



BASEBALL POCKET BILLIARDS

TYPE OF GAME

The game is played with 21 object balls, numbered from 1-21, and a white cue ball. The object balls are racked at the foot spot (*in a 21-ball triangle*). The 1-ball is placed on the foot spot, which is called "home plate." The 2- and 3-balls, respectively, are placed at the left and right corners of the triangle. The 9-ball, called the "pitcher," is placed in near the center of the rack. (*See Diagram 1*) Starting player has cue ball in hand.

SCORING

Players are credited with all balls legally pocketed. Each player has nine shots or innings at the table, which are played in succession. In other words, each player continues at the table until completing all nine innings. An inning continues until the player misses or commits a fool, which results in loss of turn.

The number of runs scored corresponds to the number of balls pocketed by the player. If a player scores the 12- and 13-balls in one inning, the player is credited for 25 runs in that inning. Scores are posted by innings on a score sheet. The game ends when all players have completed nine innings of play.

The winner is the player with the most runs after all have played.

START OF PLAY

Lag or lot may determine rotation of play. The starting player has the cue ball in hand within the string. The starting player is credited with all balls scored on the break shot. After the break, the player continues, but must "call shots" ball and pocket.

SUBSEQUENT PLAY

Incoming players have balls racked and proceed as above, playing nine innings.

SPOTTING BALLS

If a player pockets a ball and makes a scratch, the object ball must be spotted on the "home plate" (*foot spot*). If home plate is occupied, balls are spotted according to general rules for spotting balls in pocket billiards.

SCRATCHES

If a player scratches, it completes the inning and an "0" is placed in that inning on the score sheet. He then plays the next inning. If the shooter scratches and no object ball is pocketed, it is still regarded as a scoreless inning. Scratches are penalized by forfeit of all balls pocketed on the foul stroke, plus the last called ball legally pocketed. If the player has no balls to his credit, he spots next called ball scored.

CALL SHOTS

If a player makes a called ball as designated, all other balls pocketed on the same stroke accrue to his credit. If failing to pocket the called ball, however, and other balls drop in the pockets, the pocketed balls are spotted, it counts as a scoreless inning and player continues, unless miss occurred in ninth inning.

NINE INNINGS

Any number of players may play baseball pocket billiards, but before the game is complete, all players must have nine innings at the table. If a player runs all the balls before completing nine innings of play, the balls are re-racked and player continues until completing nine innings, and then the total score is posted.

GENERAL RULES

Unless conflicting with provisions for this game, the General Rules of Pocket Billiards apply to Baseball Pocket Billiards.

DIAGRAM 1

