



# BILLARDS *Cheat Sheet*

## ROSTERS

- A full co-ed team consists of 2 players, with a minimum of 1 female. In the Open divisions, there are no gender restrictions.
- In any game, a team can play with 1 player (male or female).
- If a member of a team is absent, a sub may be recruited to play.

## GAME PLAY

- Teams will play two opponents per night. Each match will be a best 2 out of 3 with a time cap of 30 minutes.
- After each match, captains must submit the game scores directly to the EC or the score sheet.
- If the EC is required to call 'time' on a match, finish the turn. The score will stand as is.
- The objective of the game is to be the first team to legally pocket all of the balls either 1-7 (solids) or 9-15 (stripes) followed by the 8 ball.
- When shooting, partners on a team will alternate shots.
- All shots must be taken using the cue (solid white) ball.
- To start the game, the balls will be racked in a triangle formation with the 8 ball in the centre and the other balls arranged randomly. The ball at the front of the triangle will be placed on the foot spot at the end of the table.
- In determining which team will 'break' the racked balls, teams should flip a coin.
- Once a team takes the first shot to 'break' the racked balls, the table will be considered open. If a ball was sunk on the break, the team who shot will have an opportunity to shoot again. They may shoot to score either solids or stripes.
- Once a ball following the break is pocketed, the table will now be grouped. Each team will either be solids or stripes dependent on the ball which was pocketed.
- When shooting, teams will focus on shooting their grouped balls. If they fail to pocket a grouped ball, then it will be the opponents turn to shoot.
- Once all of one team's grouped balls have been pocketed, that team will aim to pocket the 8 ball. To pocket the 8 ball, a team has to designate which pocket they are going to sink the ball.
- If a player fails to pocket the 8 ball in the designated pocket but sinks the ball. The ball will be placed back onto the table on the foot spot where the original racked balls were.

## PENALTIES AND VIOLATIONS

- In ESSC rules if the 8 ball is pocketed before a team has pocketed all of their grouped balls. The ball will be placed back onto the table on the foot spot where the original racked balls were.
- A team may not contact a ball of the opposite group directly with the cue ball. Should this happen, any balls that were pocketed remain down and the other team will shoot.
- Sinking the cue ball is considered a foul. Should the cue ball be pocketed, the opposing team will place the ball behind the head string area. The team must shoot a ball that is in front of the head string towards the foot of the table. If no balls are in front of the head string, the group closest to the head string may be played.
- Players are to call their own violations.