

SHARKS CLUB RULES

Welcome to the *Sharks Club*, home of the *Cuenca Pool League*! Whether as a member or guest, adults are welcome to enjoy all the benefits of the Club, as well as the events and activities organized by the club. At Sharks Club, it's all about being a part of something unique and special here in Cuenca, Ecuador. The following Rules form the basis for creating a Club that is welcoming to all, encourages activities related to pool, and avoids discord of any type. All members and all guests are expected to adhere to the Rules.

These Rules are an extension of the By-Laws and are guided by those By-Laws. The Board of the Club has the sole authority to interpret these Rules in the best interest of the Club and its members.

MEMBERSHIP & GUESTS

Membership

Categories of membership include the following:

- Individual- membership of an individual who either lives in Cuenca or will be living in Cuenca for an extended time and wishes to play pool on a regular basis.
- Family- membership of spouses/significant others where both wish to play pool. This category does not extend to adult children of members. In this case, the adult children must become members themselves if they wish to play pool other than as a guest.
- Traveling / Part Time Resident- membership for those who, for instance, live in Cuenca but are typically out of town for longer than one month on a consistent basis. This temporary category will apply to both individual and family memberships. Any member who will be absent / traveling for more than 7 consecutive months may request of the Board that their membership be put on "hold" until they return. An early return will automatically reinstate the dues under this category according to the Fee Schedule.

Dues for each category of membership are outlined in the Fee Schedule.

Any adult may apply for membership to the Club by filling out the "Member Form" that may be obtained from the Club Treasurer. Any current member should update their information by completing the same form. Upon acceptance of the request by the Board, one becomes a member of the Sharks Club. In order to remain a member in good standing, payment of Dues as outlined in these Rules and the accompanying schedule of Fees must be made consistently and in a timely manner. Dues for each month are payable prior to the 10th of each month for that month. It is the responsibility of each member to pay their dues in a timely manner.

Failure to pay appropriate dues for a period of two consecutive months will cause a member to be removed from the membership roster. Fees for reinstatement to membership are outlined in the schedule of Fees.

Consistently paying late or in an erratic manner may be cause for the Board to review the member and determine action to be taken. Procedures in this case are outlined in the By-Laws.

All members will be given a membership card. Any member seeking access to the club during club hours who finds the doors still locked must show their card to the guard prior to the guard unlocking the doors. Please do not put the guard into a difficult position by asking them to make an exception. No card means no entry.

Membership Trial Period

Any person wishing to become a new member will be allowed access to the club for the first calendar month free of charge. The prospective member must be accompanied by an existing member in good standing. This allows the prospective member and the existing members to determine if it is a "good fit". The prospective member must decide, by the first of the next calendar month, whether they wish to apply to become a dues paying member. Otherwise, they may attend the club as a guest as outlined in the By-Laws and these Rules.

Participation in the league play at the Club is limited to members in good standing. The Board, in its sole discretion, may make exceptions due to calendar / league schedule anomalies.

Guests

Guests of members in good standing are welcome and encouraged. All guests are expected to abide by all applicable rules of conduct outlined here and in the By-Laws. It is the responsibility of the hosting member to fully inform all guests in this matter. Failure of guests to abide by rules of conduct, payment of tab, or other action shall be considered a failure on the part of the member and may result in action by the Board.

A member in good standing may host up to two (2) guests at a time and must be present during the entire visit by the guest(s). Each guest may attend the club up to five (5) times per calendar year. After that limit has been reached, the guest is encouraged to become a member of the Club.

Participation in the league play at the Club is limited to members in good standing. The Board, in its sole discretion, may make exceptions for extenuating circumstances.

Spouses or significant others of members in good standing may visit the club without limitation if their visits do not include the use of the pool tables. Any spouse/significant other wishing to play pool will be considered a regular guest as described in this section unless, or until, the membership is converted to a Family membership.

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AMENITIES

Provision of Drinks and Snacks

Members may bring their own supply of liquor or wine to be kept at the Club and reserved for their personal use. The Club reserves the right to charge a pouring fee for alcohol services. Charges will be as outlined in the Fees schedule as it may be amended from time to time.

The Club maintains a supply for snack foods, water and sodas, and other beverages for enjoyment by the members and guests. Because the cost of these items may vary week to week, charges for these amenities are not listed in the Fee schedule, but instead are listed on the white board in the Club common room.

