



International 8-Ball Rules
(Spot White Style ☺)

Tournament Use: If there is a dispute, please ask any member of staff
Referees decision is final

If a dispute occurs and neither party can agree and there is no decision that can be made by a referee, the game will be re-racked and the remainder of the frames watched at all times by a referee

- A free ball will be given on a foul (The cue ball can be placed anywhere on the table and one shot only unless player pots)
- Players can pot an opponent's ball if they strike their own ball first. They do not get another shot unless they also pot one of their own balls
- If the black ball is potted off the break, then the break is switched and there is a re-rack - this is not the end of the game
- Touching ball - if the cue ball is touching a players own ball, they may play away and strike their ball, an opponent's ball, or no ball. If it is touching an opponent's ball, they must strike one of their own balls otherwise it's a foul.
- Winner decides who breaks next game and the first break is decided by the first name called out in the tournament draw
- A pot on the break does not nominate that ball with the player. A ball potted after the break is the decision
- If no shot can be taken without committing a professional foul then a referee will review and decide whether the game will be re-racked
- In each shot on the 8-ball, the pocket must be nominated. If a player pots the 8-ball in a different pocket, this is a foul and they lose the game

FOULS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Player pots the cue ball
- Player strikes opponents ball first
- After the object ball has been hit, no ball hit's a cushion - (unless a ball is potted)
- A ball is knocked off the table (ball is then potted, if on the 8-ball player loses the game)
- The 8-ball must be potted as an individual ball in an individual shot. Any foul when the 8-ball gets potted is a loss, including potting another ball.
- On a free table (before any ball is potted) a player hits one type of ball to pot another. For example, the ball hit first is a spot, and a stripe then goes in.