

# Frequently Asked 8 Ball BCA Rules At A Glance

**Scratch on break**, cue ball anywhere

**8 Ball Breaks** do not count-If you pocket the 8-ball on the break and do not foul, you may:

- a. have the 8-ball spotted and accept the table in position.
- b. re-rack the balls and break again.

If you pocket the 8-ball on the break and foul, your inning ends. Your opponent may:

- a. have the 8-ball spotted and take ball in hand anywhere on the table.
- b. re-rack the balls and break.

***Once the 8 ball is placed on the spot you may not change your mind and re-break.***

**Referee** Opponents responsibility to call a ref.

## **Knocked balls off table**

-Loss of game if you knock the 8 ball off the table other than the break (spot).

-Any other object balls knocked off the table stay down.

## **Shooting the wrong balls**

-Once balls are established, groups can never change for the remainder of the game. If at any time during the game it is discovered by either player or referee that the players are shooting the wrong groups, the game will be replayed with the player who broke the game breaking again. If the game has ended and then the players realize they shot the wrong groups, the game is not replayed and the result stands.

**Touching a moving ball** – Foul, ball in hand

## **Slow Play**

-If slow play is observed and one of the teams notifies the league operator, both teams will be notified to pick up the pace. If slow play continues, a 45 second stop clock will be used for all players in the match. *This BCA rule would be difficult to enforce and have someone sit and watch a match with a stop watch all night so we will use the rule below.*

**Also see “Slow Play” rule under the “Other League Rules”**

**If the match is not in the third frame by 9pm and there is another available table, either team can request using two tables to finish the match at a reasonable time and the other team must comply.**