

# MBX Meeting Etiquette

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In order to insure a consistent and predictable referral culture, MBX observes the following guidelines. These rules are created for the protection and success of our chapter members.

1. Meetings start at 7:00 AM sharp. The first 15 minutes of the hour are active networking minutes. Member are intended to stand for the full 15-minutes in order to meet guests, visit with fellow chapter members and exchange referrals.
2. Cell phones should be set to silence or stun. Answering your cell phone, texting, and other media-focused activities are unfair to those who are presenting their 30-second infomercial or otherwise talking.
3. MBX members should always stand when speaking. Sitting takes energy and attention away from speaking.
4. Guests should be openly welcomed. Share information about yourself and invite the guest to join the group.
5. Attendance is mandatory. Repeated absence is strongly disapproved. An MBX member may miss up to three times before her/his category is opened.
6. Members must represent their primary occupation during the MBX hour, not a hobby, second career, or personal interest.
7. Speakers must bring a door prize on the day of their 5-minute presentation. The door prize is awarded to someone who made a business referral on the day of the presentation.
8. Members who wish to change their membership category must fill out a new application and submit it to the membership committee. Subject to the membership committee's ruling, the member MAY be allowed to change category.
9. In the event of a problem with a member, a complaint may be filed with the membership committee for evaluation.
10. All new members must attend MBX University within one month of joining the chapter. They may do so online by going to <http://mbxmerced.com/members/university.html>.