

POOL BARN LIVE

OFFICIAL 8-BALL RULES

These rules apply to ALL Pool Barn Live streamed and recorded matches.

1. RACK

- Fifteen object balls are racked in a triangle with the **8-ball in the center**.
- The remaining balls are placed randomly. The rack must be tight, with the apex ball on the foot spot.

2. THE BREAK

- **The break is not a called shot. No ball or pocket may be called on the break.**
- The cue ball begins behind the head string (in the kitchen).
- A legal break requires at least one object ball to be pocketed **or** at least four object balls to contact a rail.
- **Any object ball legally pocketed on the break allows the breaker to continue shooting.**
- Balls pocketed on the break do **not** establish stripes or solids. The table remains open.
- If the **8-ball is pocketed on the break without a scratch**, the 8-ball is **spotted** and the breaker continues shooting.
- If the **8-ball is pocketed on the break and the cue ball scratches**, the 8-ball is **spotted** and the incoming player receives **cue-ball-in-hand in the kitchen (behind the head string)**.
- A scratch on the break without pocketing the 8-ball gives the incoming player **cue-ball-in-hand in the kitchen (behind the head string)**.
- If no ball is pocketed and fewer than four object balls contact a rail, the break is illegal. The opponent receives cue-ball-in-hand anywhere on the table.
- **Pocketing the 8-ball on the break is neither a win nor a loss.**

3. OPEN TABLE & ESTABLISHING GROUPS

- The table is **open after the break**, regardless of which balls were pocketed.
- Stripes or solids are established only when a player legally pockets a **called ball in the called pocket after the break**.
- While the table is open, any stripe or solid may be contacted first. The **8-ball may not be contacted first** while the table is open.

4. CALL BALL & POCKET

- After the break, PBL 8-Ball is **call ball and pocket**. The shooter must identify the intended **ball and pocket**.
- The **route does not matter**. Banks, kicks, combinations, caroms and rail contacts do not have to be called.
- If the called ball is legally pocketed in the called pocket, the shooter continues.
- Balls pocketed in unintended pockets remain down, but do not allow the shooter to continue unless the called ball was also legally made in the called pocket.
- There are **no slop wins on the 8-ball**.

5. LEGAL SHOT

- After groups have been established, the shooter must contact a ball from their own group first.
- After legal contact, a ball must be pocketed or the cue ball or any object ball must contact a rail.
- After legally clearing their group, the **8-ball becomes the shooter's legal object ball**.

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6. CUE-BALL FOULS ONLY

- PBL 8-Ball uses **cue-ball fouls only**.
- Fouls include: scratching the cue ball; knocking the cue ball off the table; failing to contact a legal object ball first; failing to pocket a ball or drive a ball to a rail after legal contact; contacting the 8-ball first when it is not the shooter's legal object ball; double-hitting or pushing the cue ball; or shooting while balls from the previous shot are still moving.
- **Penalty after the break: The incoming player receives cue-ball-in-hand anywhere on the table.**
- **Opening-break exception:** A cue-ball scratch on the opening break is handled under Section 2 and gives the incoming player cue-ball-in-hand in the kitchen.

7. ACCIDENTALLY MOVED OBJECT BALLS

- If a player accidentally touches or moves an object ball, the player must **immediately notify the opponent**.
- The opponent decides whether to **leave the ball where it is or restore it to its original position**.
- The shooter may not move the ball back without the opponent's approval.
- Accidentally moving an object ball and properly notifying the opponent is **not a foul**.
- **Intentionally moving an object ball without notifying the opponent is a foul.**
- If a moved ball interferes with a ball in motion, play stops and an official ruling is made.

8. POCKETED BALLS

- Legally pocketed balls remain down. An opponent's ball pocketed during a legal shot remains down.
- Balls made in unintended pockets remain down.
- The shooter continues only when the **called ball is legally pocketed in the called pocket**, except on the opening break.

9. THE 8-BALL

- After clearing their group, the player must call the **pocket for the 8-ball**.
- The player wins by legally pocketing the 8-ball in the called pocket.
- The player **LOSES THE GAME** if they pocket the 8-ball before legally clearing their group; pocket the 8-ball in a pocket other than the called pocket; knock the 8-ball off the table; or scratch while pocketing the 8-ball.
- **Exception:** The opening break is handled according to Section 2.

10. NO THREE-FOUL RULE

- There is **no three-consecutive-foul loss rule** in PBL 8-Ball.

11. SPORTSMANSHIP & RULINGS

- Players must not intentionally distract, interfere with or obstruct an opponent.
- If a shot or rule is disputed, **stop play before the next shot is taken**.
- Either player may request an official ruling before a questionable shot.
- **The PBL official/referee's ruling is final for the match.**