



FOCUS on the Rules

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Carom is breaking and mis-cues on the break. The cue ball hits the rack and three solids jump out and hit the rail, but ONLY three object balls hit the rail. Snooki, being the low life attorney that he is, looks at the score sheet and determines that he only needs three balls to win the round and win totals. Snooki starts to shoot at the three solids, which are ducks, when Carom tells Snooki that he must re-rack the balls since four object balls did not go to the rail, and that Snooki can then break or he can have Carom break again. Snooki simply ignores Carom and promptly shoots the three duck solids down declaring the round won and totals won. Carom calls a referee – YOU. **You make the call!!!!** There is no question but that Carom failed to make a legal break – four numbered balls must be driven to a cushion or one or more object balls must be pocketed on the break. (Local Rule B. 2., pg. 10) [National Rule Book B.2., pg 10] . Neither happen. BUT, it is Snooki's option. He can call for the balls to be reracked and shooting the break himself or have Carom rebreak, **or** Snooki can accept the table in position and shoot. Snooki did the later, and he had every right to under the Rules. Snooki gets the three solids, wins the round and totals. Carom simply runs the table after Snooki misses his next shot after making the three solids.

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