Exam II – Skills
Doctorate Level

S1 – Line of Balls Drill

Pocket the balls in rotation starting with ball in hand:

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

(score = # of balls pocketed legally (without a scratch)
before a miss or ball contact (10 max))

Instructions:

• Pocket the balls in rotation (i.e., in numerical order) in any pockets without scratching or contacting any of the remaining balls.
• If you disturb a ball while pocketing one, the one pocketed counts, but the run ends.
• Shoot the drill twice and use the higher score of the two attempts.
S2 – Rail Cut Shot Drill

Instructions:

- Do the drill twice, shooting the balls in any order, and use the higher score of the two attempts.
- You are not allowed to scratch, shoot combinations, or disturb any of the remaining balls.

score = # of balls pocketed legally (without a scratch) before a miss or ball contact (15 max)
Instructions:

- Attempt and score all three layouts. Then add the two lowest scores.
- You receive 1 point for each ball pocketed legally (w/o scratching) under 9-ball “rotation” rules, always hitting the lowest-numbered ball first.
- If the 9-ball is pocketed early (e.g., with a combo or carom shot), you must still pocket the remaining balls in rotation.
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- Attempt and score all three layouts. Then add the two lowest scores.
- You receive 1 point for each ball pocketed legally (w/o scratching) under 9-ball “rotation” rules, always hitting the lowest-numbered ball first.
- If the 9-ball is pocketed early (e.g., with a combo or carom shot), you must still pocket the remaining balls in rotation.
Instructions:

- Attempt and score all three layouts. Then add the two lowest scores.
- You receive 1 point for each ball pocketed legally (w/o scratching) under 9-ball “rotation” rules, always hitting the lowest-numbered ball first.
- You must get shape on the 7 and 9 by going off three or four rails from the 6 and 8. If you don’t go off three or four rails, the run stops but you get credit if the 6 or 8 is pocketed.

\[ \text{score} = \text{lowest score} + \text{2nd lowest score} \ (14 \text{ max}) \]
S4 – 8-Ball Pattern Drills

Layout 1

Instructions:

• Attempt and score all three layouts. Then add the two lowest scores.
• You receive 1 point for each ball pocketed legally (w/o scratching) before a miss.
• You are allowed to contact the obstacle balls.
S4 – 8-Ball Pattern Drills

Layout 2

Instructions:

- Attempt and score all three layouts. Then add the two lowest scores.
- You receive 1 point for each ball pocketed legally (w/o scratching) before a miss.
- You are allowed to contact the obstacle balls.
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- You receive 1 point for each ball pocketed legally (w/o scratching) before a miss.
- You are allowed to contact the obstacle balls.

score = lowest score + 2\textsuperscript{nd} lowest score (14 max)
S5 – Hide-Behind-Target Safety Drill

Instructions:

- Take two attempts from each CB position, getting 1 point for each successful snooker, where the OB is hidden from the CB with no direct path of contact between the balls.
- The 1 ball may not be pocketed.
- You are allowed to contact the balls in the obstacle cluster, but all of them must remain within or overlapping the target.
- The rectangular target can be printed and cut out from a template on the website. It is an 8.5"x11" sheet of paper with the center removed, leaving a 1" border.

score = # of successful attempts (14 max)
S6 – Kick Shot Drill

Instructions:

- **Shots 1-4**: Kick at each OB off the same long rail (as shown), with the CB in the same starting position for each kick, getting 1 point for each successful and legal shot (i.e., no scratch, ball to rail).
- **Shots 5,6**: With CB in hand on each shot, kick off any two rails at the 1 ball and the 3 ball.
- **Shot 7**: With CB in hand, kick off any three rails at the 2 ball.

score = # of successful kicks (7 max)
S7 – Bank Shot Drill

Instructions:

- Bank the OB cross corner from each of the 7 CB positions.
- You receive 1 point for each bank pocketed legally (w/o scratching).

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\text{score} = \# \text{ of successful banks (7 max)}
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S8 – Elevated Cue Drill

Instructions:

- Pocket each OB from the indicated CB position without scratching.

score = # of successful shots (7 max)
S9 – Jump or Massé Drill

Instructions:

- You get 1 point for each successful shot (CB pocketed, no obstacle-ball contact) of 7 attempts.
- You should try both types of shots during practice, and use your most reliable skill during the exam.

score = # of successful attempts (7 max)
S10 – Break Drill

Instructions:

- Break three times and score each break, awarding 1 point for each of the following:
  a.) no scratch.
  b.) no scratch, and the CB not driven to a cushion.
  c.) no scratch, and the center of the CB remains within the center 4-diamond target zone during the entire break.
  d.) no scratch and 1 or more balls pocketed.
  e.) no scratch and 3 or more OBs either pocketed and/or driven above the head string.

- Throw out the best and worst scores of the three individual break scores.

score = median # of points (middle value) of the three individual rack scores (5 max)