

POSER #2

In a frame of snooker the cue ball comes to rest hard up to the curve of the cushion next to a pocket such that a straight line path to all balls on is unavailable.

Question 1 - Is the incoming striker snookered? NO - Section 2 Rule 17

The *cue-ball* is said to be *snookered* when a direct *stroke* in a straight line to every ball *on* is wholly or partially obstructed by a ball or balls not on.

(e) The *cue-ball* cannot be *snookered* by a cushion. If the curved face of a cushion obstructs the *cue-ball* and is closer to the *cue-ball* than any obstructing ball not *on*, the *cue-ball* is not *snookered*.

Question 2 - Must the referee call a miss if a ball on is not first struck? NO

The foul and a miss rule in this situation is the same as any other where a straight line path is unavailable to any or all balls on and the only criteria for the referee to call a miss is if in his opinion, a genuine attempt had not been made. This is not a situation where a call of 'miss' is mandatory. But not if penalty points were required before or after the strike and/or the value of points available equalled the point difference

Section 3 - Snooker Rule 14. Foul and a Miss (a) The *striker* shall, to the best of his ability, endeavour to hit the ball *on*

Section 3 Rule 10. Penalties (vi) causing the *cue-ball* to miss all *object balls*;

Question 3 - If a foul had occurred prior to the cue ball ending up in the position described, can the referee award a free ball? NO - PLAYER IS NOT SNOOKERED

SECTION 3 RULE 13. Free Ball - A *free ball* is a ball, other than the ball *on*, which the *striker* nominates as the *ball on* when snookered after a foul (see Section 3 Rule 12).

Question 4 - The non striker is a female player wearing open toed shoes and a skirt, is this acceptable dress for a ranking tournament? YES

IN THE ABSC PLAYING CONDITIONS - no mention of dress code for female players

THE IBSF PLAYING CONDITIONS CLEARLY STATE FOR WOMEN Dress trousers, or skirts, no shorter than kneecap, shall be worn to all match sessions. Jeans will not be acceptable. Predominately plain coloured shirts with sleeves below the elbow, and waistcoats must be worn for all matches. Dress ladies dark coloured shoes shall be worn to all sessions, and can be open or closed toe shoes. No sports style shoes, sandals, or boots will be allowed

THE OBSF CONDITIONS ARE IDENTICAL TO IBSF - WITH THE RIDER - Any female playing in a gender free event will be subject to the Men's dress code