

1. At the start of a session how is it determined which player plays with the Yellow Ball?

By stringing or by any other mutually agreed method.

2. When is a warning issued in a Billiards match?

a) For ungentlemanly conduct.

b) For 'BAULK LINE WARNING' when a player reaches 80 points in each hundred of a break if the rule is in use.

The limitation of consecutive Hazards and Canons at 15 and 75 respectively require the referee to state when a player has reached a point five shy of the limit. This is a statement and a reminder to the players who are not expected to keep count themselves thus spoiling their concentration and not a warning as such.

3. If a player is cautioned for ungentlemanly conduct, how many such warnings can be given? What is the subsequent result after the first warning?

One warning only and with any further infringement the offending player forfeits the match.

4. What happens when a player uses fingers to see if the red ball can be placed on its spot?

The referee calls Foul and awards the opponent 2 points.

5. If a player asks the referee: a) What colour is my cue ball? and b) What is the score? Should the referee give any answer?

a) The referee should not respond to 'Which ball is mine' as this may prevent the player from absentmindedly playing the wrong ball. John Ivett further interprets this rule as follows. "However if the player asks 'am I the yellow ball' I have no problem with confirming that. I know this is borderline but that is how I see it. This is similar to a player asking, 'am I on a red or a colour' in Snooker. We cannot answer that, but if he asks 'did I just pot a red' the answer will be yes!"

b) The referee will state the scores as per the scoreboard plus any points in the current break ( the same as in Snooker).