

USING YOUR MARKER TO JUDGE FREE BALLS.

To do this, use your marker as a ball. Place your marker on the table directly facing the cue ball on its long 52.5mm edge and slide it up as close as possible, without touching, to the ball on. Then come back to the cue ball, leaving the marker in position and look to see if the striker is able to hit the marker fully. In other words is the whole of the marker visible past the obstructing ball or balls. If it is then it is not a free ball. I would only use this method when the decision is hard to judge, when it is obviously a free ball situation then using the marker in this way is just time wasting by the referee and should be avoided.