



HOW MUCH ROOM DO I NEED FOR A POOL TABLE?

Whether you decide to purchase a pool table as a gift to yourself because you love the game, as a way of making FAMILY time QUALITY time, or as an inexpensive method of furnishing a room, the most important question to be answered is...”HOW BIG?” **The usual answer is “Regulation”.**

The term “regulation” is a most misunderstood one. **“Regulation”** has shrunk over the years from **6 x 12 to 5 x 10 to 4-1/2 x 9**. **Most people now refer to the 4 x 8 (44” x 88”) playfield) as “regulation”.** If the term is to have any validity at all today, it must conform to the **Billiard Congress of America’s specifications**, i.e. length must be twice the width and certain height and pocket opening dimensions must be met. **This ensures that the mathematical equations remain the same, no matter what the size of the table.** Increasing the distance a ball must travel to the pocket increases the challenge; so most people purchase the largest table, which will fit comfortably into their available room.

“Bar Tables” are usually 3-1/2 x 7. Because the pocket openings of most coin-operated tables are slightly larger than regulation, a home-style 3-1/2 x 7 generally offers a greater challenge than the bar tables. The most popular **home table size** is the 4 x 8 (44 x 88 playfield). **Pool halls** usually contain either 4 x 8 oversize (46 x 92) or 4-1/2 x 9 (50 x 100), with an occasional 5 x 10 (56 x 112), generally in a snooker configuration. **Snooker** tables have a much smaller pocket opening than regular six-pocket tables, and snooker is generally thought of as being a more difficult game. Billiard tables without pockets are called carom tables. Although we have included it on our chart, very few 6 x 12 (63 x 126) tables are sold in the United States; they are found in abundance as close as Canada and Mexico.

While you may feel that your room is quite large, so is a pool table!! **An accurate measurement of your room is extremely important. Room size is computed from the playfield dimension, disregarding the width of the rail. The playfield is the area from rail-tip to rail-tip, inside...the actual area over which the balls can travel during the game. The room size is computed by adding 114” (57” x 2) to each playfield dimension.** NOTE: Furniture which is under approximately 36” in height can be placed as near as 3 feet to the rail’s edge, since it will not interfere with play. Conversely, a standard height (42”) bar must be treated as a solid wall in your calculations, as it will interfere with play.

Locate the size of your room (or the next smallest dimension) under the vertical column marked “Preferred”. When you have located your room size, cross the chart to your left for the table size, which will fit best. The “Preferred” is figured on a 58” standard cue length. Thus, if you have a ball “frozen” on the rail, which must be shot straight ahead, the tip of the cue will rest on the ball while the butt of the cue will rest against the wall.

If your room is too small to accommodate the table size you want, you have several options. There is, of course, the option of going to the next shortest cue for rail shots if space is at a premium. Option two is buying a smaller table. Option three? Knock out a wall to make a larger room! Two things to remember: Rail shots straight ahead are rare; and few people feel comfortable with anything shorter than a 48” cue.

If none of the above solves your problem call or come by and let us give you some personal assistance. Our family, helping your family....since 1940!!!

| Table Size | Cue Lengths | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | 36" | 42" | 48" | 52" | 58" (preferred) | 60" (Snooker) |
| 6' (32 x 64) | 8'8" x 11'4" | 9'8" x 12'4" | 10'8" x 13'4" | 11'4" x 14' | 12'4" x 15" | N/A |
| 7' (39 x 78) | 9'3" x 12'6" | 10.3" x 13'6" | 11'3" x 14'6" | 11'11" x 15'2" | 12'11" x 16'2" | N/A |
| 8' Home (44 x 88) | 9'8" x 13.4" | 10'8" x 14'4" | 11'8" x 15'4" | 12'4" x 16' | 13'4" x 17" | N/A |
| 8 1/2' Commercial (46 x 92) | 9'10" x 13'8" | 10'10" x 14'8" | 11'10" x 15'8" | 12'6" x 16'4" | 13'6" x 17'4" | N/A |
| 9' Tournament (50 x 100) | 10'2" x 14'4" | 11'2" x 15'4" | 12'2" x 16'4" | 12'10" x 17' | 13'10" x 18" | 14'2" x 18'4" |
| 10' (56 x 112) | 10'8" x 15'4" | 11'8" x 16'4" | 12'8" x 17'4" | 13'4" x 18' | 14'4" x 19" | 14'8" x 19'4" |
| 12' (63 x 126) | 11'9" x 18'2" | 12'9" x 19'2" | 13'9" x 20'2" | 14'5" x 20'10" | 15'5" x 21'10" | 15'9" x 22'2" |
| Bumper Pool (30 x 46) | 8'6" x 9'10" | 9'6" x 10'10" | 10'6" x 11'10" | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Game Table (54" Diameter) | 10'6" Dia | 11'6" Dia | 12'6" Dia | N/A | N/A | N/A |