Payment: There are two methods for paying for drinks and/or snacks. On certain nights such as league play or tournament play nights, the bar will be attended, and payment made to the bar attendant. When no attendant is present, an honor system of payment has been adopted that allows members/guests to write on a paper pad what they have 'purchased', and to put the amount into a can provided for that event.

Tabs: Members and their guests are welcome to run a tab for each visit when an attendant is present. This tab must be paid in full prior to the member leaving the Club each day. Tabs run by a member's guest(s) are considered due from the member, and failure of the guest to pay will accrue to the account of that member.

Failure to settle all tabs in a timely fashion will be considered a violation of these Rules and may result in action by the Board.

Use and Clean-up: Although drinks may be taken into the billiard playing area, food consumption is not allowed in this area, with the exception of snacks (chips, etc) and drinks. No drinks may be set anywhere on a pool table. It is the responsibility of each member to clean up their glasses, trash, dishes and other items used by them: this includes washing their own dishes and glasses.

Common Room / Cue Storage: The Club has made provision for those wishing to store their cues and/or cue cases at the Club. Members are asked to be respectful and careful with the cues and cases of others and to handle them appropriately so that no damage is caused. Members understand that each cue and cue case is the personal property of its owner, and is not to be handled, opened, moved, used or otherwise manipulated without the specific permission of the owner except in the case of small, needed adjustment for access to one's own cue or case.

Members understand that the cue storage bin provided is for convenience and is not a secured manner of storage. The Club shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to either cues or cases that are stored in the area.

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CONDUCT

Appropriate Conduct

While at the Sharks Club, members and guests shall at all times act in a manner that is respectful and courteous towards other members and guests. Members and guests shall not act in a manner that is in any way abusive, harmful or offensive to others.

Maintaining good relations with the neighbors is of prime importance to Sharks Club. All members are asked to keep this in mind when playing music or when sitting outside, parking cars, or engaging in anything that may affect any neighbor.

Unruly, abusive, disruptive or aggressive behavior or language, or damage to club property will not be tolerated and will be cause for the Board to review a member for possible action. Each member will be held responsible for their own behavior and that of their guests.

No pool table or Club equipment shall be altered in any way without the Board's specific approval. Any damage to, or unauthorized alteration of, Club property will be considered an act of vandalism and the Club will endeavor to recover any costs associated with remediation of such vandalism. The Board may, in its sole discretion, choose to immediately terminate the membership of anyone who engages in any act of vandalism.

Commercial Activities

No member may engage in any commercial activity on Club premises. Outside commercial enterprises shall not engage in sales on Club premises, other than food deliveries specifically requested by a member. The Board, at its sole discretion, may grant exemptions for this limitation that they, in their sole discretion, consider beneficial to the Club and its members.

Gambling

Gambling is specifically prohibited on Club premises or related to Club events including league play, private play, or tournament play. Any members breaking this prohibition will have their membership revoked immediately.

This prohibition of gambling does not preclude the ability of the winner(s) of any tournament from accepting the prize money designated for the winning place.

It should also be noted that a Special Event may be hosted by the Club following approval by the Club. This event may include card or other games typical of casinos that include betting. The only time this type of event will be allowed is following approval by the Board for each specific event.

Common Etiquette

All members and guests are expected to abide by these basic points of etiquette. Common rules of etiquette when engaged in play or as a spectator include but are not limited to the following:

- On League days, there is generally demand for the tables for practice sessions prior to the commencement of League play. Each player should be considerate of others and play no more than two more consecutive games if others who have not played are waiting.

- No one may use another person's cue at any time without specific permission from the cue owner. Cue cases are considered private property and should not be opened or handled by anyone other than the owner.
- A player should step away from the table immediately after completing their shot unless they are entitled to make another shot.
- Do not speak to or otherwise distract the attention of a player beginning from the moment they begin to approach the table for their shot.
- Remove yourself from the line of sight of a player aiming or about to shoot. Do not cross the line of sight as a player is shooting.
- Do not lose control of temper, language, or cue at any time while at the Club.
- While celebration of an excellent shot is encouraged, consistently loud and boisterous conversation is distracting and should be avoided.
- Appropriate attire is expected of all adults attending the Club.
- Any player making a foul should alert their opponent to the foul if the opponent did not notice.
- Be respectful of other players, including the opponent, and be a good sport whether winning or losing a game.
- Do not offer unsolicited advice or criticism to players at any time, especially during a match. Do not criticize, make fun of, or ridicule the play of others, or their choice of shots.
- One time out for advice is allowed each player per game during league play or tournament play. It is inappropriate for anyone other than the shooting player or the designated coach to call for a time out. Time outs should be of no more than two (2) minutes duration so that the flow of the game is not disrupted.
- Players should not use 'slow play' or chattering while at the table as a means of disrupting their opponents.
- All shooters must have at least one foot on the floor during shots.
- No one may sit on, lean on or place any item on the pool tables with the obvious exception of racks, pool balls, cues, extensions and other appropriate equipment.
- If no one is waiting to use the table, each player should, upon completion of their shooting for the day, brush and then cover the table they have been using in order to keep tables in good playing condition. Chalk should be returned to the small bin provided.
- Smoking of any type is not allowed within the Club. If members or their guests choose to smoke outside under the entry awning, they should close the doors to prevent the smoke from entering the club. Each smoker should be responsible for properly disposing of cigarette butts and emptying their ashtrays prior to leaving the Club.

