

## **Foul & Miss Rule**

At the 2023 AGM, it was agreed that in the 2023 HSS Cup Competition, a *Foul & Miss* will be called in the following two circumstances:

1. Where the striker plays a stroke whereby the cue-ball does not reach the object ball therefore failing to make contact, due to being short or whether it has so failed due to striking another non-object ball in its path; or
2. Where the marker deems that the striker has failed to make a fair and reasonable genuine attempt to reach the object ball.

It is importantly further noted that:

- The first unsuccessful attempt foul will be so automatically deemed and ruled as a Foul & Miss
- There will be no limit to the number of attempts made which may fall within the criteria stated under points 1. or 2. above.

## **Mercy Rule**

At the 2016 AGM, it was agreed to implement the Mercy Rule whereby frames are to be stopped when all the reds have been potted and if there is a score gap that requires more than 3 snookers.

This equates to a:

- 40 point difference if yellow is still on table
- 38 point difference if green is still on the table
- 35 point difference if brown is still on the table
- 34 point difference if blue is still on the table and,
- 32 point difference if only pink and black are left on the table.

## **Time Limit**

At the 2018 AGM, it was agreed to implement a single frame time limit for each single and doubles frame. The maximum time allowed is 50 minutes per frame. At the 40 minute mark, the marker is required to advise that the 40 minute mark has been reached and that the match will be terminated at the 50 minute mark. At the 50 minute mark, the winner will be the player or team in front at the time. In the event of an equal score, the table will be cleared of all remaining balls and a re-spot of the black ball will be played in the traditional way.