

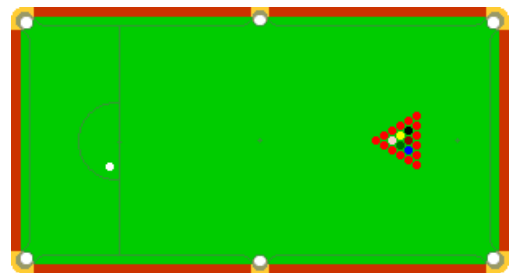
The Universal Rules of Cricket

There is a batter and a bowler. Frames are known as innings.

The batter pots colours only, and scores the same points as in snooker. The bowler pots reds only, and when all these have been potted the innings is over, and the batter's score is recorded. The table is then re-set, and the game continues with the players reversing their roles.

Each player gets one innings. Matches can be played between 2, 3 or 4 players. Where 3 players play, 2 bowl and one bats. 4 players consist of 2 bowlers and 2 batters. Batters can be scored separately or together depending on agreed format.

To begin the game the twenty-one object-balls from the snooker set are placed in a triangle, with the apex red ball placed on the Pink spot. The six coloured balls are placed in any order in the centre of the triangle, with the fifteen reds completely surrounding them.



The opening (break) stroke of each innings is played by the bowler, who, playing from the 'D', must cause at least two object-balls to contact a cushion.

The bowler is always 'on' the reds. If he/she causes the cue-ball to contact a coloured ball before a red, it is a foul. No red balls are ever re-spotted. If the bowler makes a foul stroke, then as in Snooker, the relevant points are added to the score of their opponent. See Local Rules below.

The batter is always 'on' the colours. If he/she causes the cue-ball to contact a red before a colour, it is a foul. If the batter makes a foul stroke, the bowler can remove **any** red ball of their choice from the table. See local rules below.

The batter scores points by potting the coloured balls, which have the same value as they do in Snooker. After a coloured ball has been potted, it must be replaced on its own spot; but if its spot is occupied, then it must be placed on the highest spot available.

If the cue-ball is potted, it is a foul; and the next player must play from the 'D'.

Each 'innings' is over when the last red is potted, or removed from the table. See Local Rules below.

The winner is the player who scores most points during his/her turn as batter.

Local Rules and Conditions *The following rules are not yet agreed but are to be considered.

Innings will have a duration of maximum 30 minutes each. At the end of the 30 minute period the batter will have their score 'declared'.

Players can not **directly** pot an opponents ball. This is unsporting (much like underarm bowling). They can play their own ball onto an opponents ball to indirectly pot it. It will still be counted as a foul stroke but will be not regarded as unsporting.