

Hokitika Club – Amendment to Rule 15f (Unintentional Interference)

Purpose of Remit

The Hokitika Club seeks to amend **Rule 15f – Unintentional Interference** to ensure fair and consistent outcomes when accidental contact affects play.

Background

Under the current rule, if a player is unintentionally bumped and their cue tip contacts the white ball, the opponent may choose to:

- Take the **free ball**, or
- Allow the player to replay the shot from where the white ball finishes.

This allows the non-offending player to gain an advantage from an incident caused by someone other than the players at the table. We believe this outcome is inconsistent with fair play and should be corrected.

Suggested Amendment to Rule 15f

15f – Unintentional Interference

Unintentional interference by **players at the table** results in a **minor foul** and a **free ball**.

15f(a) – Interference Caused by Others

If interference is caused by **any person not playing at the table**, the player at the table shall have the right to **continue play from where the white ball lands**, with **no penalty applied**.

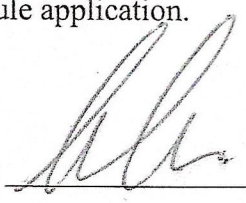
Rationale

This amendment ensures:

- Players are **not unfairly disadvantaged** by accidental interference from spectators or other individuals.
- The rule remains **consistent, fair, and focused on player responsibility**.
- Opponents shouldn't gain an advantage from an incident outside the control of the player at the table.
- The spirit of the game is upheld through clear, equitable rule application.

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