

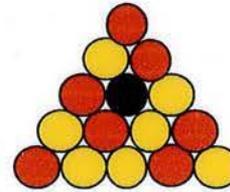
1) **THE BREAK** (Note the slight position change)

Break-off from anywhere behind the base-line.

A **LEGAL BREAK** has occurred if:-

At least 1 object ball has been potted **OR**

At least 4 different object balls have hit any cushion/s



Failure to do so is a foul break, and the balls are to be re-racked.

Play passes to the next player breaks off with 2 shots carry, but is under the same obligation to pot a ball or cause 4 balls to any cushions on the first visit.

Failure to do so is a foul break, the balls are to be re-racked etc.

If an object ball has been potted on the break, the player **MUST** choose a colour to be on. Failure to do so is a foul, 2 shots carry NO Ball in hand, and it is an open table.

If the colour chosen was potted off the break, the player is on that colour regardless of any following shot / foul, and is so for the rest of the game.

If the colour chosen **was NOT potted** off the break, the player has to pot a ball of their nomination (without fouling) on the next shot to be on that colour . If a ball does not get potted, there is no foul, but it is now an open table.

**PLEASE NOTE:-**

If the cueball is potted during a **LEGAL BREAK**, the opponent has **ONLY 1 shot**, and it is an open table regardless of how many object balls have been potted, **BUT** cueball off the table, the opponent has **2 shots**.

If the black is potted off the break, the balls are re-racked and the same player shall break off, whether any other ball including the cue ball, goes off the table or into a pocket. **NO PENALTY**

2) **GENERAL PLAY**

On every shot, **AFTER** the cue-ball has made contact with an object ball you are on you must either:-

2a) Cause any ball on the table to hit a cushion

2b) Pot a ball of your colour (or any ball except the black on an open table)

Note: Hitting any cushion/s **BEFORE** contact with an object ball is irrelevant.

**Exception:-**

If you cannot see the smallest edge of all of your remaining balls, you are in a **TOTAL snooker** position. **You must declare the position to the referee before your shot.**

The ref is to check the position and then state the player is in a total snooker.

In this case rules **2a)** and **2b)** do not apply. You have only to hit a ball of your colour.

**Any foul shot penalty is '2 shot carry...NO FREE BALL...NO BALL IN HAND'** unless you are in a **FOUL SNOOKER** or **FOUL JAW SNOOKER** position (see rule 4)

**NOTE: A foul shot may be played whether deliberate or accidentally**  
**A player may even to elect to play a shot 'INTO SPACE'**

3) **There is no re-rack in general play**

If you are in a position where you cannot play a legal shot, you must play a foul shot.

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### **4) FOUL SNOOKER**

A 'FOUL SNOOKER' position exists when, after a 'FOUL' has been played, the incoming player cannot play the thinnest cut on BOTH SIDES of at least one ball of their colour.

To determine this for any of a players ball, the cushions and the players own other balls are to be ignored. The distance between the cue ball and object ball is irrelevant.

If the cue ball is touching your own colour, it is deemed that you can play the thinnest cut on both sides of your ball, even though you have to play away.

A DIAGRAM EXAMPLE SHEET is attached

**NOTE:** If a player believes they are in a FOUL SNOOKER, they must ask the referee for a ruling.

If the referee is not asked for a ruling on the position, then the **GENERAL PLAY RULES 2a) and 2b)** apply

If the referee confirms the **FOUL SNOOKER** position exists, the incoming player may either:-

4a) Choose any **1 ball as a free ball** (to described or pointed to its position) for the first of 2 visits

All other balls on the table remain 'as are' and if contacted first or potted will incur a FOUL, or

4b) Place the cue behind the baulk line and continue with 2 visits

**NOTE:** If the cue ball is placed behind the baulk line, a FOUL SNOOKER position may still exist and the incoming player may still nominate 1 FREE BALL as in rule 4a)... HOWEVER...

If the cue ball can be placed in any position that would not allow a FOUL SNOOKER to still exist, the player may NOT claim a free ball **REGARDLESS OF WHERE THE BALL IS ACTUALLY PLACED**

If a ball is picked up by a player when not entitled to do so, it is to be replaced as close as possible to its last position, and the opposing gets 2 visits BALL IN HAND if req'd (NO FREE BALL)

### **5) FOUL JAW SNOOKER**

Off a FOUL shot, if the cue ball lands in the JAW of a pocket and is preventing the thinnest cut on both sides of any one of that players ball, the player is in a FOUL JAW SNOOKER and all the rules applying to FOUL SNOOKERS as above are applied.

