

HOW TO BE A GOOD ROOMMATE

As much as we might not like it, sometimes our avocation requires us to room with someone we might not know. However many times, great friendships are born because of happenstance. Hopefully some of the following tips can make it a better experience for both of you:

If overbearing issues arise, talk with the referee coordinator about a possible solution.

1. Share your likes/dislikes about the room with your roommate as soon as you see them.
 - a. Do you like the room hot or cold?
 - b. Can you sleep with the tv on or do you need it to be quiet?
 - c. Do you need complete darkness to sleep or can you sleep with the light on?
 - d. How much time does it take you to get ready in the morning?
 - e. Do you go to bed early/late?
 - f. Do you need 8 hours of sleep or only 5?
2. When you close a door, turn the handle, close the door, allow the handle to release quietly after the door is closed, so the door does not slam.
3. Coordinate your schedule with your roommate.
 - a. If both of you have 8:00 matches, decide the night before who gets the shower first.
 - b. Leave a note, if you have to.
4. Be a good buddy. Check your roommate's next day's work schedule.
5. If you've been to this tournament before, but your roommate has not, show them the logistics. If you are both new to the event, walk it out together.
6. Don't use all the towels.
7. Use your own toiletries. Don't use your roommate's items without permission.
8. After you shower or use the sink, make sure you clean up all the leftover hair.
9. Clean up after yourself.
10. Be considerate of your roommate's religious beliefs, allergies, quirks, etc.
11. Keep your music, tv, phone conversations to yourself. No one needs to hear all that.
12. At no time, should your roommate be locked out of 'your' (shared) room.
13. If one of you has a car and the other does not and you both ride together somewhere, offer the driver a small token of your appreciation.