

## 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
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	1 Year Suspension
Throwing Objects Breaking Objects	60-90 Day Suspension	1 Year Suspension
Physical Fighting	Suspension to a Termination of Membership by the American Poolplayers Association	
All Other Physical Contact	Suspension to a Termination of Membership by the American Poolplayers Association	