

IM Pool/Billiards

OBJECT OF THE GAME – Eight-Ball is a call shot game played with a cue ball and 15 object balls, number 1 through 15. One player/team must pocket balls of the group numbered 1 through 7 (solid colors), while the other has 9 through 15 (stripes). The player/team pocketing either group first and then legally pocketing the 8-ball wins the game.

CALL SHOT – In call shot, obvious balls and pockets do not have to be indicated. It is the opponent's right to ask which ball and pocket if he is unsure of the shot. Bank shots and combination shots are not considered obvious, and care should be taken in calling both the object ball and the intended pocket. Any ball pocketed on a foul REMAINS pocketed, regardless of whether they belong to the shooter or the opponent. The opening break shot is not call shot. Any player performing the opening break shot in 8-ball may continue to shoot so long as any object is legally pocketed on the break.

RACKING THE BALLS – The balls are racked in a triangle at the foot of the table with the 8-ball in the center of the triangle.

DECISION OF BREAK – Flip a coin (NOT OVER THE TABLE). Winner of the coin toss has the option to break. During competition, players will alternate breaking on each subsequent game.

LEGAL BREAK SHOT – To execute a legal break, the breaker (with the cue ball behind the head string) must either pocket a ball, or drive at least four number balls to the rail. If he or she fails to make a legal break, the other player/team has the choice to play from there, break again, or have the other player re-break.

SCRATCH ON A LEGAL BREAKS – If a player scratches on a legal break shot (cue ball is pocketed). 1) All balls pocketed remain pocketed. 2) It is a foul. 3) The table is open. INCOMING PLAYER has cue ball in hand behind the head string and may not shoot an object ball that is behind the head string, unless he first shoots the cue ball past the head string and causes the cue ball to come back behind the head string.

8-BALL POCKETED ON THE BREAK – If the 8-ball is pocketed on the break, the player who was the breaker may re-rack or have the 8-ball spotted and continue shooting. IF the breaker scratches while pocketing the 8-ball on the break, the incoming player has the option of re-rack or having the 8-ball spotted and begins shooting behind the head string.

OPEN TABLE – The table is open when stripes or solids have not yet been determined. When the table is open, it is legal to hit a solid first to make a stripe or vice-versa.

CHOICE OF GROUP – The choice of stripes or solids is not determined on the break. It is determined only when a player legally pockets a called object ball after the break shot.

SCORING – A player is entitled to continue shooting until failing to legally contact a ball of his group. After a player has legally pocketed all of his or hers group of balls, they shoot the pocket the 8-ball.

LOSS OF GAME – A player loses the game by committing any of the following infractions 1) Fouls when pocketing the 8-ball. 2) Pockets the 8-ball on the same stroke as the last of his or hers group of balls. 3) Jumps the 8-ball off the table at any time. 4) Pockets the 8-ball in a pocket other than the one called. 5) Pockets the 8-ball when it is not the legal object ball.