

TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR GAME

- If you are in doubt about a shot, stop, and chalk up, then get your aim on the shot again.
- Shoot with an easy stroke. Use a hard stroke only when it is absolutely necessary.
- Hit the cue ball in the center, until you learn more about using English or spin.
- You must have a good control of draw, stop, and follow shots to become efficient at pocket billiards.
- Develop confidence and a solid stroke in your game.
- Relax! Tight muscles have no place in pocket billiards. To play good pocket billiards use brain—not muscle.
- Chalk your cue tip after every shot! Make sure the whole tip is covered with chalk.
- The causes of poor playing are, gripping the cue too tight, incorrect aim, incorrect stroke and a poor mindset.
- Excessive English on the cue ball, can throw an object ball off from two to four inches by the time it reaches the pocket.
- If the tip is too hard, roughen it a bit with a file or other commercial tip tool. Do not puff the tip up in the center.
- Remember your bridge hand is held very firm. Keep your eyes directly over the cue when you are aiming at a shot. Keep your hand on the table after your final stroke.
- The longer the bridge hand is from the cue ball, the more difficult it is to have straight stroke and hit an exact spot on the cue ball. Eight to twelve inches is plenty of distance.
- Remember the more you practice with proper skills the more your game will improve.
- Concentrate, persevere and do not lose your temper. Always have good sportsmanship.