

American CueSports Alliance Code of Ethics for Pool Instructors

ACS Instructor Code of Ethics

ACS Instructors are leaders and role models in the billiards community. By upholding the highest standards of personal and professional conduct, instructors safeguard the dignity of the sport, ensure student safety, and promote excellence in teaching.

In Relation to Students

- Provide instruction in a non-discriminatory and respectful manner to all students, regardless of age, gender, race, background, or playing ability.
- Maintain a safe, professional environment at all times; do not instruct under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any condition that impairs judgment.
- Strive to protect the health, safety, and emotional well-being of students.
- Communicate concepts clearly and positively, breaking down complex mechanics into understandable steps.
- Avoid using professional authority for personal advantage.
- Refrain from embarrassment, disparagement, or demeaning behavior toward students.

In Relation to the Profession

- Arrive timely and prepared for lessons, clinics, and events.
- Exemplify conduct that reflects the dignity and integrity of the profession.
- Treat all fellow instructors and billiards professionals with respect and fairness.
- Do not make false or malicious statements about students, colleagues, or other organizations.
- Accept only those responsibilities consistent with one's training, certification, and experience.
- Avoid conflicts of interest, gratuities, or favors that might impair professional judgment.
- Represent ACS and the instructional profession in a professional, positive, and ethical manner at all times.
- Instructors shall conduct themselves on all social media platforms in a professional, respectful manner. Posts, comments, photos, and videos that are disparaging, discriminatory, profane, or offensive are prohibited, as they reflect negatively on both the instructor and ACS.

Professional Standards & Practices

- Maintain sobriety, clarity, and professionalism during all instructional activities.
- Ensure professional presentation: appropriate attire, good lighting, clean teaching environment, and clear audio/video if teaching online.
- Strive for continuous improvement in teaching techniques, training materials, and instructional knowledge.
- Respect intellectual property, logos, and organizational branding, using them only with permission.

Enforcement

Any instructor who violates this Code of Ethics may be subject to disciplinary action, including the revocation of teaching rights by the ACS Instructor's Committee.

Declaration

- I understand the standards for personal and professional conduct expected of ACS instructors. I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to uphold this Code of Ethics as a condition of my role as a certified ACS Instructor.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____