

Long Line Practice

When you can hit centre ball with reasonable proficiency and you are tired hitting a single cue ball up and down the spots, or when warming up for a game, try this exercise:

Lay 9 balls across the table between the centre pockets.

Place the cue ball somewhere behind the Baulk line so that it is in a straight behind one of the reds and the far corner pocket.

Now pot the red into the corner pocket. Don't worry about where the cue ball is going, just concentrate on that long, straight pot.

When you make it, pick up the cue ball and try another into the other far pocket.

All pots should be dead straight, alternating between left and right pockets.

When you get good at this, try it again, but make the cue ball follow the Red into the pocket. If you can do this on a regular basis, you are very, very good.