident

## 8. Interaction

- a. Be courteous
- b. Don't offer unwanted advice
- c. Don't linger at the table after your shot
- d. Be a gracious winner
- e. Don't be a sore loser

## 9. Sharking

- a. Sit
- b. Be still
- c. Be quiet
- d. Don't be a bully
- e. Don't purposely play extra slow
- f. Don't take poorly timed time-outs.
- g. Don't break down your cue before the game is over
- h. Don't start getting up during your opponent's last shot

#### 10. General

- a. Have good sportsmanship
- b. Respect play on other tables
- c. Don't stop if walking by
- d. Play your best
- e. Respect your surroundings
- f. Treat women with respect
- g. Leave everything the way you found it
- h. Have fun

