

# World Eight Ball Rules: Calling Procedures 2020

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BLACK BALL POTTED ON THE BREAK SHOT: Call: - **"Void Break"** . (Retrieve all Balls and re-rack) ... **"Same Player to Re-start Frame, No Penalty"** .

FOUL BREAK: Call: - **"Foul Break"** ..... (Re-rack Balls) ..... **"Opponent to Re-start Frame with Two Visits"** .

CUE BALL POTTED ON A FAIR BREAK: Call: - **"Foul"** ..... Timing to re-start on handing the cue ball to the oncoming player. Call: - **"One Visit, Time Running"** .

- In the event of a player showing reluctance to accept the cue ball, i.e., Gamesmanship, place the cue ball on the baulk rail and call;- **"Time Running"** .

ANY STANDARD FOUL WHEN GROUP NOT ESTABLISHED: Call: - **"Foul, Two Visits"** .

- If it is the first time a player is in/takes control of the table. Call: - **"Foul, Two Visits...Open Table"** .

BREAK SHOT, ANY LEGAL BALL(S) POTTED: Call: - **"Balls Potted"** ...

- If player nominates the group potted Call: - **"Red/Yellow Balls in Play"** .
- If player nominates the group not potted Call: - **"Red/Yellow Balls Nominated"** .
- If colour nominated is then potted Call: - **"Red/Yellow Balls in Play"** .
- Failure to pot nominated colour Call: - **"Open Table"** .

BREAK SHOT, FAIR BREAK, NO BALLS POTTED: Call: - **"Open Table"** .

- Should the next shot not establish a group, Call: - **"Open Table"** to the breaking player on their first return to the table.

OPEN TABLE ANY LEGAL BALL POTTED Call: - **"Red/Yellow Balls in Play"**

OPEN TABLE BOTH GROUPS POTTED Call: **"Balls Potted"**

- If player nominates a colour, Call **"Red/Yellow Balls in Play"**
- If player fails to nominate Call: **"Foul 2 visits, Open table"**

**FIRST APPROACH AFTER GROUPS ARE ESTABLISHED:** On the first time only, that a player is in/takes control of the table, after groups have been established. Call: - **"Red/Yellow Balls in Play"**.

**ANY STANDARD FOULS DURING A FRAME:** Call: - **"Foul, Two Visits"**. No further call is made (other than time calls/fouls) until a pot "on" is missed. Then Call: - **"Second Visit"**. No call is made at the end of this visit.

**NON STANDARD FOULS:** Call: - **"Foul"**. Then impose relevant penalty and/or await direction from the oncoming player. Add **"Open Table"** if no group established and it is the first time a player is in/takes control of the table.

**LOSS OF FRAME FOULS:** Call: - **"Loss of Frame"**. Explain reason.

**TIME FOULS:** At 30 seconds, Call: - **"Thirty Seconds"**. This must be called on time even if the player appears to be about to stroke the shot. At Sixty Seconds, Call: - **"Time Foul, Two Visits"**. Add **"Open Table"** if no group established and it is the first time a player is in/takes control of the table

**TIME OUT:** If Time Out is granted or required by the Referee, Call: - **"Time Out"**.  
At the end of the Time Out period, Call: - **"Time Running"**.

**TOUCHING BALL(S):** When the cue ball is in contact with any ball(s) "on", Call: - **"Touching Ball(s)"**. Clearly point to ball(s) in contact with cue ball.

**TOTAL SNOOKER/FOUL SNOOKER:** After a request from a player only, Call: - **"Total/Foul/Jaw Snooker"**, or as appropriate, with **"Time Out"** calls if necessary.

**STALEMATE:** If the Stalemate Rule is invoked, Call: - **"Stalemate, Re-start of Frame, Same Player to Break", "One Visit"**.

**BALL NOMINATION:** Where a player has a right of ball nomination, after nomination, point to nominated ball and Call: - **"Red/Yellow/Black Ball Nominated"**

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