

Cardiff and District Conservative Snooker League

GUIDE TO RESPONSIBLE AND ETHICAL REFEREEING

In addition to the “*Tips for players refereeing in their local leagues*” created by Dan LEWIS, the Director of the English Association of Snooker and Billiards, this **guide to responsible and ethical refereeing** is published to give players clear direction as to what is expected of them when refereeing matches in the *Cardiff and District Conservative Snooker League* and its related competitions.

- Know the rules. As players of the game you should be aware of all of the rules of the game. *Cardiff and District Conservative Snooker League* and its related competitions are played in adherence to the rules of the games of snooker and English billiards as set by the WORLD PROFESSIONAL BILLIARDS and SNOOKER ASSOCIATION (WPBSA) – With the only exception being an alternative version of Rule 21 the “Miss Rule”.
- Know your role. If you nominate yourself or you are nominated as a “**Referee**” for a particular match then you will also be responsible as the “**Marker**”, who shall also keep score on the scoreboard and also the “**Recorder**”, who will maintain a record of the match scores and a note of the highest breaks by either player in that match.
- In accordance with the rules of the WPBSA the Referee Shall ;
 - be the **sole** judge of fair and unfair play;
 - be free to make a decision in the interests of fair play for any situation not covered adequately by these Rules;
 - be responsible for the proper conduct of the game under these Rules;
 - intervene if he sees any infringement of these Rules;
 - tell a player the colour of a ball if requested; and
 - clean any ball upon reasonable request by a player.
 - The referee shall **not**:
 - answer any question not authorised in these Rules;
 - give any indication that a player is about to make a foul stroke;
 - give any advice or opinion on points affecting play; nor
 - answer any question regarding the difference in scores.
 - If the referee has failed to notice any incident, he may at his discretion take the evidence of the marker or other officials or spectators best placed for the observation to assist his decision. ***The referee’s decision is final.***

**Above all, referee a match in a manner that you would like another player to referee your match;
Let the game flow, with minimal interruptions, be vigilant, impartial, fair and unbiased and
proficient and clear when making and communicating your decisions.**

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