

## ***Sportsmanship Rating System: How to Rate the Opposing Team***

**The following are suggested guidelines for rating your opponent's sportsmanship under the APA's Five Star Sportsmanship Program. Please feel free to use your own judgment.**

### **STELLAR RATING (5 STARS)**

- The team is one of the nicest in the Division
- The team doesn't cause any problems and are a pleasure to play
- The team goes above and beyond to show Good Sportsmanship
- The team knows the rules front to back
- The team's players will call fouls on themselves and inform the teams that they have committed a foul
- The team's players announce all defensive shots
- The team's players inform your player to mark-up their game winning shot
- The team makes your night out feel special
- Play started on time and stayed on schedule
- Your team, win or lose, had an amazingly fun time playing
- You would love to play this type of team weekly

***Give out this rating sparingly! Use the 4-star rating when your team has had a well above average or fantastic night out. Save the 5-star rating for those teams that really deserve it!***

### **ABOVE AVERAGE RATING (4 STARS)**

- The team exhibits Good Sportsmanship
- The team causes absolutely no problems
- The team knows the rules front to back
- The team is a pleasure to play
- Play started on time and stayed on schedule
- Your team, win or lose, had an above average and fun night out

***This is APA Upstate SC's Target Level. Every night out playing APA pool should be at this level.***

### **AVERAGE RATING (3 STARS)**

- No major problems
- Minor rule disagreements
- Attitudes may have got slightly out of hand, but the Team Captain got the players in line and apologized for the infraction
- The night continued without further incident
- Play started on time but may have run late
- Your team, win or lose, had a good night out

*This is the last deemed acceptable sportsmanship rating. Below a 3-star level is cause for concern from the League Office.*

### **POOR RATING (2 STARS)**

- The team caused multiple minor problems
- The opposing Team Captain did nothing to get his/her players under control
- Your evening wasn't fun
- The opposing team made smart or degrading remarks
- The opposing team tried to manipulate the handicap system
- The opposing team employed sharking tactics
- The opposing team was rude and unfriendly
- Your team, win or lose, did not have a fun night out
- The opposing team did not know the rules
- The League night ran extremely late and off schedule

*A detailed write-up on the back of your scoresheet should accompany this rating explaining why you gave this team a 2-star rating. The League Operator will contact the Team Captains to discern what the problems were and how they can be corrected.*

### **UNACCEPTABLE RATING (1 STAR)**

- Opposing team members threatened and/or intimidated your players
- The team caused multiple major problems
- The opposing Team Captain did nothing to get his/her players under control
- Your team, win or lose, had a terrible night out
- You fear playing this team again

*A write-up on your scoresheet must accompany this rating explaining why you gave this team a 1-star rating! The League Operator will contact the Team Captains to investigate and discern what problems arose and how they can be corrected. The team receiving a 1-star rating will be under heavy scrutiny and put on probationary status with a possible suspension if warranted. The League Office will not tolerate teams or members of those teams who display this level of unsportsmanlike conduct.*