CLUBS NEW ZEALAND BOARD REMIT

At the Delegates Meeting of the Clubs New Zealand 2026 National 8 Ball Tournament, delegates present at the meeting will be asked to consider, and if thought fit, pass the remit set out below.

RULE 19: QUALIFIED OR DESIGNATED REFEREE

That Rule 19 of the Clubs New Zealand 8 Ball Rules

19. the organisers of any 8 Ball competition must designate individuals who are to be considered qualified referees for the event where there are no persons present who have the appropriate qualifications.

Be replaced by

19. The host club must ensure that at least one suitably qualified referee is appointed and available throughout the tournament. In determining whether a referee is suitably qualified, consideration should be given to the individual's knowledge of the Clubs New Zealand 8 Ball Rules, previous officiating experience, and the ability to competently adjudicate matches and rule disputes.

Background/Rationale
The existing rule is unclear and may allow individuals without appropriate knowledge or experience to be deemed "qualified" by appointment alone. This amendment clarifies the responsibility of host clubs to provide suitably qualified referees, supporting fair, consistent, and credible officiating across Clubs New Zealand competitions.