



# Host Locations



Host Locations play an important part in APA leagues. They have opened their homes to us to play and have fun. **Without our hosts, there would be no APA Pool Leagues.**

With that in mind, please observe the following guidelines whenever you are in a host location, whether you are there for league play or not:

***BARS ARE BUSINESSES.*** The best way to show your appreciation for our hosts is to enjoy their services. Buy a drink. Don't drink during league play? Buy a drink after and/or come to the bar on non-league nights. Don't drink at all? Buy a soda. Can't afford a soda? Help clean up empty glassware from your teammates.

***ENGAGE THE BAR.*** Mention your team name when you order from the bartenders. Tip well. If you are a home team, talk about how you are doing and representing your bar. Bartenders and bar patrons like community. Help build that. Get them to cheer for you; make them fans! Make friendly suggestions as you would if you were visiting a family member. If you are a good teacher, offer free lessons or tips to improve their game. Consider asking them to join your team!

***NEVER BRING IN OUTSIDE BEVERAGES.*** It is rude and jeopardizes their liquor license. Remember, the parking lot is part of the bar.

***MONEY ISN'T EVERYTHING.*** Bars are about enjoyable atmospheres. Be model patrons both to staff and to other guests. If you have a question or concern, ask the bar staff. Some places have specials; say thank you! Some places do not; say thank you! Friendly goes a LONG, LONG way.

***INCENTIVES A BAR MIGHT OFFER (SUCH AS HALF-TIME DRINKS OR DRINK SPECIALS) ARE OPTIONAL.*** Although it's great when a bar can offer a special for league players, it is definitely NOT expected. We are appreciative to have a place to play and are not in a position to make extra demands. To do so would be tacky/rude. Again, we're just happy & thankful to have a place to play!

***REMEMBER WE ARE GUESTS.*** We cannot require them to host teams or to let specific individuals in the door for the purpose of league play. They have the right to refuse service to anyone at any time, even in the middle of the session. Be model patrons. Be friendly. Support your hosts.