

SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDE

This League Office has set the following guidelines to handle verbal abuse, language (profanity), physical contact, and other sportsmanship problems, for example, breaking cue sticks, throwing objects, or sharking your opponent. Note: These guidelines are minimum suggested penalties and are not limited to these recommendations. Based upon the specific circumstance, this League Office has the option to impose an even stronger penalty. It is important that those ladies and gentlemen, who cannot act as such, adjust their behavior appropriately or risk being removed from the League.

Verbal abuse consists of name calling, threats, profanity, or any other language that could be considered as harassment, or that could cause embarrassment to other League members or non-members. **Physical contact** is the hostile physical contact between two players or player and non-member(s). This contact can be in the form of bumping, shoving, pushing, or hitting.

| Infraction | First Offense | Repeat Offenses |
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| Profanity | Warning Letter | 30 Day Suspension |
| Arguing Rules & Policies | Warning Letter | 30 Day Suspension |
| Verbal Abuse | Warning Letter to a 30-60 Day Suspension | 60-90 Day Suspension |
| Threatening Remarks Threatening Behavior | Warning Letter to a 1-Year Suspension | 30 Day Suspension to Indefinite Suspension |
| Throwing Objects Breaking Objects | 60-90 Day Suspension | 1 Year Suspension to Indefinite Suspension |
| Physical Fighting | Indefinite Suspension to a Termination of Membership by the American Poolplayers Association | |
| All Other Physical Contact | Indefinite Suspension to a Termination of Membership by the American Poolplayers Association | |