

LSOG SPORT: BILLIARDS

EVENT (recreational)

8 BALL TOURNAMENT

Competition in an age group will only be conducted if there are at least two entries in that age group.

EQUIPMENT

Six pocket pool table, 15 object balls, cue ball, cue sticks.

DESCRIPTION

Play will be conducted in accordance with the American Pool Players Association. There is no "call shot". Any legally pocketed ball allows that player to continue shooting.

RACKING - All balls must be frozen (touching). Breaking player may request a re-rack. 8 Ball must be first ball that is directly behind the apex ball.

BREAKING - Winner of a flip of the coin or lag gets to break first.

1. To be a legal break, players must break from behind the headstring, the head ball or second ball must be struck first and at least four object balls must be driven to the rails for a ball must be pocketed. The cue ball may not be shot into a rail before the rack. If the break does not qualify as legal, the balls are re-racked and re-broken by the same player. After the third illegal break by the player, the balls are re-racked and his opponent gets to break. If a break results in a scratch, the balls are re-racked and broken by the opponent.
2. If the 8-ball is pocketed on the break, that is a win, unless the player scratches, in which case that is a loss.
3. If no ball is pocketed on the break, it is the other player's turn with an "open table".
4. If one ball is pocketed on the break without scratching, it is still the breaker's turn and that player continues shooting the category of balls he just make on the break.
5. If one ball of each category is pocketed on the break, the breaker has his choices of balls. If he makes one of each category on his second shot, he still has an "open table". IF two balls of one category and one ball of the other category are pocketed, it is the shooter's choice just as above.
6. As long as there is an "open table", it is legal to hit a solid first to break a stripe or vice-versa.
7. Scratching on a legal break results in a foul with all balls pocketed remaining pocketed. Opponent gets "ball in hand" behind the headstring and must shoot any ball outside the headstring and may not shoot an object ball behind the headstring unless he shoots the cue ball to a point outside the headstring first.
8. The winner of a rack gets to break the next rack.

LEGAL SHOT - On all shots, except on the break and when the table is open, the shooter must hit one of his group of balls first and, (1) pocket an object ball, or (2) cause the cue ball or any object ball to contact a rail.

COMBINATION SHOT - combination shots are allowed; 8-ball cannot be used as a first ball in the combination except when the table is open.

FOULS: When player fouls, opponent gets cue ball in hand. This means player can place cue ball anywhere on table (except on opening break.) Following infractions result in fouls: (1) failure to execute a legal shot; (2) a scratch shot (shooting the cue ball into a pocket or off the table); (3) a scratch shot on a legal break; (4) shooting without at least one foot touching floor; (5) moving or touching any ball by means other than legal play; (6) shooting a jump shot over another ball by scooping the cue stick under the cue ball; (7) when playing a ball frozen to the cushion, failure to contact the cue ball with the frozen ball and then (a) pocket the frozen ball or any other object ball, or (b) drive the frozen object ball to another cushion, or (c) drive the cue ball or another object ball to any cushion.

PLAYING THE 8-BALL: When playing the 8-ball, the shooter should clearly designate the intended pocket. If the shooter pockets the 8-ball without designating the pocket, and the opposing player or referee did not question which was the intended pocket, shooter wins the game.

LOSS OF GAME: Player loses if any of the following infractions are committed: (1) fouling when pocketing the 8-ball; (2) pocketing the 8-ball on the same stroke as the last of his group balls; (3) scratching when the 8-ball is the legal object ball; (4) jumping the 8-ball off the table at any time; (5) pocketing the 8-ball in a pocket other than the one designated; (6) pockets the 8-ball when it is not the legal object ball.

National Qualifying Requirements:

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place in each age group will qualify.