

EMORY & HENRY COLLEGE



Emory & Henry Intramural 8-Ball Rules

Game: Eight Ball

Tournament: Each player will compete in single elimination rounds. Players will be able to enter until registration is over usually 30 min. after the scheduled event.

Beginning a Match: Each match is a best 2 out of 3. The first player to win two games is the winner of the match. Each match is started with a lag. A lag is a procedure used to determine starting player of the game. Each player shoots a ball from behind the head string to the foot cushion, attempting to return the ball as closely as possible to the head cushion.

The Rack: The balls are racked in a triangle at the foot of the table with the 8-ball in the center of the triangle. The first ball of the rack is on the foot spot (the 1-ball), and a stripe ball should be in one corner of the rack with a solid ball in the other corner.

Opening Break: The first game of the match is determined by the lag. After that the players will alternate breaks. To make the opening shot legal you must (1) pocket a ball or (2) drive at least **four balls** to the rails. If breaker fails to make a legal break the other player has the choice of (1) taking the table (2) reracking the balls and breaking him/her self or (3) reracking and letting the other player shoot again.

Other Important Rules:

- *All balls pocketed when a scratch occurs stay pocketed* and the other player has ball in hand behind the head string.
- If on the break any object balls jump off the table the ball is pocketed and the other player has option to accept where the cue ball is or take “ball in hand” behind the head string.
- This tournament in cue ball fouls only. This means that only fouls involving the cue ball are penalized. Examples of Fouls: Scratch, touching a ball other than the object ball, Failure to contact a ball, contacting the eight ball illegally. Examples of violations without penalty: Moving a ball other than the cue ball with the cue stick, moving an object ball with a part of the body. (These balls are to be spotted for the player shoots).
- **All shots must be called!**

All JCBA Tournaments are governed under the World Standardized Rules:

- Groups are not determined until the shot after the break this is called an open table.
- You say use the “Safety” shot but it must be a legal one.

- When doing a combination shot you must hit your ball first (Eight ball is not yours until you have no group balls left.)
- All balls that are pocketed stay pocketed.
- A scratch or foul is not a loss of game just ball in hand to other player.

A player does lose the game if he:

Pockets the 8-ball while committing a foul

Pockets the 8 ball on the same shot he scored his last group ball

Jumps the 8-ball off of the table

Pockets the 8-ball in any pocket other than the called one

Pockets the 8-ball when not a legal shot

All other World Standardized Rules not on this page also apply.