

2007 POSERS WITH SUGGESTED ACTIONS.

1. You as referee notice that there is heavy and regular build up of chalk on the cloth during the match and the players are repeatedly requesting the cue ball to be cleaned.

Question A) what would you do about this if anything?

Answer. Referee should attempt to identify which player has the defective chalk

Question B) what would be your action if you realised the problem was from the chalk of one player?

Answer. Referee should request the player to replace his chalk

2. The striker has played two Foul & a Miss strokes and whilst the referee is attending the scoreboard (with his back to the table) the striker plays and misses again.

Question. What action comes next?

Answer. Referee should seek observations from reliable spectators (including both players) and make a decision based on achieving fair play.

2a. Player A, after making a 40 break returns to his seat. Just before his opponent is about to play, he (A) remembers that he left his block of chalk on the table rail. He quickly attempts to retrieve the chalk and in the process, knocks the chalk onto the table. In doing so, the chalk strikes the black ball.

Question. What is the referees decision & penalty if any?

Answer. No penalty. The ref will replace the black if needed.

3. a) The striker has potted a red and then a black. The cue ball has come to rest close to the black spot but not infringing the respotting of the black ball. Striker then bridges very close to the black for the next stroke (at a red near the centre pocket). Just prior to striking the cue ball, the black ball rolls off its spot and rolls between the strikers fingers and comes to rest perilously close to but not touching them. As a reaction the striker jumps up and looks at the ref in as much as to say "I did not foul" and then gets back down and played the next stroke.

Question ... When this was observed should the black ball have been respotted prior to the next stroke being made?

Answer. Yes

b) All 'as above' but with the exception that the player potted the black with positioning of the cue ball that allowed potting of a red near the black ball spot. This time however, the black ball after rolling off its spot obstructs the red from being potted! The striker stands up and looks to the ref.

Question ... What action if any does the ref take?

Answer. Same (respot the black).

4. The cue ball has come to rest on the edge of a top rail pocket, central to the opening and as close as it could be to the edge without falling in. The striker addresses to play the next stroke with his cue low in the pocket and close to the cue ball with his bridge hand resting on the pocket leather (the curved part). As he pauses during feathering, the cue ball falls back and remains 'stuck' between the fall of the pocket and the tip of the strikers cue!

Question. What do you think should happen next ?

Answer. Replace cue ball and player replays the stroke.

5. The striker has potted a red and then strikes the cue ball in an effort to pot a long blue. This is after failing to get position on the black. As the cue ball starts its forward motion the pink ball rolled off its spot and into the path of the cue ball and collides with it ! The pink spot had been a problem during the match.

Question. What do you think should happen next ?

Answer. If the referee observed the pink move without being touched and was convinced the cue ball would have otherwise missed it, all balls would be replaced and the stroke replayed.
