

Appendices ○

A Credits & Version History

The Pilaar Duncan Family Pool Rules are the house rules for pool developed by and for the Pilaar Duncan family, starting in Christmas 2016.

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B Glossary

Term	Definition
Black, The	Alternative term for the 8-ball.
Clank, The	A mishit that causes a truly angelic “clank” sound.
Down Trout	Mispronunciation of “Down Trou”.
If you’re playing pool, you’re playing pool	A phrase said to encourage a distracted player to give the game their full attention.
Jammy	A lucky shot.
Mishit	When the player strikes the cue ball badly. Often gives rise to <i>The Clank</i> . Pronounced “miss hit”, rather than “mi-shit”.
Moses	When the cue ball “parts the sea” of balls near a pocket and is the only ball that sinks.
Rack ’em up!	A phrase said to the challenger to encourage them to rack the balls.
Roll	Not all tables are perfectly flat, some have some deformations that can cause a change in a ball’s path. This creates additional thrills and challenges for the players...and often home table advantage.
Set	Overs (balls 9-15) or Unders (balls 1-7).
Snooker	The player is unable to see either side of any of their balls from the cue ball. If the only one of their balls the player can see is touching the cue ball and would require a push shot, this is also a snooker.
Snooker, Foul	A snooker that has come about as the result of a foul.
Snooker, Legal	A snooker with no foul associated with it (i.e. performed legally), and has been done to the player by the opponent.
Snooker, Partial	The player can only see one side of any of their balls. This includes the black/8-ball if the player has sunk all their colours.
Snooker, Self	The player has snookered themselves.
Snooker, Table	The player is snookered because the cue ball is partially in a pocket. Hence, they are snookered by the table.
Snooker, Total	See <i>Snooker</i> .
Tom Stick, The	The shortest cue available. Named after Tom Duncan who, at the time of coining the term, was the shortest player at the table. Tom would like it known that he is now over 6ft, and very rarely the shortest player. Recently this term has fallen out of use.
White, The	Alternative term for the Cue Ball.