

RATING	CUE BALL CONTROL	DEFENSE	BANKS/KICKS	GENERAL COMMENTS
4	Has no control.	Does not know the meaning.	Only made with luck.	Can run no more than 2-3 balls at a time. Strictly a recreational player.
5	Knows beginner english.	Just starting to learn safeties but will not/does not know how to play them.	Getting closer to target and every once in a while hits.	Generally runs 2-4 balls - rarely runs out; is learning more english and ball speed; knows of safes and kicks but does not yet really know how to play them.
6	Knows intermediate english, but still doesn't have a clue what to do at times. Learning how speed combined with english affects the shot.	Knows basic defense shots. Executes them half of the time.	Either executes or comes very close to kicks and banks.	Generally runs 3-6 balls and will occasionally run out; has learned more about the total game; shows more confidence but lacks the knowledge needed to play consistently; the psychological aspects of the game are now being recognized.
7	Knows intermediate to advanced english and further speed/english control.	Plays safes more often but still takes reckless chances. Safeties are effective about 75% of the time.	Generally knows where to kick and learning cue-ball control after the hit.	Runs with some consistency; the ego is slowly being replaced by intelligence and, consequently, the confidence is elevated; there is more control in both the physical and mental aspects of the game.
8	Knows advanced english and can play great shape 90% of the time.	Plays effective safes most of the time.	Kicks are hit more often and now include further cue-ball control after the hit.	This player is confident, running consistently and knows what to do with the cueball; the game is fine-tuned in all respects, however, may still run into trouble when sharked.
9	Knows advanced to expert english.	Plays ball-in-hand worthy defense most of the time.	Kicks are hit most of the time and will occasionally pocket that afore-thought "safe"; has good cue-ball control after the hit	Runs very consistently; has both knowledge and mental/physical stamina to play the game well and consistently. Plays well in tough competition.
10	Knows english in every aspect and when NOT to use it.	Defense is near-perfect every time.	Pockets banks consistently. Kicks are hit almost all the time with very good cue-ball control.	Is very strong in every aspect of the game. Strong break, great and consistent offense, tough defense, makes great decisions and shoots the correct shot almost every time.
11	Gets shape 98% of the time.	Can play very difficult safeties consistently by putting the cue ball in very precise spots on the table.	Has tremendous knowledge and proficiency on all bank shots and can play shape off every kick by hitting a precise spot on the ball.	This player will run tables when you thought there was no way and will do it consistently; extremely strong mental aspect of the game and impeccable defensive skills.