

# 1-TDC Invitational 2026

## Snooker Briefing

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All rules in Section 3.2.b of the UK Agility International Rules & Regulations apply to the Snooker class. This briefing contains reminders as well as additional information specific to this course.

- Course times

20"/22"/24" = 44 seconds. 8"/12"/16" = 45 seconds

3 Seconds added for select.

16s & 20s = 47 seconds. 4s/8s/12s = 48 seconds.

- The dog must start the run with the START jump, which is ONE directional and must be taken in the direction of the arrow. If the jump is taken in the wrong direction, then this jump must be repeated in the correct direction before you can begin to accumulate points. If it is taken in the wrong direction, the time will start and continue to run whilst the jump is taken in the correct direction. If it is not jumped in the correct direction before you take another obstacle, this will be considered an off-course, and point accumulation will cease, and the game is over. Once the run starts, this jump remains live, and taking it at any time would be considered an off-course. Your point accumulation will cease, and you should take the finish jump.
- The dog must stop the run with the FINISH jump, which is ONE directional and must be taken in the direction of the arrow. Once the run starts, this jump is live at all times and if the dog takes it during the opening period, point accumulation will cease. Taking the finish jump in the wrong direction at any time or failing to stop the time at the end of the run will result in an E with all points deducted, resulting in zero score.

### In the opening:

- All obstacles can be taken in any direction and in any order in the opening.
- Refusals are not judged in the Opening on reds or colours.
  - If you refuse a coloured obstacle or a subsequent part of a combination, attempt the obstacle again, and if completed correctly, points will be awarded.
- Combinations can be taken in any order in the opening
- Once a dog engages with a coloured obstacle, they must continue with the obstacle to the point of completion or standard fault.
  - The Snooker definition of engaged is – the dog gets onto an obstacle, goes into an obstacle, touches any part of an obstacle in any way, running under any part of an obstacle, jumps over any part of an obstacle.
- If a Standard fault occurs with any part of a combination in the OPENING, you have two options to continue playing the game:
  - Option #1: Finish the remainder of the combination and earn ZERO points for that color obstacle.
  - Option #2: Immediately leave the combination, earn ZERO points, there is no fault if your dog takes any remaining combination obstacles on the way to the next obstacle.
  - Whichever option you choose, proceed to an unused RED or the CLOSING if you have already successfully completed the REDs.
  - If the dog returns to a previously completed obstacle in the combination, game over.

**In the CLOSING,**

- All obstacles must be taken as numbered except 2a, which is bi-directional.
- Refusals and runouts will be judged.
- Scoring ceases when an obstacle is faulted or when the maximum time is reached.
- If maximum time has been reached and an obstacle or combination has been engaged but not completed, then the combination or obstacle will earn full points if completed correctly.

A verbal briefing will not be held. However, there will be a Facebook post on the US Open Facebook page where you can ask the judges questions. This post will open at 6.45 am and close at 7.15 am. The judge will post answers to any questions not covered in the UKI rulebook and/or the above briefing. If they are covered in the rules or in the briefing, the question will not be answered. Please ensure you have read this briefing and the Snooker rules in the UKI rulebook before posting your question.

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