Parental Guidelines: Pinball

3 Decade Arcade currently houses eleven pinball machines with release dates ranging from 1981 to 2021. Due to the lack of commercialized pinball collections here locally, our machines are a major foundation of 3DA. Through mechanics, electrical wiring, graphic art, glass, etc., these machines provide a true sense of nostalgia. However, this also proves that these machines are very fragile and delicate.

To help secure the longevity of our machines, we ask that any parents visiting with ages 15 and under, read through this list of regulations.

Flipper Control

 Pinball flippers are powered by coils, which carry high electronic currents to allocate flipper movement when the flipper buttons are hit. An over-excessive amount of hitting the flippers can cause damage to the mechanics of the machine and over-heat those coils. Flipper buttons should only be hit, when the ball touches the flipper or if it is required for gameplay.

Shattered Glass Prevention

 Each pinball machine has a thin, long piece of glass protecting the game's playfield. These sheets of glass cannot be used as tables to hold coats, purses, etc. Hitting or slapping the glass is not acceptable.

Side-Art Protection

 Each pin has a unique hand-painted or vinyl side-art that wraps the entire cabinet. Our machines are positioned close together to maximize our space.
Therefore, no one should be in-between the pinball machines. Belts, buttons, and keys can easily scratch the side of the cabinets and cause permanent damage.

Cupholders

 Our pinball machines each have a cupholder on the right, front leg to hold beverage bottles and play cups. Please utilize the cupholders and refrain from placing cups and bottles on top of the game's glass.

If anyone in your party happens to disregard these regulations listed above or mistreats any of the games in any way, we will ask you to stop. If it is a recurring issue, you may be asked to leave. 3DA is a family-oriented business and we want **everyone** to have fun and make memories. However, we simply cannot tolerate any negative behavior. If you have any questions regarding anything listed above or if anyone in your party has never played pinball before, please ask us. We are here to help and we want everyone to have a great, step back in time.