

**HOUSE RULES**  
**ARID CLUB OF EL PASO, TEXAS, INC.**

The following House Rules were unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors of the Arid Club of El Paso, Texas, Inc. on June 5, 1994 and revised November 3, 2001, October 4, 2003 and January 5, 2013. The Board of Directors passed the "Disciplinary Guidelines" on April 7, 2002. Revised "Parents" January 9, 2010.

1. The Arid Club of El Paso, Texas, Inc. premises are rented to any group acceptable to the Board of Directors for ninety (90%) percent of the groups donations. This included group access of the club for a period beginning one-half-hour before the scheduled meeting and ending one-half-hour after the closing of the meeting. Regular dues paying members who are not members of a particular group do have access to the club during meeting times, but are expected to respect the group's activities. Non-members are allowed in the club 15 minutes before and after a scheduled meeting. Individuals under suspension from the Arid Club of El Paso, Texas, Inc. are permitted to attend meetings, but are allowed on the premises 5-minutes before and after the meeting.
2. Contributions of a quarter for a cup of coffee are greatly appreciated; however, this club is not in the business of making money on coffee, therefore anyone wanting a cup of coffee will not be denied if they have no money.
3. The Board of Directors is authorized to hire a suitable custodian. A service agreement is provided.
4. The Arid Club of El Paso, Texas, Inc. is open daily for the use of its members. Hours are set at the direction of the Board of Directors. The custodians are directed to secure the building at set closing times, except on special occasions as determined by the Board of Directors.
5. Personal business, gambling, and group or individual actions which interfere with the primary purpose Alcoholics Anonymous, is strictly prohibited in the Club. No solicitations of any kind are permitted on the premises.
6. All complaints from club patrons must be presented to the Board of Directors in writing. Any complaints from club patrons will be handled as follows: (1.) The initial complaint must be in writing. (2.) The defending party will be given the opportunity to make a statement in writing to the Board. (3.) All witnesses to the event in question shall provide a written statement of what occurred. (4.) Once all written statements have been received, the Board shall call an emergency meeting consisting of no less than 5 Board Members, the complaining party, and the defending party. (5.) Both parties will be given the opportunity to make an oral statement to the Board. Once all statements have been heard, the Board shall convene to discuss what action, if any, shall be taken. The actions shall be in accordance with the Discipline Guidelines of the Arid Club of El Paso, Texas, Inc. (6.) All parties involved shall be notified of the Board's decision immediately.
7. Members/nonmembers are not allowed to use the Club's furniture as a place to sleep. Exceptions are made at the discretion of the custodian as long as the stay is not overnight or exceeds the hours of the Club.
8. Excessive abusive language and behavior are not allowed or tolerated in the Arid Club of El Paso, Texas, Inc. (Warnings: verbal, written, suspension, expulsion).
9. The Board of Directors, by a seventy-five percent (75%) vote may suspend a member of the Arid Club of El Paso, Texas, Inc. due to repeated violations of the House Rules. (See Discipline Guidelines).
10. By their very nature, recovery meetings and discussions are an adult activity. Parents of minor children are strongly cautioned to consider whether this environment is appropriate for their children and must maintain direct supervision of them at all times. Parents, not the Arid Club of El Paso, Texas, Inc. or its personnel, are responsible for the orderly behavior of their children. Children are not allowed on the premises unattended, and The Arid Club of El Paso, Texas, Inc. and its personnel are not responsible for children left unattended in violation of this House Rule.
11. The only animals allowed in the Club are service dogs with persons who have been deemed medically dependent on such dog. Service dogs must be under leash or harness control at all times, cannot display aggression or otherwise disrupt a meeting and must be wearing the current municipally required registration tag. Other persons may not call, distract, pet or feed a service dog.
12. The kitchen is off-limits during any special event except for staff and any appointed helpers.
13. Only staff are allowed to open and close windows to minimize damage to mechanism.