

## HOW TO PLAY PEA POOL (KELLY POOL)

Pea Pool or Kelly Pool is a great billiard table game to play with friends or family! It is a great way to have a little friendly or family competition, with a little mystery aspect added to the game. Now there are many versions of Pea Pool, you just have to figure out which one you and your family prefer! This game entails a little bit of luck when it comes to the pea number you draw, but it is all in good fun!

The rules differ depending on which version of the game you decide to play. The game is played with a standard 16 – ball set, and a set of “peas.” The peas are numbered 1-15; if you do not have a set of peas, visit one of our Viscount Locations or write out the numbers 1-15 on small pieces of paper and shake them up. Normally a game of Pea Pool is played with 4-6 players.

### VERSION ONE – Sink Your Own Ball

OBJECT: Sink your own pool ball.

1. First each player is given a pea from the shaker bottle, or each player picks a pea at random. Now this pea signifies which ball is each players ball of target, but it must only be known to that player. In other words, do not let others know which number pea or pool ball you have.
2. Next, determine the order of players, the first player then breaks. If the breaker pockets a ball, they continue to shoot until they fail to pocket a ball.
3. After the first player shoots and fails to pocket a ball, the next player takes a shot, but they must make contact with the lowest numbered ball on the playing field. Now, they do

not have to sink the lowest numbered ball, but the cue ball must come in contact with the lowest numbered ball while they are attempting to sink their ball of target. Each player takes their turn in order of succession, first making contact with the lowest numbered ball on the table even if that is not their ball of target.

4. If your ball is pocketed by another player, you must announce that it has been sunk. You are not out of the game though, you continue to shoot in the same rotation. You continue to shoot at the lowest numbered ball on the table. The game ends when someone sinks their own pool ball, or everyone's pool ball has been sunk by another player.



#### VERSION TWO – Do Not Sink Your Own Ball

OBJECT: Avoid sinking your own pool ball by pocketing all of the other balls.

1. You start this version of Pea Pool the same way you started the first version. First each player is given a pea from the shaker bottle, or each player picks a pea at random. Now this pea signifies which ball is each player's ball of target, but it must only be known to that player. In other words, do not let others know which number pea or pool ball you have.

2. Next, determine the order of players, the first player then breaks. If the breaker pockets a ball, they continue to shoot until they fail to pocket a ball.

3. Once the first player is done shooting (when they fail to sink a ball), the next player shoots. The object is to sink all of the other pool balls that do not correspond to the pea you have picked at random. In this version of Pea Pool, you still want to keep the number you picked a secret. The game is over when a player sinks their ball of target



## POINTS:

+2 points – Awarded when a player sinks their own ball of target.

+1 point – Awarded when a player sinks another player's ball of target.

-1 point – Taken from each player when their ball of target is pocketed by another player.

Overall, no matter which version of Pea Pool (Kelly Pool) you play, it will always be interesting on how well one can keep their ball of target a secret. This game is quite popular in the billiard world, that accommodates players of all skill levels.

[For the official Kelly Pool Rules, visit the Billiards Forum](#)