

## Rules Number 11.Fouls and 12.Penalties

### 11. Fouls

If a foul is committed, the *referee* shall immediately state FOUL.

- (a) If the striker has not made a stroke, his turn ends immediately and the referee shall announce the penalty.
- (b) If a stroke has been made, the referee **will** wait until completion of the stroke before announcing the penalty.
- (c) If a foul is neither awarded by the referee, nor successfully claimed by the non-striker before the next stroke is made, it is condoned.
- (d) Any colour not correctly spotted shall remain where positioned except that if off the table it shall be correctly spotted.
- (e) All points scored in a break before a foul is awarded are allowed but the striker shall not score any points for any ball pocketed in a stroke called foul.
- (f) The next stroke is played from where the cue-ball comes to rest or, if the cue-ball is off the table, from in-hand.
- (g) If more than one foul is committed in the same stroke, the highest value penalty shall be incurred.
- (h) The player who committed the foul
  - (i) incurs the penalty prescribed in Rule 12 below, and
  - (ii) has to play the next stroke if requested by the next player.

### 12. Penalties

All fouls will incur a penalty of four points unless a higher one is indicated in paragraph (a) to (d) below. Penalties are:

- (a) value of the ball on by
  - (i) striking the cue-ball more than once,
  - (ii) striking when both feet are *off* the floor,
  - (iii) playing out of turn,
  - (iv) playing improperly from in-hand, including at the opening stroke
  - (v) causing the cue-ball to miss all object balls,
  - (vi) causing the cue-ball to enter a pocket,
  - (vii) playing a snooker behind a free ball,
  - (viii) playing a jump shot,
  - (ix) playing with a non-standard cue, or
  - (x) conferring with a partner contrary to Section 3 Rule 17(e).
- (b) value of the ball on or ball concerned, whichever is higher, by
  - (i) striking when any ball is not at rest,
  - (ii) striking before the referee has completed the spotting of a colour,
  - (iii) causing a ball not on to enter a pocket,
  - (iv) causing the cue-ball to first hit a ball not on,
  - (v) making a push stroke
  - (vi) touching a ball in play, other than the cue-ball with the tip of the cue as a stroke is made, or
  - (vii) causing a ball to be forced *off* the table.
- (c) value of the ball on or higher value of the two balls concerned by causing the cue-ball to first hit simultaneously two balls, other than two Reds or a free ball and a ball on.
- (d) A penalty of seven points is incurred if the striker**
  - (i) uses a ball off the table for any purpose,
  - (ii) uses any object to measure gaps or distance,
  - (iii) plays at Reds, or a free ball followed by a Red, in successive strokes,
  - (iv) uses any ball other than White as the cue-ball for any stroke once the frame has started,
  - (v) fails to declare which ball he is on when requested to do so by the referee, or
  - (vi) after potting a Red or free ball nominated as a Red, commits a foul before nominating a colour.