▶ Game at Start (To Break)

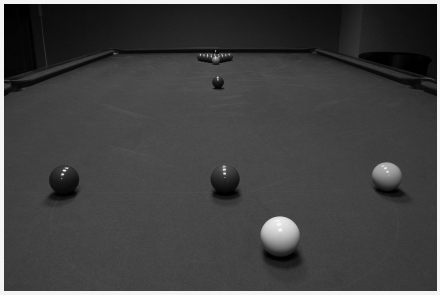


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☆ The Game

Description	Snooker is a cue sport played by turns on a baize covered table with pockets
Aim of the Game	To pocket the balls legally according to the rules and to score a greater number of points than the opponent
Plain	Balls are not numbered. The colour, the value.

The 22 snooker balls: 15 object balls solid red (called reds), 6 object balls (called colors) the yellow, green, brown, blue, pink and black and a cue ball (white). See picture 'Table at start'.

Point Values

Red	1	Blue	5
Yellow	2	Pink	6
Green	3	Black	7
Brown	4	White	Fault

Pottered ball points. If you pot the white ball is fault

✹ Opening break rules

The game of Snooker begins with **cue ball in hand** in the Half Circle (so the starting player can place the cue ball anywhere inside the Half Circle)

Rules

Table

Full size table	12 ft × 6 ft (3.7 m × 1.8 m)
Height	Measured from the floor to the top of the cushion rail, and the height 34" (96.5 cm)

Play alternative "red on", "color on" until no red ball. Then color balls ordered by point value (less to more).
See "Official Rules of the Games of Snooker and English Billiards". The World Professional Billiards & Snooker Association Limited. November 2014

Fouls

Shot or action against the rules

Cue Ball Fouls

Failing to hit any other ball / First hitting a ball "not-on"

Potting a ball "not-on" or the white (in-off)

Cue Fouls

Hitting a ball other than the white / Making a ball land off the table

Touching the cue ball with anything other than the tip of the cue (except while "in hand")

Shot Fouls

Playing a "push or jump shot"

Playing a shot with both feet off the ground

When a foul is made during a shot, the player's turn is ended and he will receive no points for the foul shot.
The other player will receive penalty points.
It is sometimes erroneously believed that if two balls are potted in one shot it is a foul. Not so "red on"
When multiple fouls are made in one shot, only the most highly valued foul is counted. Penalty points are therefore at least 4 points and at most 7.

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Penalty Points

Penalty points equal to the value of the ball "on", or the value of any of the "foul" balls, or 4 points, whichever is highest. At least 4, at most 7.

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Gameplay

Break Shot	
The players take turns	Turn begins Red On
The white cue ball can be placed anywhere inside the D	
Red On	
If red ball is potted	Colour On
If ball is not potted or faul	Adversary's turn begin Red On
Colour On	
If ball is potted	While reds on table Red On
If ball is not potted or faul	Adversary's turn begin Red On
No reds left	Do the sequence
Sequence	
if ball is potted	Pot next colour ball in ascending order: yellow(2), green(3), brown(4), blue(5), pink(6), black(7)

Free Ball

A free ball is a player-nominated substitute for the ball on when the player is snookered by a foul

Because the snooker produced by a foul is not considered legitimate adversary has the right to play any ball

If the offending player was asked to play the shot again, then the free ball is void, having to resolve the self-inflicted snooker

Free ball is always a colour ball

Free ball is often confuse to initiate.
Remember this: If you are snookered by a fault then any colour ball is red a turn. No reds on table, free ball any colour.

Maximum break

The highest break that can be made under normal circumstances is 147 and rarely occurs in a match play

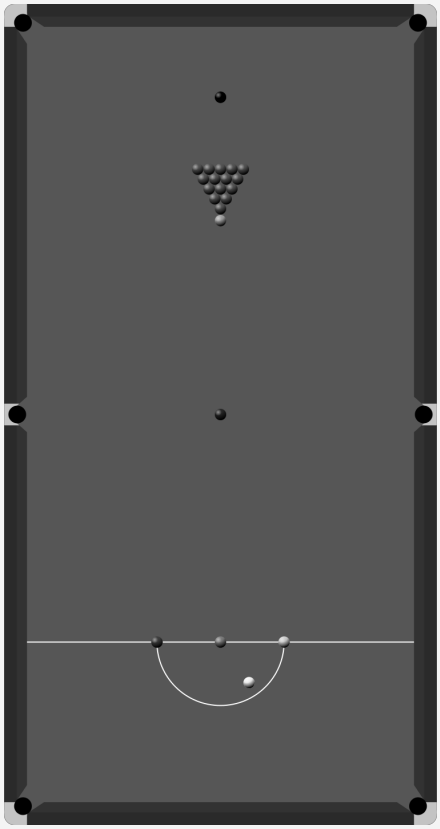
How? Pot all 15 reds combined with the black then pot the six remaining colours. Not Easy!

