

English Pool Referees Association

REFEREES CALLING PROCEDURES

Amended 2015 –

BLACK BALL POTTED ON THE BREAK SHOT: Call: - **“Void Break”**. (Retrieve all Balls and re-rack) ... **“Same Player to Re-start Frame, No Penalty”**.

FOUL BREAK: Call: - **“Foul Break”** (Re-rack Balls) **“Opponent to Re-start Frame with Two Visits”**.

CUE BALL POTTED ON A FAIR BREAK: Call: - **“Foul”** Timing to re-start on handing the cue ball to the oncoming player. Call: - **“One Visit, Time Running”**.

In the event of a player showing reluctance to accept the cue ball, i.e., [e.g. Gamesmanship], place the cue ball on the baulk rail and call; - **“Time Running”**.

ANY STANDARD FOUL WHEN GROUP NOT ESTABLISHED: Call: - **“Foul, Two Visits”**.

If it is the first time a player is in/takes control of the table. Call: - **“Foul, Two Visits...Open Table”**.

BREAK SHOT, ANY LEGAL BALL(S) POTTED: Call: - **“Balls Potted”**...

If player nominates the group potted Call: - **“Red/Yellow Balls in Play”**.

If player nominates the group not potted Call: - **“Red/Yellow Balls Nominated”**.

If colour nominated is then potted Call: - **“Red/Yellow Balls in Play”**.

Failure to pot nominated colour Call: - **“Open Table”**.

BREAK SHOT, FAIR BREAK, NO BALLS POTTED: Call: - **“Open Table”**.

Should the next shot not establish a group, Call: - **“Open Table”** to the breaking player on their first return to the table.

OPEN TABLE ANY LEGAL BALL POTTED Call: -“Red/Yellow Balls in Play”

OPEN TABLE BOTH GROUPS POTTED Call: “Balls Potted”

If player nominates a colour, Call “Red/Yellow Balls in Play”

If player fails to nominate Call: “Foul 2 visits, Open table”

FIRST APPROACH AFTER GROUPS ARE ESTABLISHED: On the first time only, that a player is in/takes control of the table, after groups have been established. Call: - **“Red/Yellow Balls in Play”**.

ANY STANDARD FOULS DURING A FRAME: Call: - **“Foul, Two Visits”**. No further call is made (other than time calls/fouls) until a pot “on” is missed. Then Call: - **“Second Visit”**. No call is made at the end of this visit.

NON STANDARD FOULS: Call: - **“Foul”**. Then impose relevant penalty and/or await direction from the oncoming player. Add **“Open Table”** if no group established and it is the first time a player is in/takes control of the table.

LOSS OF FRAME FOULS: Call: - **“Loss of Frame”**. Explain reason.

TIME FOULS: At 30 seconds, Call: - **“Thirty Seconds”**. This must be called on time even if the player appears to be about to stroke the shot. At Sixty Seconds, Call: - **“Time Foul, Two Visits”**. Add **“Open Table”** if no group established and it is the first time a player is in/takes control of the table

TOUCHING BALL(S): When the cue ball is in contact with any ball(s) “on”, Call: - **“Touching Ball(s)”**.

Clearly point to ball(s) in contact with cue ball.

TIME OUT: If Time Out is granted or required by the Referee, Call: - **“Time Out”**.

At the end of the Time Out period, Call: - **“Time Running”**.

TOTAL SNOOKER/FOUL SNOOKER: After a request from a player only, Call: - **“Total/Foul/Jaw Snooker”**, or as appropriate, with **“Time Out”** calls if necessary.

STALEMATE: If the Stalemate Rule is invoked, Call: - **“Stalemate, Re-start of Frame, Same Player to Break”, “One Visit”**.

BALL NOMINATION: Where a player has a right of ball nomination, after nomination, point to nominated ball and Call: - **“Red/Yellow/Black Ball Nominated”**.

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