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In a frame of Snooker there are ten reds left on the table. The incoming striker is snookered on all and has been given a free ball.

He nominates the Pink and pots it. He then nominates the Blue and pots it as well, however the referee was still in the process of returning the Pink to its spot when the stroke was played.

What is the action of the referee?

A – The referee in this instance should penalise the striker and the penalty should be 5 points not the 6 that could be a possibility in the thoughts of some. When consulting the rule book it can be seen in Sec. 3 Rule 10 (penalties) that the very first rule in the very first section of them is that the penalty shall be the value of the ball on (blue, once nominated) if a stroke is made before the referee has completed the spotting of a colour taken as a free ball.