



**METROPOLITAN SNOOKER
AND
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PLAYER ETIQUETTE

With snooker and billiards as in any sport there are certain standards that players are expected to observe. Sometimes players overstep the mark and this cannot be condoned. For example:

Talking too loudly in the background when not playing.

Standing too close to the player or in line with the shot being played.

Walking near the table causing the player to be distracted.

Sledging including complaining about handicaps or opponent's good luck.

Giving advice (coaching) when a player is at the table.

Forgetting to turn off your mobile phone.

Chalking your cue when the player is about to play a shot.

These are just a few traits that been observed in recent years. It is not meant to be a comprehensive list.

Players also have other responsibilities on the night matches are played. Dressing appropriately is important. Shorts are not permitted without permission of the Board and then only if a medical condition is current. Players need to respect their opponents irrespective of their abilities. All players, whenever possible, should stay for supper after the matches are completed.

Umpiring should be undertaken responsibly and with full attention. Now that frames are timed it is more important than ever that players do not deliberately waste time as a tactic. Playing defensively or carefully is acceptable but the referee needs to intervene if players waste time as this is not within the spirit or rules of the game.

We all want to enjoy the game and proper etiquette and good sportsmanship are to be observed at all times.