

Intramural Billiards Rules

The following is a summary of rules and regulations for billiards. It is not the complete set of rules but includes those rules most frequently in question. Some alterations may have been made specifically for Samford University's Campus Recreation Department.

Home Facility

The home facility for Billiards is in Seibert Hall. All reschedules, defaults, forfeits and additions/deletions must be made at the Campus REC office.

Questions

Please feel free to contact Campus REC office with any questions or concerns that you may have. The Campus REC Office is 326 Seibert Hall at 726-2194

Equipment:

1. All equipment can be checked out at the front desk of Seibert Hall. Players are responsible for any rental items.

GAME GUIDELINES

- Any ball(s) pocketed on the opening break will designate stripes or solids to the leading player. If an even number of balls are pocketed, then the table is open. If an uneven number of balls are pocketed the greater number of balls pocketed (stripes or solids) will designate the leading player. Shots must be called. "Slop" shots will result in loss of turn. To call a shot a player must announce the ball and its intended pocket but not "kisses" off other balls.
- 2. To win, a team/individual must pocket all balls of the solids or stripes, followed by the eight ball in a called pocket. Pocketing the eight ball before all solids or stripes will result in loss of game.
- 3. The eight ball shall not be neutral; it cannot be used in any combination to pocket a ball.
- 4. Scratching on an attempt to pocket any ball other than the eight ball will result in ball in hand.
- 5. Scratching on an attempt to pocket the eight ball will result in the loss of that game.
- 6. Scratching on the break does not result in immediate loss. Play shall resume with the opposing team's possession in the kitchen. Knocking the cue ball off the table results in a loss of turn, ball to kitchen.
- 7. Pocketing the eight ball on the break will result in the replacement of the ball on the table opposite of the kitchen.
- 8. A player that does not make a legal shot, meaning drive an object ball to a cushion OR drive the cue ball to a cushion after striking the team's own object ball, will lose his/her turn. The opponent will receive the cue ball in hand and place the cue ball anywhere on the table in preparation for the next shot.

Co-Rec/Doubles Rules

- 1. All above rules apply.
- 2. The male/female ratio will be 1 female and 1 male.
- 3. The teams will alternate shots between partners until the game is decided.

OFFICIALS

This is a self-officiated league. Players participating will call all fouls and violations. Any disagreements need to be settled by participants in a respectful manner.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Sportsmanship is vital to the success of each and every program we offer to the university community. In order to encourage proper conduct before, during and after a scheduled contest, the Intramural Sports Department has developed a rating system. The rating procedure is as follows:

Acceptable Rating (3)

The team exhibits respect and cooperation and sporting behavior towards all sport programs staff, teammates, and opponents. The team has no issues or minor disagreements with the judgement of the officials. Captain demonstrates control over spectators, teammates, and him/herself.

Average Rating (2)

The team exhibits some respect and cooperation towards all sports programs staff, teammates, and opponents. The team has several minor disagreements with the judgement of the officials. Captain demonstrates mild or little control over spectators, teammates, and him/herself. Teams receiving one unsportsmanlike penalty fall into this category as well.

Unacceptable Rating (1)

The team does not exhibit respect and cooperation with unsporting behavior towards any sport programs staff, teammates, and opponents. The team displays issues and disagreements with officials. Captain demonstrates no control over spectators, teammates, and him/herself. Teams receiving more than one unsportsmanlike penalty fall into this category as well.

If a team receives two unacceptable ratings in a season, the team will be removed from the league and have to meet with the Sports Programs Office. Teams may face additional suspension and sanctions for one unacceptable rating depending on the situation and severity of the incident