

## Hoop running – Push

The term "Push" is commonly used and is a colloquial word for the term "*maintains contact*" - Rule 13(a)(10).



Both balls are stationary and in this example only 2 mm apart, Red is 1 mm 'clear of the hoop, yellow will attempt to run the hoop.



Yellow is struck by the mallet and proceeds partly through the hoop where it hits red. Yellow has maintained contact with the mallet head [a push] because of its initial small distance



Red moves forward. Yellow loses most of its forward motion. The mallet stops.



Yellow slowly staggers through the hoop. The yellow ball has travelled further than it would have had a push not occurred.

This is a **fault** - Rule 13 (a)(10) - any separation between balls that are substantially played, other than away, is deemed to be a fault.