



POOL TABLE CARE

Once your table has been installed it requires very little care. There are some precautions you can take to protect your investment and enjoy your table for a lifetime.

SERVICE

Make sure that an authorized Palason Billiards representative performs all service work on your pool table otherwise the guarantee is voided.

Here is a list of services offered by Palason Billiards' service department:

Repair service to all makes of pool tables.

Cloth change • Rubber replacement • Antique table restoration • Dismantle, transport, set-up • Move or prepare for transport • Evaluation of damages for insurance claims • Tune-up • Storage • Cue repairs • Ball cleaning •

MOVING

Never attempt to lift or move your pool table. This could result in a cracked slate or rail and most certainly force the table out of level. Please be advised that any damages incurred as a result of lifting or moving your pool table are not covered under the Palason Billiards' guarantee. Palason Billiards Inc. is equipped with specialized jacks on wheels, which can be used to move your table around the room without having to disassemble it. This can be useful when you are laying down new carpeting or when you simply want to change the position of your table. If you are moving a short distance, Palason Billiards' technicians can easily dismantle, transport and set-up your table in the same day. If your move is a long distance one, we can prepare your table for transport. Special care is taken to insure that all parts are protected, especially the slates.

LEVEL

How is it that a pool table can lose its level? There are many things that can affect the level. Often new homes will settle and shift slightly, causing small changes in the level of the floor and in turn affecting the level of the table. Sitting and standing on the table can definitely throw things out of whack. Lifting, pushing or attempting to move your table can also misalign the playing surface. Storing heavy objects on the table, over time can also throw things out of kilter.

There is a very simple way to check the level of your table. Start by giving your cloth a thorough cleaning (see cloth section for details). As a last step, brush the cloth from head to foot, carefully following the straight lines of the weave. This will accentuate the nap of the fabric and help the ball to roll along in a straight line. Choose 2 balls, which are perfectly clean and free of nicks. You are now ready to begin testing the level. Stand at the head of the table and hit your object ball down the right side of the table. The ball should roll at normal playing speed. Watch to see whether the ball veers off the straight line that it should follow. Do not base your judgment on the movement of the ball when it is slowing down or stopping. Repeat the same shot several times.

Repeat this procedure down the center and on the left hand side of the table. Then move on to the side of the table and hit your shots across the table from side to side. If the ball deviates from its expected path, it could be due to a buildup of chalk beneath the cloth, the presence of pills on the cloth, too much spin placed on the ball, or an imbalance in one of the balls. Try the shot again, this time with 2 new balls. If you get the same result, try moving the shot over by an inch. If you get the same result again, you may have a low spot on your table. It may be necessary, during the life of your table, to have it professionally leveled. Please call Palason Billiards' service department to schedule a service call. Please note that the leg levelers on your table should only be adjusted by an authorized Palason Billiards representative.

SLATES

Never drop anything heavy or sharp on the playing surface of a pool table. You risk cutting the cloth and chipping the slate. Even though slate is rock, it is brittle. Always roll the balls into position for racking, never drop them. Never tap the cue ball into position for breaking, this is a bad habit which over time can damage the felt and the slate.

RAILS

Avoid sitting on the rails, it strains the cloth, bends the cushions out of shape and loosens the rail. Over time, the cushion may separate from the rail and result in a ruined cushion.

Keep food and drinks away from your table. Stains are not easily removed from your cloth.

Avoid smoking around your table. The red-hot ashes may burn a hole in the cloth and the smoke will discolor your cloth and balls.

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