

It is the usual practice to have one roving referee in charge of four tables although this can change during the middle of the day for short periods to allow one or other a break for lunch.

In cases of self-referred matches as in all other matches there can only be one referee and any decision by that person shall be considered the final decision, with the roving referee available only for advice. The golden rules apply. Rule 1 - the referee is always right. Rule 2 - if the referee is wrong, refer to rule 1.

As it is the goal in all tournaments to finish within a designated time the roving referee must stay alert and be in the vicinity of the tables so that players are not cramping necks and waving arms in search of assistance and thereby holding up play.

Providing that the roving referee is alerted by the players before the stroke is made, advice may also be sought whenever a player is snookered and where a miss may be called. Advice may also be sought that the roving referee is allowed to make a decision made by the opposing player must stand.

Please remember that if a foul is committed and a subsequent stroke is played without the foul being called or claimed, it is condoned. (Colours incorrectly off the table must be spotted). Section 3, Rules 10 c) & 10 d).

It is also the duty of the roving referee to alert the acting referee (opposing player), if fouls are missed or wrong decisions are made, without waiting for a request and if they are foul being called or claimed, it is condoned. (Colours incorrectly off the table must be spotted). Section 3, Rules 10 c) & 10 d).

The duties of a roving referee are to assist those opposing players who are acting as the referee in self adjudicated matches. Their primary role is to help in situations where the rules are not known or not known fully by the players and who ask for that assistance. If there are any disputes the roving referee is expected to quickly resolve those disputes to allow play to proceed in a timely manner.

"Where there is no referee, the opposing player or side will be regarded as such for the purpose of these rules".

The Rules of Snooker, Section 3, Rule 21b states.

ROVING REFEREE.