

Pool Rules

These are an abbreviated version of the rules played by the World 8 Ball Federation.
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Object of the game

The object of the game is to win by being the first player to pot a group of "their sequence of balls" in any order and then pot the black ball in any pocket.

The Break

The Break will be deemed a Legal Break if:

- At least one coloured ball is potted, and or four object balls (at least) are hit into any of the 6 cushions.
- If a break is not a Legal Break the opponent is awarded two visits, the balls are re-racked, and the opponent re-starts the game and is under the same obligation to achieve a Legal Break. If the cue ball is potted on a Legal Break the player is penalised by the turn passing to the opponent. The incoming player has 1 visit. The cue ball is played from the baulk the object balls stay where they landed.

Deciding Colours

- If no balls are potted on the break the table is deemed open. The incoming player can choose either sequence of balls but must pot a ball to secure ball selection.
- If one or more of each of the colours are potted on the break the player then has the right and obligation to verbally advise his/her opponent their choice of colours before proceeding, the player is on that selection for the rest of the game.

Legal Shot

On all shots a player must make the cue ball's initial contact with a ball of his/her colours (or the black ball if entitled) and then either pot a ball or cause the cue ball or any object ball to make contact with a cushion. Penalty End of turn 2 visits to the opponent.

Balls off table

If the Black Ball or a Coloured ball/s are hit off the table they are to be replaced on the black spot (or nearest to the black spot in a straight line, to the top cushion end). If the white ball is hit off the table it is regarded as an in off foul. Penalty The incoming player then has 2 visits. The cue ball is placed behind the baulk for their first visit.



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Foul Shots

- Potting the cue ball. Penalty end of turn opponent has 2 visits. The incoming player plays their first visit from the baulk.
- Potting an opponent's ball (except when it is the properly nominated ball following a foul snooker) Penalty end of turn. The opponent has 2 visits. The cue ball is played from where it is.
- Failing to make the cue ball's initial contact with one of your sequence of balls. Penalty End of turn. The opponent has 2 visits. The cue ball is played from where it is for the first shot of the first visit.

Foul Snookers

- When an opponent plays a foul shot and this results in the incoming player being Foul snookered (see definition of foul snooker below), thus (restricting their shot) the incoming player is deemed to be Foul Snookered.
- Options The incoming player may play the cue ball from where it lies. And is awarded 2 visits.
- OR he/she may remove the cue ball so as to allow the player to play his/her 2 visits with the first visit starting from the Baulk.
- If a player chooses to play the cue ball from where it lays the player may if the player so wishes nominate the Eight ball, or any of their opponents Colours.
- Once nominated, that ball is deemed to become one of the player's colours for the first shot of the first visit. The player may then play any of his own Colours, or the nominated opponent's ball. If any of the players Colours and/ or the nominated ball are potted, the player continues on with their first visit.
- If the eight ball is nominated it may be played, but potting it will mean loss of frame.
- Foul Snooker Definition: A player is foul snookered when it is impossible to play the finest cut possible on both sides without restriction by any of the opposing players Colours or black ball by way of a straight line shot.

Touching Balls

If the cue ball is touching an Object Ball the player is obliged to play away from the object Ball at an angle of more than 90 degrees, (that is, play the shot without causing the Cue Ball to make any initial further contact with that Object ball). And then meet all the requirements of a legal shot.

Balls falling in without being hit

Any ball that falls into a pocket at any time, without being struck, shall be replaced to its original position without penalty.

Loss of frame fouls

- Committing a foul in the same shot whilst potting the eight ball (except on the Break).
- Potting the Eight Ball plus any other ball/s in the same shot.