

The Game of "Carom-9-Ball" 3-cushion Billiard game

1. Billiards:
 1. Billiard: the cue ball contacts all (2) object balls without fault(s). (3 object balls in Jumbo)
 2. 3-cushion billiard: a billiard with the cue ball hits rails at least three times before contacting the last object ball. (A billiard in this article is referred to a 3-cushion billiard)
 3. A bank-shot billiard: A billiard with the cue ball hits the rail(s) before contacting other ball(s).
 4. A kiss-shot (time-shot) billiard: a billiard made with at least one of the following two conditions:
 1. The cue ball contacts non-last object ball more than once before the billiard is made.
 2. The first object ball contacts other object ball(s) before the billiard is made.
 5. A special billiard: A bank- shot or a predeclared kiss-shot billiard. (or agreed among players),
 6. billiard made without a kiss is not valid if predeclared as a kiss shot.
2. Game:
 1. Game starts as score 1 to 0. (Take away most the advantage of the break.)
 2. Each player has his rating and legitimate cue ball(s).
 3. Player always plays with the lower/equal score, and shoots until he fails to make a billiard.
 4. All billiard points add to lower or equal side of two scores.
 5. FIVE ways to WIN: (if not at break, and must without fault, mulligan, or switching cue ball)
 1. Make a 9 or more run, before any point scored, special billiard requirement is exempted (AKA: classic challenge, or CC win, or grand-slam win if it is from a break shot)
 2. Make the low-score reach 9, with run equal or more billiards than the player's rating. (Challenge-Number, or CN: defined as 9.5 minus the lower/equal score.)
 3. Make the lower-score reach or over 9, with at least one special billiard in that inning.
 4. Make 4 special-billiards in a row. (AKA: a JACKPOT win)
 5. Make 4 kiss-billiards in a row. (no declaration needed, AKA: a Super-JACKPOT win)
 6. All points after winning shot or beyond 17-total are bonus-points. (for betting or tie-breaker)
 7. A special billiard is required for player rated (+), except for a CC win.
 8. A predeclared kiss- billiard is required for player rated (a), except for a CC win.
 9. A kiss-billiard plus a special-billiard is required for player rated (a+), except for a CC win.
 10. If at break, other player(s) may play the same break shot, higher score wins. If same score, match(es) starts over, all billiards made count as bonus. A tie is also permitted.
3. Rating: Every player has a rating. Usually self-rated. (or by tournament director)
 1. Highest rating is 9, reserved for the best player ever, now, and forever; so never.
 2. Lowest rating is 1. World-class/pro : 7a, 7aa, 8+, 8a, 8a+, 8aa+, 8aaa... (myself: 5+ /5a).
4. Penalty, Faults etc :
 1. Lost turn: fault(s) without partner's consent, switching cue ball within inning, or touching ball(s) without partner(s)' consent.
 2. Intentional fault, player touches the balls after any one ball has hit two rails. The next player may spot any ball(s) to its/their initial setup position(s).
 3. CAN NOT win at that inning, but shooter may finish his inning, all billiard counts.
 1. Not using his legitimate cue-ball(s).
 2. Takes a mulligan. (must be with partner's consent).
 3. Move the position of any ball. (must be with partner's consent)
 4. If shooter's cue ball is frozen to other ball(s), shooter may gently drop a chalk to separate them.
 5. Initial setup and Break-shot: (head and foot side inter-changeable)
 1. Red ball at center and the other cue ball at the foot spot.
 2. Cue ball anywhere from the head spot to the center of head-side short rail.
 3. Player shoots forward (toward other balls, bank shot ok) only.
 4. Players rated 8 or higher use tougher break setup. (TBD)
5. Challenges: other player(s) buy
 1. Dinner challenge: Grand slam and CC win. (see if the house or sponsor buys all players a drink !?)
 2. Lunch Challenge: wins when the winning number (CN) is greater than 8.
 3. Beer Challenge: any JACKPOT win, or wins when the CN is greater than the shooter's rating.
 4. Holey shots ??? sprcial interesting shots/billiards deserve special rewards .