SUNDAY SUPER SERIES

CODE OF CONDUCT

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INTRODUCTION

In addition to the discipline that your pool hall may impose, you are subject to the separate authority of the Board of Directors for violations of the Sunday Series rules and policies. The board may impose appropriate discipline, up to and including probation or suspension from the League, for certain misconduct during matches or the final tournament, as well as for conduct detrimental to the integrity of or public confidence in the League.

Discipline involving behavior such as unnecessary physical altercation, unsportsmanlike conduct with respect to opposing players or equipment, engaging in illegal activity, and/or not following the rules and regulations set out by the hosting pool hall will be determined initially by the League Board of Directors.

Violations may entail warnings, loss of game, loss of match, disqualification, probation, and/or suspension and may be subject to further discussion and decisions by the Directors.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Sportsmanship is a cornerstone of the game of pool and of vital concern to everyone involved in the game, including members, spectators, and employees. The term sportsmanship conveys respect for the game, respect for opponents, respect for the League officials, respect for the pool hall/equipment and respect for the spectators.

Some examples of good sportsmanship are:

When it is your opponent's turn to shoot, sit in your chair, be still, and be quiet.
No sharking or intentional distraction of your opponent.
When the game is over, shake your opponent's hand, look them in the eye, and congratulate them on a good game, whether you win or lose.
Calling a foul on yourself even if your opponent did not see it.
Not moving or setting your cue down when your opponent is able to see you or when they are on the game ball.
Asking for a referee before a shot if the shot is questionable.
Taking a break only when it is your turn at the table.
Not talking to players while they are shooting.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

The League will not tolerate unsportsmanlike conduct. This applies to any act which is contrary to the generally understood principles of sportsmanship. The executives will immediately address any unsportsmanlike conduct that occurs anytime during a league event. It is important to note that the unsportsmanlike conduct rules apply to all members of the League, including members engaged in the game and members who may be spectating. Lack of respect or other unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated before, during or after games. This includes abusive, threatening, insulting, or profane language or gestures, and physical acts by members and/or spectators directed at opponents, equipment, employees, League Executives and/or other spectators.

Some examples of abuse of equipment are:

Throwing a cue, rake, rack, balls, or chalk.
Tossing or moving balls in the air to land on or off the table.
Slamming balls into to the slate.
Striking the pool table with the hand or cue.
Raking multiple balls on the table either by hand or a cue (for example the penalty for raking multiple balls by hand or cue will be loss of game/warning).

ILLEGAL ACTS

If employees of a pool hall require a police presence to remove, arrest, or deescalate a situation, the player(s) involved will receive an automatic suspension from Sunday Super Series events, for the remainder of the season and will forfeit any points, payouts, or awards for that season.

RULES

Discipline may be imposed for a first offense and without any warning. A player who is a repeat offender should expect more severe discipline. Penalties for third offenses and beyond in the same season or based on prior seasons' violations will be established on a case-by-case basis and may increase substantially. In addition, suspension may be imposed when deemed appropriate. Discipline is not based solely on situations where the League Directors are directly involved. In some cases, a violation may occur in the absence of the Directors or occur pre/post game without the Directors being informed. If a review by the League Executives establishes an egregious violation, particularly involving safety of the members involved, the offender(s) may be subject to penalties up to and including suspension. All efforts will be made to inform the parties involved as soon as possible.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct that may cause Physical Risk

Any act irrelevant to the game of pool that creates an unnecessary risk of injury to an opposing player will result in a level of discipline substantially higher than normal levels whether the individual is a repeat offender or not. First offenses are subject to severe discipline up to and including suspension. Offenses include:

(1) physical contact with TD's including but not limited to punching, pushing, shoving, grabbing, or other intimidating or interfering contact; and

(2) verbal or other non-physical abuse of TD's, such as profanity and other abusive language or gestures

(3) not adhering to the directions given by the TD's. Offenses against TD's are strictly prohibited and will result in warnings, immediate disqualifications, and possibly suspensions or banishment. This policy applies at all locations involving Sunday Super Series events (matches or tournaments).

Please note that public criticism of League members of the Board of Directors, is prohibited and is subject to discipline.

FIGHTING

The League policy on fighting is very simple: Zero Tolerance, and if a fight breaks out involving other members, stay away. If you are challenged, walk away from the situation. Fights during League events are pointless and only lead to disciplinary action and disqualification from the event, all of which hurt our credibility with the hosting pool hall and sponsors.

Being involved in a fight includes but is not limited to; creating a risk of injury for Board members, League members, spectators, employees; contact with opposing players; abusive language or gestures; and other provocative actions that could aggravate the situation or lead to escalation of the fight.

TAUNTING

Taunting is the use of abusive, threatening, or insulting language or gestures to opponents, spectators, Directors and employees. Taunting is prohibited and subject to discipline. Taunting focuses on acts directed at an opponent. Obviously, it is not possible to identify in advance every action that may constitute taunting and final judgment on this is left to the Board.

SHARKING

Sharking is considered 'Performing some act or making some utterance with the intent to distract, irritate or intimidate the opponent so that they do not perform well, miss a shot, etc.' The League forbids blatant sharking, as a form of unsportsmanlike conduct. Examples of sharking include, but are not limited to:

Shouting or talking when your opponent is at the table.

Intentionally playing slow.

Remaining in the playing area when it is not your turn.

Asking the opponent which ball they are shooting at the very last second.

Walking or moving while in the opponent's line of aim.

Shooting balls on a different table.

Walking away from the table when your opponent is shooting.

Acting aggressively toward your opponent by angrily racking balls, slamming balls or the rack, cues, bridges, etc will be seen as an act of sharking and may induce warnings and/or supplemental discipline if reported.

All incidents that get reported will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and players involved will be notified of the incident being reported. In some cases, video footage from the hosting location may be reviewed as evidence.

Reacting to any Unsportsmanlike Conduct Incident

There are two options and either one is acceptable. You can either calmly ask your opponent to stop doing the behaviour or you may stop play and go speak to or contact the Director for your given location immediately. If needed the Director will go to the table to address the situation and apply a penalty or in more rare cases, investigate the report when there is a dispute that warrants it.

Contact with Spectators/Employees

A League member may also be subject to discipline if they make physical contact with spectators or employees in a way that constitutes unsportsmanlike conduct or presents crowd-control issues and risk of injury. Pool halls are responsible for handling such situations appropriately within their normal security operations as well if employees are involved.

Violations of These Rules

Notwithstanding all disciplines previous outlined in this Code of Conduct, all incidents will be immediately addressed by the Board of Directors. The disciplinary decision, if any, will be at the discretion of the Board. Disciplinary actions will be decided on in the following order (1) immediately by the Director of the given location (2) brought to the attention of the full Board for discussion and decision (3) if warranted, voted on by the Board of Directors. All decisions will be determined and then the members will be notified as soon as possible following the incident.

Potential Penalties

Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Warning and/or loss of game and/or loss of match and/or disqualification and/or loss of earnings and/or suspension and/or probation and/or banishment.

Fighting: Immediate Disqualification and/or loss of earnings and/or suspension and/or probation and/or banishment. Length of time to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Illegal activity: Immediate Disqualification and/or loss of earnings and/or suspension and/or probation and/or banishment. Length of time to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Police involvement: Immediate Suspension for remainder of season. Length of time to be determined by the Board of Directors.