



## **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AT TOURNAMENTS**

**Playing by the rules with a spirit of fun, guided by a sense of fairness.  
Violation of these rules can result in disqualification.**

### **DOs**

1. Always hold the tile bag at eye level or above and avert your eyes when drawing tiles.
2. Always have exactly seven tiles on your rack (until there are no more in the bag).
3. Always carefully count the points on each turn before announcing your score.
4. Always clearly state and write down the letter that a blank represents before or when announcing your score.
5. Always record your cumulative score before drawing new tiles.
6. Always check the score for accuracy announced by your opponents when they make their play. Games will not be recounted later—though you or your opponent may always correct a score if you catch it before the game ends.
7. Always record your opponent's cumulative score before making your own play.
8. Always follow the "Official Tournament Rules" and "Using the Digital Timer" instructions.

### **DON'Ts**

1. Never pronounce, discuss or define any word(s) out loud to your opponents.
2. Never ask your opponent if they want to challenge a word.
3. Never draw new tiles too quickly before your opponent can issue a possible challenge.
4. Never return any tiles to the bag unless you are exchanging letters on your turn. If you have drawn too many tiles, raise your hand and tell a judge.
5. Never speak in an abusive, offensive or confrontational tone.
6. Never make use of any dictionary, word list or electronic device during a game.
7. Never ask a word judge for any additional information about a challenged word during game time.
8. Never communicate with anyone during the game except your opponents and event staff.
9. Never attempt to change your play after pressing the clock to end your turn.