

Coach's Corner



Let's Play Two Ball... ?

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Yes, you've heard about all the cue games by now, 14.1, 9-ball, 8-ball, 7-ball, 6-ball, banks, 1-pocket and 6-pocket. What you probably haven't heard of is the most important "game" for improving your play - TWO BALL.

Two Ball is an especially important practice technique for the aspiring 9-ball player. To play: Simply throw two object balls up onto the table surface in a random fashion. Take the cue ball in hand anywhere on the table. Your object is to pocket both balls and execute with as much ease as possible. Remember to shoot the two balls in rotation. Set up an easy shot on the lowest numbered ball first and attempt to achieve easy position for making the other ball. Actually see how easy you can make it look. Do this until you can perfect your position on a shot at least twenty to thirty times. When you have accomplished this, use the same technique with three object balls.

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You are going to find your game improving much faster this way. You will not be overwhelmed with all 9-balls at once. You will now have a goal to work toward in a logical manner. And now when you are actually playing 9-ball, with an easy shot on the seven, you will have the confidence to get out every time.

Good Luck, and remember, TWO BALL is the easiest and most important game to know.