

GAME COURTESIES

MUST be read in conjunction with event rules.

Card Games

Common to all card games, there are a few courtesies:

- One does not pick up a dealt hand and say, “That’s a poor deal.” or “You’re a bad dealer.”
- One does not pick up cards as they are dealt. More misdeals are caused by hands moving on the table than any other cause.
- Cards are cut by the player on the right before each deal. Cribbage, by practice, has only the cut to determine the dealer. The bottom card, or the one above the required turnover, is never exposed or looked at.
- Lead-directing comments or gestures are not good card manners.
- No rulebook allows the throwing in of hands in Bridge with “No Ace, No Face”.
- Adequate time must be allowed to the opposition to see a trick or hand before it is placed away. Observers must not touch the cards, talk to or provide advice to the players.

Note:

Some localities have “**house**” rules and games, which are played by their own standards. We do not wish to interfere with these “**house**” situations, but all participants **must** practice the above-listed courtesies and adhere to the rules of each event as laid down in this Rule Book.

Floor Games

Common to Bowling, Carpet Bowling, Floor Shuffleboard, Bocce and some other action games there are some courtesies:

- Lines “thou shall not step over” exist to place all players on an even footing. Often there are not enough line judges to watch each play.
- Rules of the games indicate who is to lead, mark the score, and where players should move to their next turn. It is improper to make comments or loud noises when others play.
- Shake hands before the game commences, and at the conclusion of the game.
- Leave judging and score marking to the proper persons.

Other Rules

Rules for many of the events that older adults play (Swimming, Track, Tennis, Slo-Pitch, Badminton, Table Tennis, etc.) are contained in rulebooks written by Provincial/Territorial, National or International governing bodies; which may be referred to in this Master Rule Book.

Certain modifications have been made to the sport governing body rules to take into consideration the age category and level of competition.

Other

Avoid the use of strong perfumes, colognes or shaving lotion to prevent an opponent sneezing, being choked up or coughing at the wrong time.