

OSSL INFORMATION ON CALLING A MISS

(Excerpts from the official snooker rules from WPBSA)

Remember both players are acting as referee's and responsible to know what the scores are, and their differences. Knowing this dictates what you can now call or not call.

Also remember the OSSL only allows the ball replaced to the same position one time. If you end up snookered on the second attempt the miss can start over from the new position.

14. Foul and a Miss

(a) The *striker* shall, to the best of his ability, endeavour to hit the ball *on* or a ball that could be *on* after a Red has been *potted*. If the striker fails to contact the ball *on*, the opponent can call FOUL AND A MISS unless:

(i) any player needed penalty points before, or as a result of, the *stroke* being played;

(ii) before or after the *stroke*, the points available on the table are equal to the points difference excluding the value of the re-spotted black (a tie); and the referee is satisfied that the *miss* was not intentional.

(iii) a situation exists where it is impossible to hit the ball *on*.

In the latter case it must be assumed the *striker* is attempting to hit the ball *on* provided that he plays, directly or indirectly, at the ball *on* with sufficient strength, in the referee's opinion, to have reached the ball *on* but for the obstructing ball or balls.

(c) If the *striker*, in making a *stroke*, fails to first hit a ball *on* when there is a clear path in a straight line from the *cue-ball* to any part of any ball that is or could be *on*, the referee shall always call FOUL AND A MISS unless as described under paragraph (a)(i) and (a)(ii).

Remember: The score dictates if a miss can be called, not the number of balls on the table.

Lets talk about 14 a) i)

Eg 1: Your opponent has 48 points and snookers you with 3 reds on the table. You fail to hit a red. The miss would not be called because the after shot difference is 52 with only a possible 51 on the table.

Eg 2: Your opponent snookers you on the yellow (no reds left) and you have a 28 point lead. You miss the yellow, a miss cannot be called as the difference in points before the shot is played is 28 with only 27 on the table.

Lets talk about 14 a) ii)

Eg 3: You are ahead by 27 points with only the colours left on the table. Your opponent snookers you and you miss. The miss cannot be called as before the shot was played your opponent could only tie you without the re-spotted black.

Eg 4: You are behind 31 points and your opponent snookers you with 1 red on the table and you miss. The miss cannot be called because the difference after the shot is 35 with 35 remaining.

Eg 5: You are 23 points behind with only the colours remaining and your opponent snookers you on the yellow. You decide to just roll the cue ball out so your opponent does not have a free ball but do not attempt to hit the yellow. Your opponent calls the miss and your protest that the difference is now 27. The miss can be called in this case because it is deemed intentional. (no push outs are ever allowed)

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