

REFEREES COMMENTS

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At a recent meeting of Victorian Snooker Referees the following responses were given to the questions when asked.

1. What aspect of refereeing do you enjoy the most?

- Having the best seat in the house.
- Enjoying the responsibility & facilitating role.
- Satisfaction when successfully completing a match
- The comradery between referees and players
- Having the knowledge to make decisions.

2. What aspect of refereeing do you enjoy the least?

- Players using time wasting tactics.
- Players not vacating the table promptly after a stroke.
- Having to make challenging judgement decisions.
- Tables with pockets instead of rails.
- Tables too close together to enable proper deportment
- When tournament directors lack direction and are not decisive.

3. Do you prefer to referee Snooker or Billiards?

- 70% said snooker
- 20% said billiards
- 10% had no preference

4. Do you have an official Referees blazer?

- 85% yes
- 15% no

5. What is one thing you would like to see more or less done by referees?

Like to see more;

- Call scores more often and clearer
- Take rest from players after use.
- Check spots prior to match commencing
- Keep cue ball when attending scoreboard when cue ball is in-hand.
- Control dress code with players

Like to see less;

- Letting coin fall on floor at toss
- Talking to players during frame.
- Precision spotting of colours when not needed
- Excessive gap between pink and reds at start of frame.
- Referees borrowing items (biros, gloves, ball marker etc)