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In a frame of snooker player A is snookered, plays a poor attempt at getting out of the snooker and hearing the referees call of a Foul & A Miss, knows he is going to get put back, so obligingly picks up the cue ball and hands it to a very surprised referee. Now what as the referee, are you going to do next?

A - This situation could be tricky to an inexperienced referee. It is not appropriate to call a Foul. If you do, then the Foul & A Miss call has been negated. The call of Foul also halts the sequence of events and then with the lifting of the cue ball off the table it would have to be played from in hand. The solution appears to be to call a 'penalty' on player A and then replace the cue ball to the nearest position the referee thinks it was at. Player B would then have all usual options after the Foul & A Miss call. To prevent player B from having these options would in my opinion be unfair. This decision is vindicated by applying Section 5 Rule 1 (The Referee) (a) (ii).