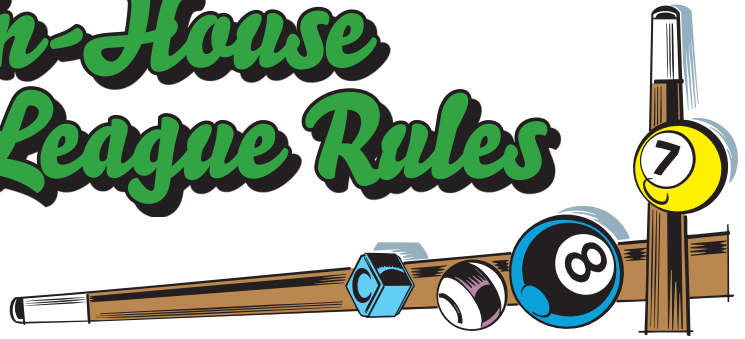


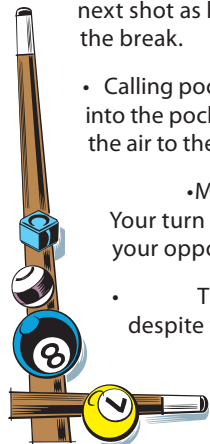


# In-House Pool League Rules



1. Each team consists of 4 players.
2. Teams will flip for the break for each and every game.
3. Each team player must play 70% of the scheduled games to be eligible for a trophy. Trophies will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup> place team, top three men, and top three women players. A trophy will be given to the *Most Improved Player*, and the player with the all around *Best Sportsmanship*.
4. Every week one team will be responsible for selling 50/50 raffle tickets. Tickets will be sold for \$1/ea, or 3 for \$5.
5. You must call your pocket *not your shot*. You must hit your ball (object ball) first. If you do not strike your ball first, then this is a foul and you will forfeit your turn.
6. Masse and intentional jump shots are not permitted.
  - Masse: a shot with extreme English which is applied by holding the cue at a position of 30-90 degrees while applying left or right spin.
  - Jump shots: intentionally causing the cue ball to become airborne so that it jumps over balls which are obstructing the path to the object ball.

- “Calling” is the rule in games where players announce the pocket where they plan to sink their object ball, letting an opponent or referee know their intentions beforehand. For example, “3 ball in the side pocket” is a call (announcement) of the ball and intended target pocket. This also applies to the 8 ball. **You will ONLY be calling your pocket not a clean shot for all balls, including the 8 ball.**
- Obvious balls and pockets do not have to be indicated. However, it is the opponent’s right to ask which ball and pocket if he is unsure of your shot. Bank shots and combination shots are not considered obvious, and care should be taken in calling the intended pocket. When calling the pocket, it is NEVER necessary to indicate details such as: number of cushions, banks, kisses, caroms, etc. Any balls pocketed on a foul will remain pocketed, regardless of whether they belong to the shooter or the opponent.
- The opening break is not a “called pocket.” Any player performing a break shot in 8-Ball may continue to shoot his next shot as long as he has legally pocketed any object ball on the break.

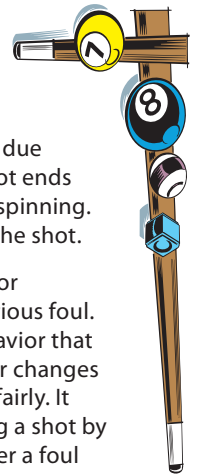


- Calling pockets allows flexibility—whether a ball goes straight into the pocket, zooms around before sinking, or flies through the air to the hole like a basketball, you retain your turn.

- Make an open break—i.e., smashing the balls apart. Your turn continues if a ball is pocketed on the break, if not, your opponent starts their turn.

- The fairest way to proceed is to have an open table despite what has been pocketed. Even if you’ve sunk three solids and no stripes, you must take the solids and make a call shot after the break to ensure solids. If you sink two solids and one stripe you have your choice of balls.

- Once your set is determined, you must “play clean”...hitting your object ball first on any subsequent stroke. Failure to strike your ball first yields your turn to your opponent.
- A shot begins when the tip contacts the cue ball due to a forward-stroke motion of the cue stick. A shot ends when all balls in play have stopped moving and spinning. A shot is legal if the shooter did not foul during the shot.
- Unsportsmanlike Conduct: The normal penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct is the same as for a serious foul. Unsportsmanlike conduct is any intentional behavior that brings disrepute to the sport or which disrupts or changes the game to the extent that it cannot be played fairly. It includes: (a) distracting the opponent; (b) playing a shot by intentionally miscuing; (d) continuing to play after a foul has been called or play has been suspended; (e) delay of the game.



## LOSS OF GAME

- Player fouls when pocketing the 8 ball (exception: 8 Ball pocketed on break without scratching).
- Player pockets the 8 ball on the same stroke as the last of his group of balls.
- Player jumps the 8 ball off the table at any time.
- Player pockets the 8 ball in a pocket other than the one designated.
- Player pockets the 8 ball when it is not the legal object ball.