The *fastest maximum break* in a tournament was achieved during the World Championships on April 21, 1997, by **Ronnie O'Sullivan** against Mick Price in 5 minutes and 20 seconds!!!

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Table at Start



Initial position. Table at Start

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Terminology

Cue Ball	White ball (Hit Ball)
Reds	Any red in color, there are 15 at the start of the game
Colour	One of the six: yellow, green, brown, blue, pink or black balls
Pot	Put a ball into a pocket
Foul	Something against the rules
Snookered Snooker-In	To be unable to roll the cueball in a straight line and hit the ball chosen
Ball ON (designed)	The ball you intend to hit with the cueball
Ball in hand	Player can place the cue ball anywhere inside the Half Circle
To break	Initial position of the frame, Ball in hand
Frame	Individual game
Win the frame	Scoring more points than the opponent
Win the match	You have achieved the best-of score from a pre-determined number of frames
Decider	Last frame. You win the frame, you win the match
Century	100 points scored in a row (not easy, tone up)
Pockets	Holes in each of the four corners and in the middle of each of the long side cushions
Push Shot	A shot where the cue ball is in simultaneous contact with the cue tip and another ball

Terminology (cont)

Jump shot	A shot where the cue ball leaves the bed of the table and jumps over a ball before first hitting another ball
Plant	Chiefly British. Combination Shot
Combination Shot	Any shot in which the cue ball contacts an object ball, which in turn hits one or more additional object balls (which in turn may hit yet further object balls) to send the last-hit object ball to an intended place, usually a pocket

The only ball that you may hit with the cue is the white ball

In a Match to the best of 5 frames: The winner is the first to reach to 3 frames (more than the half)

If both players won 2 frames (2:2), 5th frame is named 'decider'

The number of frames is always odd so as to prevent a tie.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glossary_of_cue_sports_terms

Points left on the table?

How many points left on the table? Look. Colour balls = 27 points.

Red combined with a Black ball = 8 points.

One point is for the Red, Seven for the Black.

If there is still 3 Reds on table How many points are on ? Easy! Lets do numbers!,

27 points (colours balls) plus 3 x 8 (reds combined with black)

That is 27+(3x8)=27+24=51 points

MAX available: If player do not combines using black ball get less points.

Greatest Players, Wall of Fame

Steve Davies	Ronnie O'Sullivan
Stephen Hendry	Mark Williams
Alex Higgins	Joe Davis
Jimmy White	John Higgins
Mark Selby	Judd Trump

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Greatest Players, Wall of Fame (cont)

Ray Reardon	Shaun Murphy
Joe Davis	Dennis Taylor

Where to see?

Eurosport / Eurosport Player / BBC Snooker (UK)

⚠ Beware! Seeing snooker is tremendously addictive if you are smart or curious. You are strongly advised..!

A little of history

Snooker originated in India in the latter half of the 19th century. A popular sport played by members of the British Army stationed in India and gained its own identity in 1884 when officer Sir Neville Chamberlain devised a set of rules.
The word "snooker" was a long used military term used to describe inexperienced or first year personnel. The game grew in popularity in England, later around the World.
A major advance occurred in 1969, when David Attenborough commissioned the snooker tournament **Pot Black** to demonstrate the potential of colour television, with the green table and multi-coloured balls being ideal for showing off the advantages of colour broadcasting.
The TV series became a ratings success and was for a time the second most popular show on BBC Two. Interest in the game increased and the 1978 World Snooker Championship was the first to be fully televised.
The game quickly became a mainstream game in the UK, Ireland and much of the Commonwealth and has enjoyed much success since the late 1970s, with most of the ranking tournaments being televised.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Snooker

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