







## 5 Star Sportsmanship Ratings

If you are going to rate the sportsmanship of the opposing team a 1 or a 2, we need a detailed description as to why you feel they deserve such a low rating. We cannot fix the problem, if we do not know what it is. Making you put it in writing, tells us that you are making a serious complaint, not just venting or whining. Putting it in writing also helps us identify the problems so they can be addressed. If you are not willing to write it up, it must not be worth complaining about. Calling us up does not do the trick. Most of the time, we have multiple calls coming in at the same time and we are constantly having to interrupt you to put the other call on hold. This frustrates both of us. Plus, making short notes while talking on the phone, splits our attention and something can be missed. Please, please, please put it writing so we can take care of it.

## "Sandbagger"

Sandbagger: The term is overused and inappropriate in the majority of cases. Absolutely no one is qualifed to use that term during a league match unless you are an official member of the handicap review committee, which 99.9% of you are not. There is absolutely no way to determine a person's skill level after watching one league match. You, as a player, simply do not have enough information to determine what a player's skill level should be. Any one can have a good game or good match. It can take as many as 10 scores for a new player to get to their proper skill level. Calling a player a sandbagger during a match is sharking and will be considered a sportsmanship violation from here on out. The way to keep sandbagging out of the league is to keep score properly. Mark those intentional misses as defensive shots. Make your comments on your score sheet. Do not verbalize your frustration or concerns during a league match. All that does is cause controversy and hard feelings. League is supposed to be fun!

## NEW PLAYERS AND THEIR SKILL LEVELS

As with every session, we have many new members in the league this session. Anyone with a membership number of 18500 or higher is new to the league. Please be aware that these new players will bounce around the whole skill level range until they get 6 or 7 scores in. We don't mind comments about these new players such as "has good cue ball control" or "good ball selection" but calling these players sandbaggers at this stage in the session does not even make sense. I dare to say that 90% of you did not start at the proper skill level or get there within the first few weeks. I am sorry that some of you have to play these new players before they are at their true skill level, however, they only way they can get there is by playing. Give these new players a chance to get their scores in before assuming that they are purposely keeping their skill levels below what they should be. It is very rare that a player goes straight to their true skill level after only a couple of plays.

Chinook Winds Entries need to be postmarked by April 1, 2012

