



WDBS EVENTS | RULE ADAPTATIONS 2024

SECTION 3

RULE 19 (b)

(iii) RULE 3.14(a)(iii) shall be construed so as to include situations where, in the referee's opinion, a player's stature or disability makes a particular shot impossible to play.

RULE 14 (h)

No more than two consecutive miss calls will be made, provided the referee is satisfied that the third miss was not intentional.

PLEASE NOTE

In cases where matches are not individually refereed the players **MUST** engage one of the roving referees or Tournament Director to adjudicate **BEFORE** the third attempt is played, if two consecutive 'foul and a miss' calls have been made.

EXAMPLE

The change to 3.19 is designed to cover situations where there is a straight-line path to a ball on, where the existing rules state that a miss **MUST** be called, but the referee considers that because of a player's stature or disability that particular shot is impossible. For example, after potting a red the cue ball comes to rest behind the pack of reds but with central full ball contact with the black being available. Wheelchair players, for example, may find this impossible to play so no miss would be called.

With both Rule Adaptations the onus is still on the player to make a genuine attempt to hit a ball on, otherwise a 'foul and a miss' will be called (regardless of difference in scores).

'MERCY RULE'

During Group Stage matches and Challenge Cup (except final) matches only.

When there are no reds remaining and the points difference below is reached or exceeded, at the end of the turn of the leading player, the referee will declare the frame ended.

The points difference for the mercy rule is as follows:

Yellow: 40

Green: 38

Brown: 35

Blue: 34

Pink: 32

MIXED CLASSIFICATIONS – POINTS START

There may be occasions where classification groups are combined due to low entry numbers. Point starts will be adopted in the following circumstances:

GROUPS MERGED	POINTS START
Group 1 - Group 2	Group 1 players receive +14 start
Group 1/2 – Group 4	Group 1 players receive +28 start Group 2 players receive +14 start
Group 6A – Group 6B	Group 6A players receive +21 start
Group 7 – Group 8	No points start
Group 7	Points starts applied as per British Blind Sport groupings (see website)

Point starts are implemented to create as fair a match as possible based on the impairments, not the ability of the player.

Point starts could be subject to change by WDBS or WDBS Tournament Director discretion and any changes should be communicated to players before competition starts. Any objections/appeals regarding points starts should be made before the start of the competition/first match.

No complaints will be heard once the competition/first match has started.