

RULE CLARIFICATION	Snooker	#1.16
"Breaking with balls missing/not correctly spotted"	WPBSA approval: 01.12.2016	

Description of the situation:

- The striker made the opening stroke in a frame with the Blue not correctly spotted/missing, or
- the striker made the opening stroke in a frame with swapped Yellow and Green.

Ruling:

- The frame has started,
- the position of the balls remain where they are (except for colours off the table, which shall be spotted accordingly),
- the next stroke is made from where the cue-ball came to rest (except if off the table, from in-hand).

Explanation:

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3. Mode of Play

(c) The first player plays from in-hand, the frame commencing when the cue-ball has been placed on the table and contacted by the tip of the cue either:

- (i) as a stroke is made; or *
- (ii) while addressing the cue-ball. **

* (i) defines that the frame has started, as a stroke has been made, where the following rules shall be applied:

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7. Spotting Colours

(a) A player shall not be held responsible for any mistake by the referee in failing to spot correctly any ball.

(c) If a stroke is made with a ball or balls not correctly spotted, they will be considered to be correctly spotted for subsequent strokes. Any colour incorrectly missing from the table will be spotted:

- (i) without penalty when discovered if missing due to previous oversight;

** (ii) defines that the frame has started due to feathering the cue-ball (which is a foul), where the following rule shall be applied:

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11. Fouls

(d) Any colour not correctly spotted shall remain where positioned except that if off the table it shall be correctly spotted.