

EXETER POOL LEAGUE

Scotch doubles is being introduced in the 2026/27 season to enable both players of each team to have a more equal input into doubles frames. This is achieved via playing alternate shots during a visit rather than one player potting several or all the balls in one visit.

For your information, we will be operating under the following guidelines.

- 1) Scotch doubles to be played for all doubles games this season, Sundays and Wednesdays. Games are still to be played to International Rules.
- 2) During a doubles match, both players of a partnership are deemed to be **in control** of the table when it is their team's visit to the table and are entitled to touch the table. Therefore, either player of either partnership may converse with their partner at any stage of the frame, even whilst either player is touching the table. Please keep this to a minimum and not take forever to do so.
- 3) Only the player whose turn it is to shoot may strike the cue ball. Should the partner of the player whose turn it is strike the cue ball, a Standard foul will immediately be called.
- 4) In a "best of three" situation, nobody can break twice. Therefore, if player A of the team who won the lag breaks first, then player B of that team has to break in the third frame if necessary. It will be a Standard foul if the wrong player breaks.
- 5) If a player assists their partner in the actual playing of a shot, (i.e. placing a finger on the cushion to indicate where the cue ball should strike it, whilst their partner is actually playing the shot), a Standard foul may be called, or a Loss of Frame foul for breaching the "Spirit of the Game", either one at the discretion of the Referee.
- 6) One player from each team takes part in the lag to determine choice of break. This does not count as a shot during the frame so same player can break, or the other player.