

10. Ball in Play

- (a) The *cue-ball* is *in play* when it is not *in-hand*.
- (b) *Object balls* are *in play* from the start of the *frame* until *potted, pocketed or forced off the table*.
- (c) Colours become *in play* again when re-spotted.

11. Ball On

A *ball on* is any ball which may be legally hit by the first impact of the *cue-ball*, or any ball which may not be so hit but which may be *potted*.

12. Nominated Ball

- (a) A *nominated ball* is the *object ball* which the *striker* indicates to the satisfaction of the referee, or declares (states verbally), they undertake to hit with the first impact of the *cue-ball*.
- (b) If requested by the referee, the *striker* must declare which ball they are *on*.

13. Free Ball

A *free ball* is a ball, other than the *ball on*, which the *striker nominates* as the *ball on* when *snookered* after a *foul* (see Section 3 Rule 12).

14. Forced Off the Table

A ball is *forced off the table* if it comes to rest other than on the playing area or in a pocket.

15. Infringements, Fouls and Penalties

An *infringement* is any violation of these Rules.

A *foul* is an *infringement* which will end the offender's *turn*.

Penalties are *infringements* which do not affect the order of play.

ball moves due to any defect in the table surface, except in the case where a spotted ball moves before the next *stroke* has been made.

- (b) No player shall be penalised for any disturbance of balls by the referee.

16. Ball Intentionally Moved

Other than *striking* the *cue-ball* to make a *stroke*, or contacting a ball during a *consultation period*, if any ball is intentionally moved or picked up by the *striker* from the playing area, the referee shall call FOUL.

- (a) In a situation where a stationary ball is intentionally moved or picked up, the non-offender may then;
- (i) elect to play themselves or request their opponent to play from the position left. For this situation, any ball that did not come to rest on the playing area will be considered *forced off the table*.
 - (ii) elect to have all balls replaced to their original position and play themselves or request their opponent to play again. In the latter case the *ball on* shall be the same as it was prior to the *infringement*, namely;
 - (i) any Red, where Red was the *ball on*;
 - (ii) the colour *on*, where all the Reds were off the table;
 - (iii) a colour of the *striker's* choice, where the *ball on* was a colour after a Red, or a *free ball nominated* as a Red had been potted.

If the above situation arises during a sequence of FOUL AND A MISS calls as described under Section 3 Rule 14(d) and the request is made for the offender to play again, any Warning concerning the possible awarding of the *frame* to their opponent shall remain in effect.

- (b) In a situation where a moving ball is intentionally moved or picked up, the referee shall make the best possible decision in the interest of fair play.
- (c) If the *striker strikes* the *cue-ball* to make a *stroke* as an act of Unsporting Conduct, they may be Warned as described in Section 4, Rule 1 and the non-offender will have the options as described under (a) and (b) above.

A *consultation period* starts when the decision is made to replace the ball(s).