



Foul and a Miss

SBCC aim is to provide fair and consistent play for all members and competitions, this variation to the rule is to assist in eliminating conflict and fostering positive play.

The **Foul and a Miss** rule is not clearly defined and very subjective in the Rules of the Game of Snooker, being dependent upon a player “**endeavouring to hit the ball on to the best of his/her ability**”.

Snooker & Billiards Central Coast encourages all players to play within the rules of the game and as such a “Modified Version” of the **Foul and a Miss** rule applies in all Snooker & Billiards Central Coast events. **Players do not have option of waiving this rule.**

The following rules will apply:

For **B & C Grade** players a Miss may be called if the player;

- Fails to hit a ball ‘ON’ when they have a clear unobstructed view of a ball ‘ON’
- Fails to hit the ball hard enough to pass a ball ‘ON’
- Hits a ball not ‘ON’ before passing a ball ‘ON’. (Example: Snookered behind the Brown and is on a Red, If the players hits the Pink before passing any reds this would be a Miss)

For **A- & A grade** players a Miss may be called if the player;

- Fails to hit a ball ‘ON’ when they have a clear unobstructed view of a ball ‘ON’
- Fails to hit the ball hard enough to pass a ball ‘ON’
- Hits a ball not ‘ON’ before passing a ball ‘ON’ (Example: Snookered behind the Brown and is on a Red, If the players hits the Pink before passing any reds this would be a Miss)
- Meets all of the above criteria but fail to go within **TWO** balls width of a ball ‘ON’ a Miss may be called at the discretion of the non-striker

A reminder that in the event of a Foul and A Miss being called the non-strikers options are to:

1. Play the ball from the position they finished
2. Ask the striker to play from the position the balls finished in
3. Reset the balls for another attempt.

There are NO MANDATORY MISS CALLS if the player has played a shot to the best of their ability it is NOT a miss.