

## FOUL AND MISS RULE - Guidelines for non-professional players

I have noticed that many players are not always calling this rule correctly.

In an effort to clarify a difficult rule, even for Referees, I offer the following points;

1. IF A PLAYER FAILS TO HIT A BALL WHEN SNOOKERED, THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO CALL A MISS.
2. The player does not have to use the shortest route; they may play off one, two, three or more cushions, and there is still no automatic Miss.
3. If you do call a Miss, the call does not have to be repeated if they miss again.
4. Generally, if the player misses 3 times, you should not call the 4th attempt. Below A grade standard, you should consider that the player is trying to the best of their ability on the second attempt.

All the above apply when the player is snookered, the rule is quite clear on all calls and procedures when not snookered. Unfortunately, the calling of Miss seems to have fallen into a 'fashion statement'

What other players say, or even what we see on TV, is not the rule. Professional players and Referees have clear guidelines, which are not appropriate for non-pro events.

Calling "Foul and a Miss" when snookered should be extremely rare in Australia, except at National level, and almost never called on below A Grade standard players.

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