

# Video Encyclopedia of Pool Shots (VEPS)

## Disc III – Safety Play and Strategy

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### 21. defensive safety shots

- 345. stop shot hide (4:22)
- 346. stun over to hide (5:09)
- 347. hide CB behind blockers (5:19)
- 348. hide OB behind blockers (5:30)
- 349. try to hide both balls (5:40)
- 350. **GEM:** natural angle hide (6:30)
- 351. create distance (6:55)
- 352. kiss back for distance (7:18)
- 353. bank for distance (7:48)
- 354. stop on ball and create distance (8:08)
- 355. freeze CB on rail with distance (8:56)
- 356. stun over to freeze the CB (9:13)
- 357. stun into a ball to freeze the CB (9:26)
- 358. firm stop bank hide (9:34)
- 359. stun-forward bank safe (9:45)
- 360. stun-forward bank safe with rail freeze (9:58)
- 361. **GEM:** 1/2-ball-hit equal-separation safe (10:10)
- 362. safe relative to 1/2-ball-hit reference (10:43)
- 363. natural-angle safe into blockers (11:07)
- 364. combo line-of-centers stop safe (11:26)
- 365. long bank hide and distance (11:50)
- 366. long bank with reverse English hide off 2nd rail (12:08)
- 367. long bank with reverse English kill and hide off 2nd rail (12:31)
- 368. hiding to prevent an easy 1-rail kick escape (12:46)
- 369. hiding to prevent a return safety (13:10)
- 370. **GEM:** don't leave a "big" ball for your opponent (13:47)
- 371. going rail first to hide (15:26)
- 372. bank and stay close to rail to hide (15:39)
- 373. **GEM:** using two rails to come into the line of blockers (15:49)
- 374. multiple-rail bank to create distance and hide (16:56)
- 375. thin a ball to create distance (17:39)
- 376. rail-first thin hit to create distance and/or hide (18:02)
- 377. corner hook your opponent (18:44)

### 22. offensive safety shots

- 378. **GEM:** two-way bank shot with distance (19:08)
- 379. two-way kick stop toward side pocket (19:55)

- 380. two-way long shot with bad leave for opponent (20:26)
- 381. two-way bank with freeze behind ball (21:16)
- 382. two-way cross-corner bank with pocket block (21:42)
- 383. **GEM:** two-way billiard shot with distance (22:08)
- 384. **GEM:** cluster breakout safety (22:57)
- 385. kick cross-side two-way safety (23:17)
- 386. clear, block, and hide safety (23:45)
- 387. two-way pocket block shot (24:00)
- 388. **GEM:** pocket hanger replace safety (24:35)
- 389. billiard into pocket hanger for safety (25:03)
- 390. multiple-rail two-way bank shot (25:16)
- 391. **GEM:** miss cross-corner bank on short side for two-way shot (25:40)
- 392. miss cross-corner bank on long side for two-way shot (26:41)

### 23. safety replies

- 393. kick escape (27:15)
- 394. swerve escape (27:41)
- 395. jump options (27:52)
- 396. easy jump escape (28:30)
- 397. kick vs. jump (28:48)
- 398. **GEM:** wrong-ball foul safe (29:25)
- 399. rail-first stick and hide (29:57)
- 400. rail-first draw to hide (30:15)
- 401. foul 9-ball hanger in if no good options (30:25)
- 402. kicking behind ball close to pocket (31:09)
- 403. **GEM:** kick two rails for separation (31:28)
- 404. break-up balls to prevent three consecutive fouls (32:10)
- 405. corner-hook escape (33:10)

### 24. ball-in-hand options

- 406. short stick and hide (33:35)
- 407. solve problem ball (34:01)
- 408. **GEM:** natural-angle billiard (34:24)
- 409. **GEM:** natural-angle cluster break-out safe (35:05)
- 410. **GEM:** close-range tangent-line cluster break-out (35:35)
- 411. **GEM:** cluster break-out safety (36:28)
- 412. play for third consecutive foul (36:54)
- 413. **GEM:** play for ball-in-hand combo win (37:17)
- 414. **GEM:** two-way combo win safe (37:55)

## 25. general strategy

- 415. walk around the table to plan (38:38)
- 416. play for exact position (40:17)
- 417. plan entire run-out (41:41)
- 418. play for "Tom Cruise" run-out when available (42:26)
- 419. plan three balls ahead (43:21)
- 420. use ball groupings and transitions (44:52)
- 421. use insurance ball for backup plan (45:44)
- 422. don't break out opponent clusters (46:35)
- 423. don't move balls in good position (47:17)
- 424. use two rails to avoid traffic (47:42)
- 425. bump opponent balls into clusters (48:12)
- 426. come off a rail for position (48:27)
- 427. choose the key ball wisely (49:06)
- 428. choose key ball with good key ball (49:49)
- 429. avoid key ball requiring a tight line (50:40)
- 430. choose easy safe over tough shot (51:25)
- 431. deal with tough ball early (51:54)
- 432. choose tough shot over tough safety (52:21)
- 433. choose good safety over tough position (52:59)

## 26. 8-ball strategy

- 434. choosing solids vs. stripes (53:29)
- 435. **GEM:** opposite-ball combo or billiard for better choice (54:28)
- 436. **GEM:** opposite-ball combo or billiard to clear a problem ball (55:05)
- 437. play for an area with many options (55:46)
- 438. **GEM:** play safe early to break out problem ball (56:21)
- 439. play safe to get a better chance at a run-out (56:55)
- 440. **GEM:** break out cluster early and with insurance (57:22)
- 441. clear obstacle ball early (58:13)
- 442. **GEM:** replace or drive through opponent hanger early (58:30)
- 443. clear path to pocket early (59:20)
- 444. clear opponent blocker with safety (59:43)
- 445. let opponent break up a ball frozen to the 8-ball (1:00:05)
- 446. **GEM:** choose key ball above the 8-ball (1:00:27)
- 447. in and safe (1:01:36)

## 27. 9-ball strategy

- 448. break out cluster at the right time (1:02:12)
- 449. play for safety when run-out too difficult (1:02:53)
- 450. **GEM:** use a safety to break out a cluster (1:03:28)
- 451. try to pocket 9-ball hanger early (1:03:49)

- 452. try to pocket 9-ball hanger with two-way shot (1:04:10)
- 453. push out to a jump or kick, per your strengths (1:04:37)
- 454. push-out into 9-ball hanger to prevent easy win (1:05:22)
- 455. push-out to tie up balls, making a run-out difficult (1:05:41)

## 28. rail-first shots

- 456. rail-first to create an angle for position (1:05:58)
- 457. **GEM:** aiming rail-first cut shots (1:06:16)
- 458. rail-first stun, draw, and follow for position (1:07:01)
- 459. rail-first kick-and-stick safety (1:07:35)
- 460. ball vs. rail first off hanger for position (1:07:49)
- 461. **GEM:** rail-first with English for position (1:08:20)

## 29. clearance and cluster break-out shots

- 462. select cluster break-out shot with insurance ball (1:09:00)
- 463. billiard safe to remove an opponent blocker (1:09:34)
- 464. replace an opponent hanger with a safety (1:10:02)
- 465. clear opponent hanger to continue run (1:10:20)
- 466. carom off an obstacle ball to open a pocket (1:10:33)
- 467. precision ball extraction from cluster (1:10:46)
- 468. straight vs. rail-first cluster break (1:11:15)
- 469. bump into obstacle ball to open a pocket (1:11:44)
- 470. **GEM:** break up cluster with controlled speed (1:12:18)
- 471. **GEM:** billiard follow clearance shot (1:12:52)