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A humble attempt to clarify some of the more contentious rules under World Eight Ball Pool Rules:-

Foul Snooker, Foul Jaw Snooker, and Balls Falling Without Being Hit.

Most of the **Bold** type has been inserted to draw attention to specific points or are notes inserted for clarification by the League Secretary.

Foul Snooker Rule.

If a player believes that a Foul Snooker exists, the player must ask the referee for a Foul Snooker. **The onus is on the player to ask the referee, not the referee to offer, if the player doesn't ask the Foul Snooker Rule is not applied. Any prompting by the referee is deemed to be coaching.**

If the referee rules that a foul snooker exists, the player initially has the following options:-

Play the Cue Ball from where it lies.

OR

Ask the referee to remove the Cue Ball so as to allow the player to play from baulk.

If the player chooses to play the Cue Ball from where it lies, the player may if he wishes, nominate the Eight-Ball or any one of the opponents Colour.

The player can nominate a particular ball by description of it, or it's position or by pointing at it. The referee may ask for further information if any doubt exists as to which ball has been nominated.

Once nominated, a ball is deemed to 'become one' of the players Colour for the first shot of the first visit.

The player may then play **any** of the player's own Colour **or** the nominated ball. If **any** of the players Colour **and/or** the nominated ball are potted, the player continues with the first visit. **The player doesn't need to hit a nominated ball, or even aim in the direction of a nominated ball, he may play away from a nominated ball and still perform a legal shot whether the ball he has nominated goes in or not. See diagram on last page.**

If the player chooses to play the cue ball from Baulk, a Foul Snooker may no longer exist, **and therefore the player continues with two shots as if the white ball had been pocketed. If the player thinks a foul snooker still exists he must ask the referee again.**

If the referee decides that a Foul Snooker does still exist, the player may nominate a ball and **follow the procedure as stated earlier.**

If the Eighth-Ball is nominated it may be played, but potting it will mean loss of frame.

If a player is 'On' the Eight-Ball and Foul Snookered:-

The player may play a nominated ball or the Eight-Ball and pot either **or both** of these of these balls, directly or indirectly, in any pocket or pockets.

Assuming the player does not commit a foul:-

- a) If **neither** the Eight-Ball or the nominated ball is potted, the players first visit is complete.
- b) If the nominated ball **is** potted and the Eight-Ball is not, the player continues with the First visit.
- c) If **the nominated ball and the Eight Ball are potted, the player wins the frame.**
- d) If the Eight-Ball **is** potted and the nominated ball **is not**, the player wins the frame.

If a Foul Snooker exists and the Cue Ball is touching an opponents ball or balls, the player may, **but is not obliged to**, nominate one of those touching balls.

Foul Jaw Snooker

If an opponent fouls and the Cue Ball comes to rest on or near a Jaw (curved part of a cushion), and that jaw is preventing the player from playing the finest cut possible on both sides of any of that player's own Colour by way of a 'straight-line' shot, **the player is deemed to be Foul Snookered** and all the rules pertaining to Foul Snookers will apply. **Note that a Foul Snooker is permitted ONLY for pocket jaws NOT the main parts of the cushion, if the players only ball is touching the main part of a cushion NO Foul Snooker is allowed solely because of the cushion.**

