## 150: LEGAL SHOTS

1. On all shots, the shooter must pocket their colored ball into their “called pocket” to score points. The exception being when the Bonus Ball is **“TARGETED”**. See PDF 160

2. The shooter must cause the cue ball or any other ball to contact a rail after the object ball has been hit. Failure to have any ball hit a rail after contacting your object ball is ball in hand, anywhere, for the opponent. When trying to pocket a ball that does not drop, is also ball in hand, if neither the cue ball or the object ball hits a rail.

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is permissible for the shooter to bank the cue ball off a rail before contacting their object ball; however, after contact with their object ball, the ball must be pocketed, or the cue ball or any other ball must contact a rail.

3. **SAFETY SHOT:** For tactical reasons a player may choose to pocket an object ball, and discontinue their visit at the table by declaring “safety” in advance. A safety shot is defined as a legal shot. The player marks the ball as pocketed on the scoreboard. You may also sink an object ball directly into an opponents pocket. The ball is respotted and you lose your visit. This can be used as a safety as well.

**YOU MAY NEVER CALL A SAFETY WHILE POCKETING THE BONUS BALL.**

(a) If the shooting player intends to play safe by pocketing an object ball, then prior to the shot, they must audibly declare a **“safety”** to their opponent. If this is **NOT** done, and one of the shooter’s colored balls are legally pocketed, the shooter will be required to shoot again.

(b) If a player legally pockets a purple ball, it remains down and it is scored. (1 point). The player would now be on the orange ball the next time at the table. If they legally pocket an orange ball, it remains down and they must score the orange ball pocketed on the scoreboard (2 points).

**SOMETHING TO CONSIDER WHEN CALLING A SAFETY ON THE ORANGE BALL:** Because you can’t pocket the Bonus Ball after pocketing the orange, (calling the safety) **You must forfeit the Bonus Ball and the extra points.** The shooter would be on the purple ball again on the next turn at the table.

## ILLEGALLY POCKETED BALLS

1. Any ball that is pocketed other than the ball that called is automatically re-spotted on the table. No flukes are ever allowed in Bonus Ball.

2. If the Bonus Ball is illegally pocketed it is simply re-spotted.

3. If you do pocket a ball illegally but do legally pocket your called ball, the illegally pocketed ball will re-spot and you continue your visit.