



## BOOMER'S PAGE

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### NUMBER OF TIMES YOU MUST PLAY

In order to advance to playoffs and tri-cups, you must play at least 4 times with your team this session. In double jeopardy, you must play 4 times with the 8-ball team to advance with the 8-ball team. In order to advance with the 9-ball team, you must play 4 times with the 9-ball team.

### NOT PLAYING DEFENSE-WHY NOT?

If you are not playing defense, you are only playing half the game. It would be like playing tennis with a hole in your racket, playing the drums without ever using the cymbals, typing on your computer without ever using the upper case letters, playing basketball with no air in the ball. Get the idea? Most of you that claim that you never play defense, are playing it without even knowing it. Every time you are hooked and just trying to get a good hit. Every time you are moving the balls around to get position for a run out. Every time you miss on purpose to drive up your innings, you are playing defense. There is rarely a match goes by where there is not at least a couple defensive shots made. When score sheets come in with little or no defensive shots and above average innings on them, I know those teams are not keeping score properly. These are also the teams that will get their players either locked in or bumped to the next level arbitrarily. If you still do not understand what should be marked as a defensive shot, please go to [www.poolplayers.com](http://www.poolplayers.com) and watch the defensive shots video. Keeping score properly is your best defense against players who are trying to manipulate the system to keep their skill level down.

### Who Can Rack?

**Answer: Anyone on the team.** There is nothing in the rule book that says only the opposing player can rack. Anyone on the team can rack. Some people have difficulty racking or bending over. It makes sense, rather than delaying the match, to have someone else rack the balls. The shooting player may inspect the rack before breaking and request a re-rack, if needed.

### Bonus Points

The sole purpose of giving bonus points is to encourage captains to get their paperwork and money in on time so we can process the entire division at once. We have multiple ways for you to get this completed. If you are consistently losing bonus points, please give us a call and we will let you know what you need to do to get your bonus points each week.

**Deadline for US Amateur Entries is June 15**

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