



Peterborough Snooker League

The Miss Rule & Application

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Notes On The Miss Rule

As stated in the Rules and Constitution Rule 1(c) the League abides by the full Rules of the game as laid down by the WPBSA. Included with this is the Miss Rule. Because of the wide range of standards within the League and the difficulties in refereeing/interpreting the Rule, the Committee ask all players/referees to use common sense through the Divisions, i.e. the higher the standard of play the stricter you should be, and the lower the standard of play the more lenient you should be in enforcing the rule.

In what is always going to be a difficult part of the game, we ask all players to be honest, and if you feel you have not made your best effort to get out of a snooker in relation to your standard of play, please declare that.

Conclusive situations in which the League feel they can advise you on its use are

- a) Anything short is a definite foul or miss.
- b) It is accepted that if there is a one cushion escape a Miss will be called, although this is not a hard and fast rule. An exception to this would be an extremely difficult snooker, and if the striker makes a what is judged to be a reasonable attempt to get out of the snooker, no Miss should be called.
- c) If a striker can see any part of an object ball (ball on) he/she is playing and fails to make contact the referee shall call a Foul and a Miss.
- d) A Miss can be called a maximum of 3 times from the same position, and on the 4th attempt a Foul only should be called.
- e) A Miss cannot be called against a striker when his opponent requires a snooker before, or as a direct result of, the shot played by the striker. If you think a player clearly cheated the situation, you can then call a foul based on unsporting behaviour regardless of the difference in the scores.
- f) If a striker can make contact with the full diameter of the ball he/she is playing, and fails to do so, the referee shall call an automatic Foul and a Miss. Do not confuse this with a free ball. Further failure to strike the 'ball on' if asked to play from the same position playing the same shot, will result in the referee warning the striker that if he/she plays the same shot a third time and fails to strike a 'ball on' he/she will forfeit the frame. Please don't let this happen.
- g) A Miss cannot be called on the final black.

Please demonstrate genuine sportsmanship with this difficult rule and remember, if in doubt consult both players, but the referee's decision is final.

Finally, please do not call a committee member on the night with a problem on the Miss Rule, use your good nature to resolve it in a sporting manner. Any team which requires instruction or a refresher on the Miss Rule should contact any of League's qualified referees who will gladly give instructions.

The 'Foul And A Miss' Flowchart

