**Ceredigion 3 Miss Rule:**

The 3-miss rule will work as follows:

The striker shall, to the best of their ability, endeavour to hit the ball on. When a foul is committed a foul and a miss is always automatically called.
After a foul and a miss has been called, the non-offender has three options:

**1)** they may request that the shot is played from where the cue ball has landed.

**2)** they may request the striker to play again from the position the ball is left.

**3)** they may request the striker plays the shot from the original position. In this case all balls shall be replaced (to the best ability) and the ball on shall be the same as it was prior to the last stroke made.

Each time the balls are replaced the striker has the option to play for:

**a)** any Red, where Red was the ball on;

**b)** the colour on, where all Reds were off the table;

**c)** a colour of the striker’s choice, where the ball on was a colour after a Red, or a free ball nominated as a Red had been potted.

After the third attempt, if missed, and after a potential minimum of **12pts** in total fouls then the non-offender has control of the table again.

The non-offender can put the striker back in to play again if required from the position where the balls have landed (As played previous to the miss rule).

It is also worth noting that a miss **CANNOT** be called when a snooker is needed either before or after the shot, but a miss **CAN** be called if the points available on the table are equal to the points difference, e.g. if the striker is 31 behind with 35 left on the table and they give away a 4 point foul.

If you follow the above advice, and apply a reasonable amount of common sense, then we will have a consistent approach to what can be a difficult issue. However, please remember that the referee’s decision is final and absolute, and we ask that all players show respect to those officiating. If a referee is not available to officiate then the player that plays the shot has the final authority on where the balls are to be replaced.