

### Miss Rule – Helpful Tips

1. The Miss Rule is part of the core rules of both professional and amateur snooker and has been since September 1995.
2. Please remember this is a friendly league. However, it is also a competitive league, with decent amounts of prize money due to successful sponsorship and fees.
3. The Miss Rule is being used by many leagues across the country without too much of an issue, including the Cardiff League.
4. Please remember the ability of the player/s you are refereeing, i.e. if someone is not getting close to a successful escape, and maybe never will, bear this in mind. Whilst this is not factored into the rule, use some common sense.
5. The actual wording of the miss rule states *“to have not made a good enough attempt at the shot”*- This is the sticking point with this rule. You as the referee are being asked to make a judgment on whether a player made a good enough attempt at getting out of the snooker. It is YOUR opinion on the facts available to you. Please bear in mind this specific wording when considering awarding a miss or not.
6. Be consistent throughout the match with “Miss” calls. Whilst someone may not agree with your call, it will certainly help if you are constant in your interpretation of the rules for both players.
7. The three prescriptive directions previously provided by the Committee will be rescinded and NO LONGER USED by referees in determining whether or not to award a miss.
8. Both players in a match have the right to question the referee’s decision to award or not award a miss, at the time. However, once a referee has given their justification either way, players are strongly advised to refrain from arguing with the referee at the table. They are requested to inform their Captains who can then make a formal complaint by email to the Committee.