



# EQUIPMENT

Measurements in parenthesis state the metric equivalent to the nearest millimeter

## **The Standard Table**

### *Dimensions*

(a) The playing area within the cushion faces shall measure 11 ft 8 $\frac{2}{4}$ in x 5ft 10in (3569mm x 1778mm) with a tolerance on both dimensions of  $\pm$  2 in ( $\pm$  13mm).

### *Height*

(b) The height of the table from the floor to the top of the cushion Rail shall be from 2ft 9 $\frac{2}{4}$ in to 2ft 10 $\frac{2}{4}$ in (851mm to 876mm).

### *Pocket Openings*

(i) There shall be pockets at the corners (two at the Spot end known as the top pockets and two at the Baulk end known as the bottom pockets) and one each at the middle of the longer sides (known as the centre pockets).

(ii) The pocket openings shall conform to the templates authorised by the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA).

### *Baulk-line and Baulk*

(d) A straight line drawn 29in (737mm) from the face of the bottom cushion and parallel to it is called the Baulk-line, and that line and the intervening space is termed the Baulk.

### *The "D"*

(e) The "D" is a semi-circle described in Baulk with its centre at the middle of the Baulk-line and with a radius of 11 $\frac{2}{4}$ in (292mm).

### *Spots*

(f) Four spots are marked on the centre longitudinal line of the table:

(i) the Spot (known as the Black Spot), 12 $\frac{2}{4}$ in (324mm) from a point perpendicularly below the face of the top cushion.

(ii) The Centre Spot (known as the Blue Spot), located midway



between the faces of the top and bottom cushions.

(iii) The Pyramid Spot (known as the Pink Spot), located midway between the Centre Spot and the face of the top cushion.

(iv) The Middle of the Baulk-line (known as the Brown Spot).

Two other spots used are located at the corners of the 'D'. Viewed from the Baulk end, the one on the right is known as the Yellow Spot and the one on the left as the Green Spot.

### **Balls**

The balls shall be of an approved composition and shall each have a diameter of 52.5mm with a tolerance of +/- 0.05mm and:

(a) they shall be of equal weight within a tolerance of 3g per set

(b) a ball or set of balls may be changed by agreement between the players or on a decision by the referee.

The correct value for the balls are as follows

Black	7	Blue	5
Red	1	Pink	6
Yellow	2	Brown	4
Green	3		

### **Cue**

A cue shall be not less than 3ft (914mm) in length and shall show no substantial departure from the traditional and generally accepted shape and form.

### **Ancillary**

Various cue rests, long cues (called butts and half-butts according to length), extensions and adaptors may be used by players faced with difficult positions for cueing. These may form part of the equipment normally found at the table but also include equipment introduced by either player or the referee (see also Section 3 Rule 18). All extensions, adaptors and other devices to aid cueing must be of a design approved by the WPBSA

