

1 Should you tell him?

No. If he should ask before making a decision to play or not, then no answer should be given. If the question is posed after making any such decision, a polite smile and a simple "all of them" would not be objectionable.

2. Which ball or balls should then be replaced if the incoming striker does ask for the stroke to be replayed?

All. A consultation can be held between the referee and the players, according to the rules, to determine the position of the balls prior to the stroke. The referee may also take advice from the marker if there is one or from spectators. He may also consult any recording that may have been made of the incident but each ball moved has to be replaced to the best of his ability and memory.

3. If a replayed stroke is requested and the position of one of the balls is in contention what should be your decision if either of the players repositions that ball when you invite his opinion?

The revision of the rules also now includes an addition to the original six fouls that incur a penalty of 7 points, bringing the total to seven. It states that it is a **penalty of 7 points** if either player touches any ball whilst in consultation after a call of 'Foul and a Miss' Section 3 Rule 10 d (iii), with the striker and the non striker being treated equally as the striker, with the order of play unchanged and that any ball moved by such action should be repositioned by the referee to his satisfaction - that is his satisfaction mind, not either of the player's. Section 3 Rule 14 g.

4. Can the non striker foul?

The non striker cannot foul but can be penalised as we have seen. Section 2. Rule 5 (b) states that the strikers right to play another stroke ends when he commits a foul. If it is the non striker that fouls how then can he lose his turn at the table?

An example of the difference would be if the non striker were to inadvertently move a ball. The referee must reposition that ball to his satisfaction as it was moved by other than by the striker, Section 3 Rule 15, but he cannot penalise the non striker in this instance, though he can warn him as to his conduct if it merits. Section 5 Rule 1 If a ball was inadvertently moved by the striker that did not then result in a legal stroke, it would be a foul with the appropriate penalty and the ball moved would remain in its new position and he would forfeit his right to play another stroke