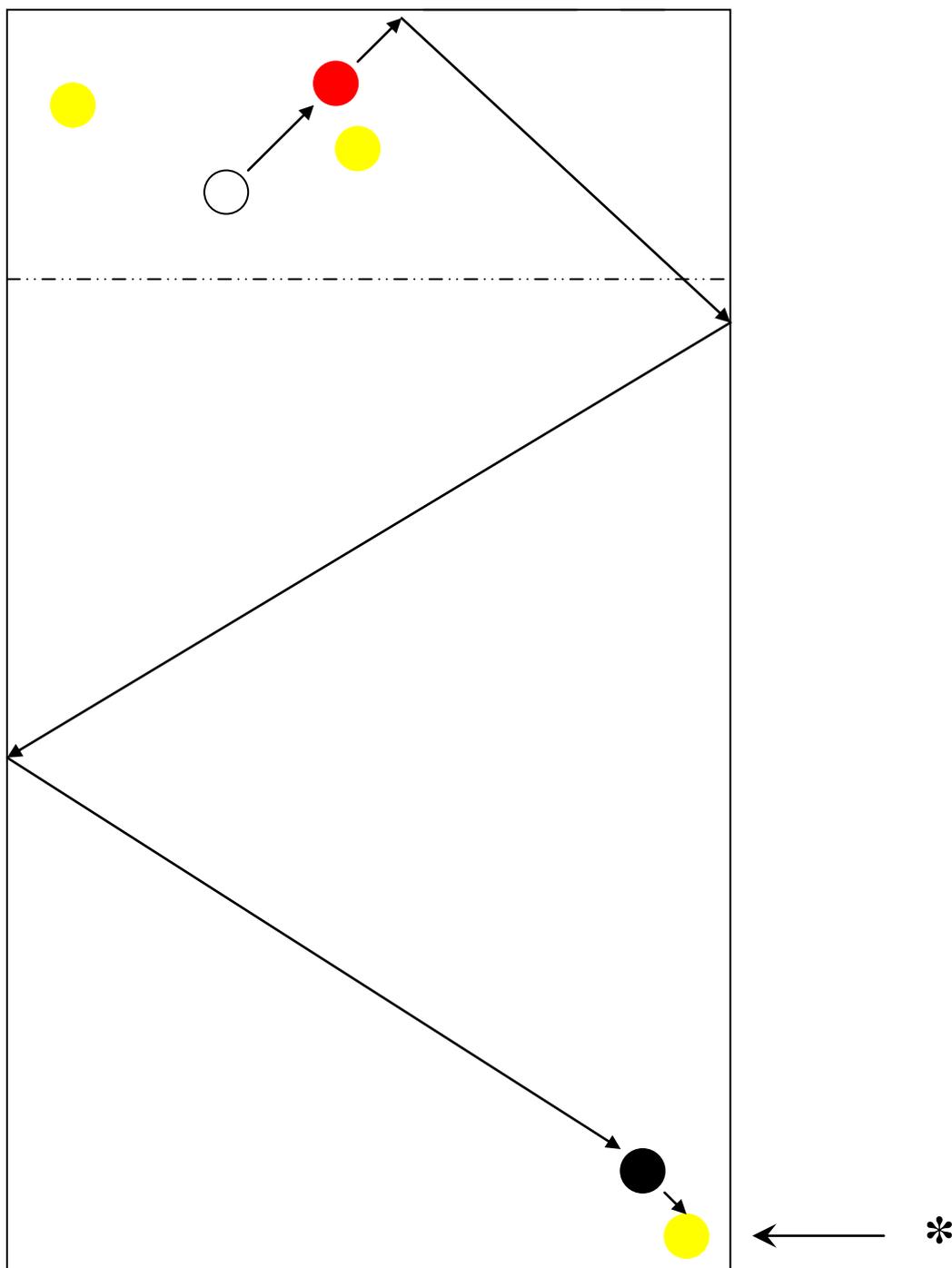
Balls Falling Without Being Hit

The instant that the Referee has determined that a shot is over, time will be started. Any subsequent ball falling, no matter how close to time starting, will be treated as falling without being hit, and it shall be replaced where it was prior to falling. **Only the fallen ball will be replaced even if other balls were moving. Exception, if it is absolutely clear a moving ball would have struck the ball that fell, the fallen ball is replaced also all other balls are restored to the positions before the shot was played. The same player will then play again without penalty. The Player may decide to play a different shot.**

Player In Control Of The Table

A player (and the player's partner in doubles) is deemed to be "In Control" of the table from the time that the balls stop moving from the final shot of an opponent's turn until the balls stop moving from the final shot of the player's turn. There can be no instance, once a frame has commenced, that someone is not in control.

Nominating a ball after a Foul Snooker



Player Foul Snookered on RED may nominate indicated YELLOW (*), then play RED around the angles onto BLACK, BLACK pots nominated YELLOW.
Referee calls 'First Visit' and play continues.