

The Safety 8-Ball Game

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Objective:

Play safeties. Cause your opponent to commit fouls for missing shots on the 8-ball.

Scoring and Winning:

Each foul results in one point for the non-shooter. Five points wins the game.

Set up:

Rack balls 1 through 8 with the 8-ball in position for a game of 8-Ball.

Rules of Play:

The standard rules of 8-Ball apply except as noted below.

1. The Break

- 1a. Player A breaks.
- 1b. Player B evaluates the table and then chooses whether to shoot or require Player A to shoot.

2. The Turn

- 2a. Players take turns making two shots.
- 2b. Shot #1 must hit the 8-ball.
- 2c. After taking shot #1, the shooter may elect to forego shot #2.

3. Spotting balls

- 3a. A cue ball pocketed on shot #1 must be shot from the behind the head string
- 3b. A cue ball pocketed on shot #2 results in ball-in-hand.
- 3c. A pocketed 8-ball ball is placed on the head spot.
- 3d. A pocketed object ball is placed on the foot spot.

4. Fouls

- 4a. Any foul committed by Player A results in one point being awarded to Player B.
- 4b. A foul occurs if the first shot of a turn does not hit the 8-ball.
- 4c. A foul occurs if the 8 ball is pocketed on the second shot of a turn.

Credit:

Safety 8-Ball was inspired by the drill at <http://billiards.colostate.edu/threads/safeties.html#general>, which applies to playing safeties in a game of 9-Ball.