

TRENDSPOTTING

Play By The Rules

Think the customer is always right? Then some restaurants' rules may come as a shock. We found out which restos in town put down some stiff regulations to protect a certain ambiance—drawing like-minded folks to the table.

Get a babysitter. Children younger than 18 years old aren't invited to dine at **Viande Rouge**, or children younger than 14 years old at their next door neighbor **Trattoria 141** (except on Sundays), ensuring a grown-up sanctuary for quiet date nights and biz dinners. *9810 Medlock Bridge Road, 770.497.0021, trattoria141.com; 770.623.4959, vrsteakhouse.com*

No hats at **Justin's**. Even A-list celebs are asked to bare heads to safeguard the vibe from growing too casual. *220 Peachtree Road, 404.603.5353, justinsrestaurant.com*

Intoxication is prohibited at **Café Circa**, which prints a list of 13 rules ranging from hilarious to serious. They'll call sloshed folks a cab and advise, "Call it a night. Don't call your ex." *464 Edgewood Ave. SE, 404.477.0008, cafecircaatl.com*

Banned: utensils with your pizza at virtuoso **Varasano's**. While no one will take them out of your hand, a table tent recommending how to eat pizza without a fork and knife stands. They once banned patrons from using utensils with pizza, but since his menu has expanded greatly, there is now a place setting when you arrive. *2171 Peachtree Road, 404.352.8216, varasanos.com*
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