ACS Programs

Sanctioning of any billiard league for \$10/player annually

Annual ACS National 8-Ball & 9-Ball Championships

Supporting state associations affiliated with ACS

Coordination of annual national amateur "All American Tour"

Midwest 8-Ball Championships

Sharing programs with our counterpart in Canada - the member-governed Canadian Cue Sport Association (CCS)

Sharing ideas and communication with an "alliance" of other cue sport organizations both nationally and internationally - some of which are seated on the ACS board of directors

Sanctioned Player program

Instructor/Coach Certification program

Referee Certification program

Room Member program

Following the world-standardized rules of play as distributed by the world-governing body for the sport the World Pool-Billiard Association



ACS Instructor/Coach Mission Statement

To promote the Sport of Billiards by developing educational resources for players, instructor/coaches and businesses, and to promote knowledge and training as integral components for the growth of our great sport and for the success and enjoyment of the players.

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The ACS Instructor/Coach Program



Pooling Our Talents

Are you looking for an Instructor or Coach?

Have you ever thought about becoming an Instructor and sharing your pool knowledge and experience?

Are you already an Instructor in another program?

Curious about the ACS Instructor/Coach Program?

Look inside for a quick overview of the Program.

Visit americancuesports.org or email coach@americancuesports.org or phone toll-free 888.662.1705

History

The ACS Instructor/Coach Program (The Program) was founded in 2006. The organization's structure and purpose were initially set by a group of highly experienced professional instructors. This all-volunteer task force was comprised of many of the top instructors of our time in cue sports.

This dedicated team has evolved into an Instructor/ Coach Program Committee that works closely as a group to assure that our organization delivers support and real value to our instructors.

Why Are We Here?

For Instructors:

The purpose of our Program is to provide potential instructors with an organized, practical approach to becoming an instructor, and to helping their students have fun and play better. For active or experienced instructors, we offer opportunities for ACS equivalentlevel certification as well as certification upgrades for all instructor levels.

For Players:

Our Program is designed to support your search for an appropriate and available instructor or coach. Our web listings for instructors feature contact information, location, and Instructor Certification level.

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Instructor/Coach Certification Levels

The Program incorporates world standards currently in wide use. One of our primary tools is the PAT (Playing Ability Test), a world-standardized pool skills test. Instructor Certification levels are partially tied to standard PAT scoring levels established in Europe and recorded around the world.

We distinguish four Certification levels:

Level One - First level Certification. Instructor has been through at least one instructor training program or has had a significant amount of experience teaching in cue sports (pool, carom or snooker).

Level Two - Instructor has been through additional instructor training, and has acquired more teaching experience and the knowledge and confidence to work with more advanced players.

Level Three - Advanced Certification. Instructor is very active, and is contributing to the sport.

Level Four - Master Certification. Full-time professional instructors.

Testing and requirements become more stringent with each level. Details are available on the ACS website.

Benefits of Certification

This program was designed to ensure appropriate standards of skill, knowledge, and experience are in place for each instructor, at each certification level.

Requirements include rules tests, teaching tests, diagnosis & correction tests, and skills tests. The fact that instructors have achieved the required scores or otherwise qualified for their certification level helps players make informed choices, and helps instructors get the credibility they have earned.

Why ACS?

We're here to promote good pool instruction. We're here to help players find good instructors.

We're here to help instructors succeed. We provide resources and training for instructors to become better instructors. We provide meaningful credentials and useful online instructor listings. ACS Certifications, as far as possible, comply with internationally-recognized standards for billiards education.

Instructors, we're *not* here to tell you how or where or what to teach. We're *not* here to monitor your business or your curriculum or your students.

We want you to succeed and prosper. Join now and take your next step into professional coaching!