

## Intent is the determining factor....

In the perfect world of pool, all players would call their opponents attention to defensive shots, even before shooting them. Unfortunately, in the real world of pool that doesn't always happen. When keeping score, be sure to mark a defensive shot if you believe your teammate, or his opponent, did not intend to pocket a ball. Remember that it is not necessary for the scoresheets of both teams to agree on the number of defensive shot.

Some players misunderstand what constitutes a defensive shot (also called a safety). A defensive shot occurs when there is no intent to pocket a ball. *Intent* is the key word, and certainly leaves room for judgment. In order to protect the integrity of **The Equalizer®** handicap system, it's important for Team Captains and higher-skilled players to educate lower-skilled players on what a defensive shot is. To help understand what constitutes a defensive shot, let's review some examples, keeping in mind that *intent* is the determining factor:

**Example 1:** A player is left "hooked" and unable to shoot directly at one of his object balls. He "kicks" at a ball sitting midway between the side and corner pockets, almost touching the rail. He hits the object ball just hard enough for it to contact the rail, making a legal hit and not giving up ball-in-hand. *Was there intent to make a ball? No. A defensive shot should be marked. (If the player had hit the object ball hard enough to drive it away from the rail, it would have been a judgment call on his intent.)*

**Example 2:** A player does not have a "makeable" or "high percentage" shot and decides to leave his opponent in a difficult situation, rather than attempt a difficult shot. He shoots one of his object balls softly to the rail and makes the cue ball roll in behind his object ball, leaving his opponent with no shot—or a difficult one at best. *This is the most Obvious defensive shot.*

**Example 3:** A player is well ahead in a game or match and decides to purposely miss a few shots. This is unethical and a form of cheating, better know as sandbagging, that could disqualify a player or team in Local League play or at an APA National Tournament. The way to prevent sandbagging is to **mark a defensive shot when you believe there is no intent by a player to make a ball.** This is

obviously a judgment call. If every scorekeeper marked defensive shots when they believed sandbagging was taking place, it would be pointless for players to attempt sandbagging. In order for sandbagging to occur, BOTH teams must fail to follow the rules. The shooter must deliberately cheat, and his/her team and the opposing team must fail to mark the deliberate misses as *defensive shots*. It is hard to design a system more secure than one that requires the deliberate cheating by one team, and the negligence of the other team, in order for sandbagging to occur. *If it is the scorekeepers opinion that a player did not intend to pocket a ball, a defensive shot should be marked.*

We need your help to protect the integrity of The Equalizer® handicap system. Please display good sportsmanship by announcing your defensive shots and help others recognize them. Your passion to win should never be compromised by sandbagging!

## Upcoming Summer 2010 Events

**Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>** – 8-Ball Best of Best

**Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>** – 9-Ball Best of Best

**Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>** – Team Mates Tournament

**Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>** – 8-Ball Partners

**Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>** – Half & Half Partners  
(8-ball winners side; 9-ball losers side)

**Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>** – 1's, 2's, 3's, 4's & 5's (9-Ball)

**Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>** – 6's, 7's, 8's & 9's (9-Ball)

**Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies Tournament

**Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>** – Seniors Tournament

**Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** – 2's, 3's & 4's (8-Ball)

**Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** – 5's, 6's & 7's (8-Ball)

Players must have a minimum of 7 scores overall to play in the above tournaments

**Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**

**2010 APA NORTHEAST CHALLENGE**

(players must have 20 scores and be active in 8-Ball)

only 6 spots available for Connecticut teams...

call office for northeast challenge entries; check website for all other tournament information

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**PLAYERS MUST BE ACTIVE IN THE  
SUMMER 2010 FOR ALL TOURNAMENTS  
ABOVE.**

Check the website for flyers and updated information.

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# Weekly Newsletter

## 2 MATCHES AWAY FROM VEGAS.....

Congratulations to the winners of the 8-Ball Tier 1 Qualifier Cup held this past weekend at Big Shots. They will now compete in our State Tournament on June 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> where they will have 2 matches to win in order to advance to Las Vegas.

### 8-Ball Tier 1 Teams

Team Number	Team Name	Captain
<b>06403</b>	<b>That's How We Roll</b>	<b>Stephen Sanders</b>
06602	Bomb Squad	Chris Jewett
06809	Pitt Bulls	Jose Malave
00807	Piso Mojado	Paul Wilhelm
01110	"Got Shots?"	Michael Kulesa
01513	Aces Full	Darren Smedick
01904	Tavern House Grill	Richard Archambault
02106	Manniacks	Jennifer Shea
02202	Crazy 8's	Katherine Spadacent
02314	Peter's Café	Samuel Aguirre
02909	Cue Dawgs	Joseph Coady
03003	Shot First A.H.	Ray Niederwerfer
03110	Max 2	Darryl Turbacuski
03503	Nothin But Noise	Patricia Longo
03708	Punishment 2	Ivan Mendez
03812	Cadillac Ranch	Robert Yard
03911	Red Headed Step Child	Carrie Howard
04009	Whack It Somewhere	Almasi Bridges
05103	Electric Spaghetti	Barry Swanson
05401	AJ's Ball Breakers	Bob Godbout
06008	You're Off the Team	Nick Guerreri

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### 9-Ball Tier 2 Teams

21604	"OH" Well	Joseph Commisso
21103	No Pressure	Ross Montigny

*In order for a player to be eligible for Playoff matches they must play 4 matches during the current session. To play in the qualifier cup they would need 6 matches overall including the 4 during the session. **The summer session is the shortest session make sure all your players get the required number of matches.***