

Use these rules FIRST. If rule not covered here then go to the BCA rules.

Bay Ridge Pool League 8-Ball Rules

□The table is always open after the break. It doesn't matter how many of each balls (stripes or solids) are made, you still have choice until a called ball is made. You may hit any ball first EXCEPT the 8-ball to make a ball when the table is open after the break.

□You must call your shot. You only need call the ball and the pocket. You don't have to explain how the ball is going in (kiss, combo, etc.).

Except when the table is open, you must hit one of your balls (stripes or solids) and then the cue ball or any other ball must hit a cushion **or** the ball you called must be pocketed in the pocket you called. If this isn't done, it is ball in hand.

□Except on the break, any of the shooter's balls going off the table are spotted, opponents balls are pocketed and the next player shoots. It is not a foul, so cue ball stays where it is. If the cue ball jumps the table, then it is ball in hand except on the break when it goes behind the line. On the break, all balls are pocketed that go off the table.

□Safe shot. The same as a legal shot. You must hit one of your own balls first and then the cue ball or any other ball must hit a cushion otherwise it's ball in hand. Remember a cushion must be hit AFTER a ball is hit, you can't hit the cushion first than the ball next. You can hit a cushion then a ball then a cushion again though.

□You do NOT have to hit the 8-ball when you are shooting for it. However, if you don't hit it, the other player gets ball in hand. If you hit the 8-ball you must still touch a cushion or it's ball in hand [The 8-ball does NOT have to go in clean. You may kiss off another ball as long as you hit it first and it goes in the pocket you called.

□You lose if: **you scratch when shooting the 8-ball** , make it before you make all balls of your group, jump it or the cue ball off the table (when shooting at it), sink it in a different pocket than the one you called.

□See BCA rules for more detail. **LEAGUE RULES TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER BCA RULES**

Bay Ridge Pool League 9-Ball Rules – NO PUSH SHOTS AFTER BREAK ALLOWED

□You shoot at the lowest-numbered ball on the table. You do not have to call your shot.

□You continue to shoot as long as any ball goes in on your shot and you have hit the lowest-numbered ball on the table first.

□You must hit the lowest-numbered ball on the table and then the cue ball or another ball must hit a cushion **or** a ball must be pocketed. If this isn't done, it is ball in hand.

□The only ball ever spotted is the 9-ball. Any balls going off the table are pocketed and the next player shoots.

□You win when the 9-ball goes in and it is a legal shot. As long as you have hit the lowest-numbered ball on the table and the 9-ball goes in, you win the game except if you scratch. Then the 9-ball is spotted. Use one of the remaining balls as the 9-ball if you can't get balls pocketed.

□If the 9-ball is the only ball left, You must hit it and then the cue ball or 9-ball must hit a cushion or it is ball in hand.

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I hope all is covered here, but if not call me and I'll do the best to make a ruling.

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