

INTERNATIONAL RULES – SHORTENED VERSION

Legal Break

3 balls must go over the centre line, 3 balls potted or a combination of both.

Failed Legal Break

It's a re-rack and the oncoming player has the choice of breaking or making player 1 break again.

If the 8 ball is potted on the break, its re spotted. If the black & a colour are potted off the break, the black is re spotted and the player is still in play.

Standard Foul on the break

If the cue ball goes down the pocket, its cue ball in hand behind the line with one visit.

If the cue ball goes off the table, its cue ball in hand anywhere on the table with one visit.

Deciding Colours

It's the first legal ball potted that decides the colour groups.

You can only pot the colour set that you are going for.

If you're attempting to pot a yellow, you must pot a yellow to be on that colour.

What you cannot do is play a yellow onto a red to go on reds or vice versa.

If you inadvertently pot a red whilst going for a yellow, it's not a foul, it's just loss of turn, player 2 comes to the table with an open table.

If the colour choice is not obvious, the player must specify which colour their hitting.

Standard Fouls

If you commit a standard foul, its ball in hand anywhere on the table with one standard visit.

Combination/Skill Shot.

You can pot your ball and your opponent's ball in the one visit.

You cannot pot your last ball and the black in one visit. Loss of Frame.

Loss of Turn (leaving the cue ball where it lies)

If you don't make a skill shot, then it's just loss of turn and not a foul.

You can pot your opponent's ball as long as you have fulfilled all the other requirements of a legal shot, so as long as you've hit your ball first, you can pot your opponent's ball, it can be used as a tactical shot and not a combination shot. Player 2 must play from where the cue ball lands.

Failure to indicate colour choice, failure to strike called colour, striking called colour but potting another colour.

There is no such thing as a total snooker, you still must pot a ball or hit a cushion after hitting the object ball.

5 Seconds for balls dropping into the pocket, ball returned if longer.

Stalemate – whereby a legal shot cannot be played it's a rerack and the same player breaks.

Standard Fouls – ball in hand to be placed anywhere

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not hitting own ball first• Not causing a ball to hit a cushion.• Potting cue ball (except off the break).• Playing or breaking out of turn• Playing before all balls come to rest.• If ball leaves the playing area without permission.• Not one foot on the floor.• Ball remaining off the table.• Jump Shot• Not hitting the cushion after a snooker.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Playing out of baulk when shouldn't e.g cue ball over the line.• Hitting any balls with any other part of the cue than the tip.• Coaching.• Playing a push shot or double hitting the cue ball.• Failing to play away from a touching ball.• Clothing, Chalk, rest etc touching a ball/balls.• Marking the table to assist a shot.
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Loss of Frame Fouls

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deliberately not playing your own ball/s• Committing a foul whilst potting the black (except on break shot).• Potting the 8 ball when colours remain on the table, including potting the last colour & the 8 ball.• Failing to make an attempt to play your own colour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unsporting behaviour (foul language, throwing cue, unscrewing cue, arguing with ref, interfering when opponent on shot (verbally or physically).• Intentionally placing the cue ball in hand to create a re-rack.
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