

GUIDING BODY

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EVENTS

Straight Pool (14.1) Singles Competition Only.
Nine Ball Singles Competition Only.
Eight Ball Singles Competition Only.

FACILITY

A facility is required with a minimum of 12 pool tables. Each table to be (4 1/2' x 9'). There should also be sufficient room between the tables that there is no interference from one match to another.

BRACKETING

Double Elimination Bracket

SCORING

Nine Ball: Preliminary matches: Race to 5
Quarter Finals: Winner's Bracket Race to 5. Loser's Bracket Race to 3
Semi-Finals: Winner's Bracket Race to 5. Loser's Bracket Race to 3
Finals: Race to 5

Eight Ball: Preliminary matches: Race to 5
Quarter Final: Winner's Bracket Race to 5. Loser's Bracket Race to 3
Semi-Finals: Winner's Bracket Race to 5. Loser's Bracket Race to 3
Finals: Race to 5

Straight Pool: (14.1): Preliminary matches DAY 1: All matches to 75 points
Quarter-Finals & Semi-Finals DAY 2: All matches to 75 points
Final Matches: 100 points

GENERAL SPORTS RULES for Pocket Billiards

The current rules of the World Pool-Billiard Association shall be strictly adhered to.

The rule of fouling an object ball accidentally will be waived in the absence of a formal referee or an impartial third person.

It is unfair for the shooting player to bend over the table for his/her shot and to have his/her opponent then declare "your shirt or your jacket or some other part of you" touched an object ball. The shooter has no defense against this type of charge mainly because he/she neither can see it (his/her head and eyes are well ahead of his/her body) nor can he/she feel this declared rule violation.

Accidentally moved object ball/balls (without a referee): Upon mutual agreement between the shooter and his/her opponent said moved object ball/balls will be returned to original position. However if this cannot be mutually agreed on: **THE NON-SHOOTER WILL PREVAIL**. Reason: if a referee had been in charge the shooter would have had no say whatever. The shooter would have lost his/her turn at the table, be penalized one point for the foul and the referee would have returned the ball/balls as near as possible as to his/her (the referee's) best recollection.

A deliberate, intentional disturbance of any object ball/balls is subject to immediate disqualification and loss of that match and possible total disqualification from further tournament participation.

WPBA rules specifically provide for unsportsmanlike conduct penalties to be imposed by the tournament director.

Special notes for rule of play: SIMULTANEOUS HITS

Nine Ball - A legal shot requires that the cue ball's first contact be with the lowest numbered ball on the table. Therefore when the possibility of a simultaneous hit presents itself, (and no referee is officiating) it will be the responsibility of the shooter to request that an independent/neutral observer approach the table (as close as possible) without interfering with the shooter and stand in such a manner that he/she is able to view both balls in question. His/her eyes to be as near as possible directly over the object ball to be struck first and thus render a decision as to the legality of the hit. The observer's decision will be final.

Eight Ball - Once a player has qualified to be either on "solids" or "stripes", his/her initial contact by the cue ball must be with said declaration of "solid" or "stripe". No simultaneous hits. Therefore, as in Nine Ball, the shooter is to call for an independent observer whose decision will again be final.