



FOCUS on the Rules

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FOCUS on the Rules is back with the antics of Snooki and Carom, two old dogs at the pool game.

Snooki and Carom are playing each other at the Kansas State Tournament. Carom has fouled and Snooki has ball in hand. Because of the position of the balls on the table, Snooki wants to place the cue as close as possible to the corner pocket and shoot away from the corner pocket. Because the object balls are so close, Snooki is having some difficulty in positioning the cue ball. It is very close to the pocket itself. Once placed with Snooki's hand (paw), Snooki lets go of the cue ball, and much to Snooki's surprise the cue ball rolls into the corner pocket which is immediately grabbed by Snooki. Snooki is now going to place the cue ball elsewhere and shoot from a different location.

Carom calls a foul. Of course, Snooki disagrees. **You make the call!!!!**

Hmmmm. Perhaps not addressed specifically, different rules would indicate that this is a foul. Rule H. 2. clearly provides that it is a foul if you shoot the cue ball into a pocket or off the table. Rule H. 8. dealing with accidental movement of any ball provides in part that a moved ball which is jumped off the table or pocketed (or causes any ball to be jumped off the table or pocketed) is a foul. If you were placing the cue ball on the table, released the cue ball, and as you opened your hand releasing the cue ball, you accidentally hit an object ball with one of your fingers, and it was pocketed, it would be a foul. Why would it be any different with the cue ball in placing the cue ball on the table. Also when you look at the General Definitions - Number 20 - the definition of a "Scratch" is: "Cue ball pocketed or knocked off the table." Has this not occurred? It is a foul and Carom has a ball in hand.

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