### **6) PLAYER and REFEREE responsibility**

**PLAYER:** It is the players responsibility to know the rules, **and to ask the referee for a ruling if required**  
Any TOTAL SNOOKER, FOUL SNOOKER or FOUL JAW SNOOKER does not exist unless you ask the referee / opponent, and the position is confirmed to all players.

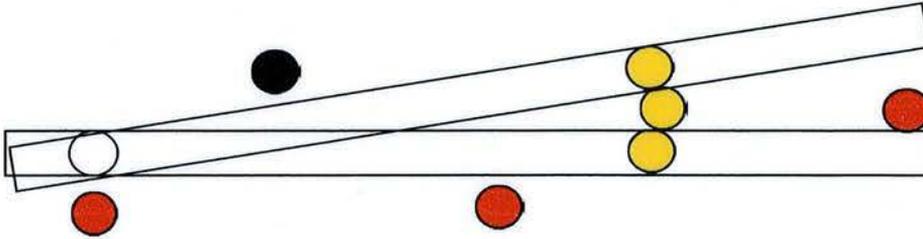
**REFEREE:** The referee should only determine if a foul shot has been played, and to award the relevant penalty.  
**A referee should NOT award a TOTAL SNOOKER or a FOUL SNOOKER, without being asked for a ruling by the player in control of the table.**

**Failure to ask the referee means the GENERAL PLAY rules 2a) and 2b) apply**

**Rule 4) example sheet**

**In all the following examples, the Player on REDS has played a foul.  
Player in control of table is on yellow, and asked for a FOUL SNOOKER**

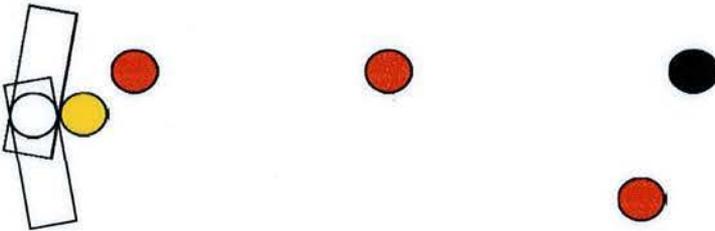
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**This is NOT a FOUL SNOOKER - NO BALL IN HAND - NO FREE BALL**

The central yellow ball can be cut both sides IF the players other own balls were not on the table

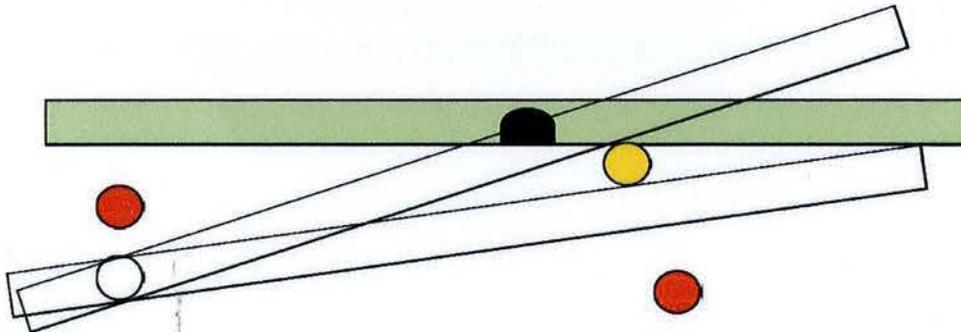
B)



**This is NOT a FOUL SNOOKER - NO BALL IN HAND - NO FREE BALL**

The distance between the cue ball and the yellow makes no difference, the thinnest cut in both directions is not interfered with by any opponents ball or the black ball... even if it is a touching ball

C)



**This is NOT a FOUL SNOOKER - NO BALL IN HAND - NO FREE BALL**

The cushion is to be ignored in determining whether an object ball can be cut

**If a player picks the cue ball up WHEN NOT ENTITLED TO DO SO... it is to be replaced and it is a foul and the opponent receives '2 SHOTS, BALL IN HAND IF REQUIRED...NO FREE BALL' (either by the position of the balls, OR BY FAILURE TO ASK THE REFEREE when in a FOUL SNOOKER position)**