RULES OF THE GAME

Many different types of pool games are played at the Sharks Club for both league play and tournament play. All players are expected to know and follow the specific rules of each type of game. It may be the case that the Sharks Club has modified some of the rules in order to better suit its membership: rules of each game are listed in a booklet provided at the Club for the benefit of the members.



CLUB HOURS

Club Hours: The Club may be used by members and their guests all seven days of the week between the hours of 8:00 AM and 10:00 PM.

The doors to the Club are to remain unlocked whenever members are present. If the Club doors are locked during operating hours, a member may access the club by presenting their membership card and signing in on the form held by the building guard. The guard will then unlock the doors for the member. No member shall request access to the Club except during Club Hours as described above.

If no one else is present, the member leaving the Club should follow the closing procedure as follows:

- Close windows and secure with poles
- Close blinds in both rooms
- Make sure coffee pot is off and clean.
- Make sure hot water pot is unplugged in kitchen.
- Clean up any mess before leaving.
- If bench & chairs are outside, bring them inside.
- Make sure all pool tables are covered.
- Turn off awning lights and all other lights.
- Close doors and lock if you have a key. If you do not have a key, ensure guard locks the door.

CLUB LEAGUE & FUNCTIONS

Cuenca Pool League

The Cuenca Pool League is the Club's in-house league and is open for any Sharks Club member in good standing as slots become open. There is no charge for a member of good standing to become a member of the Pool League.

League Play / Rules

The Rules for each of the games played during league play shall be in accordance with the printed Rules book to be kept at the Club.

League Play / Attendance

Members who have signed up to play in league play understand that this is a time commitment to their team and to the club as a whole for the entire duration of the league season. Any member who is unable, for any reason, to attend league play at their designated time shall notify their **team captain** so that a substitute may be found. The substitute, who should have no higher skill level than the absent player for whom they are substituting, may be any member in good standing.

Consensus Options: In addition to the above, and only by general consensus of the teams matched for the evening league play, a guest, a player from another team playing that same evening, or a member of the absent player's team may also be considered for substitution for an absent player.

In every case, all effort should be made to ensure that the substitute player is of the same general ability of the absent player.



Any team member who is not present at the beginning of their match shall be given ten (10) minutes to present themselves. If they are not present and ready to play at that time, that specific match shall be considered to be defaulted due to the absent player, and the win given to the opposing team. Such default does not impair the member's ability to play should they arrive later, but the match for which they were absent continues as a loss to their team, and a win to the other team.

Alternatively, both teams may agree to 'skip' the match of the player if they are simply running late, and have given prior notification of the time constraints. In this case, the match will be played as soon as practicable upon arrival of the tardy player.

Fun Night / Tournaments / Other Hosted Functions

The Club may, from time to time, host certain functions for the members. These functions may include raising money for desired improvements, or tournaments with entry fees split between winners, or "casino" nights with card and other casino games that may include betting on games. Participation in these functions is voluntary, and in most cases, an entry fee will be charged. Only members in good standing and their invited guests are eligible to participate.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES


The Club Board of Directors comprise the Rules Committee for the Club.

In the event of any dispute arising as to the meaning or interpretation of these rules, the matter shall be referred in writing to the Board whose decision shall be final. The Board reserves the right to make amendments to the Club Rules at any time in accordance with its By-Laws. Amendments of the Rules shall be deemed to have been brought to the notice of the members provided that a copy is duly posted on the Sharks Club website (cuencapool.com) or made available by email or in hardcopy upon request.

Disclaimer

Sharks Club shall not be liable for any loss or injury to any member or guest or to any goods or property of either while on the premises of the Club.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF July, 2021



Brian Brown, President