

# Video Encyclopedia of Nine-ball and Ten-ball (VENT)

## Instructional DVD Series Outline

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### VENT I – The Break [1 hr, 5 min]

**Introduction** [0:00 – 2:11]

**1. The Break** [2:11 – 53:11]

a) **lag shot** [2:45 – 4:48]

b) **racking** [4:48 – 12:16]

c) **rules** [12:16 – 21:02]

d) **strategy** [21:02 – 34:48]

e) **ball direction effects** [34:48 – 43:19]

f) **gap effects** [43:19 – 53:16]

**2. The Push Out** [53:16 – 59:45]

**3. Rules Differences** [59:45 – 1:03:23]

**Wrap-Up** [1:03:23 – 1:04:43]

### VENT II – Basic Strategy [58 min]

**Introduction** [0:00 – 2:11]

**4. Basic Strategy** [2:11 – 52:55]

a) **leave angle, come into line of shot** [2:30 – 13:40]

b) **other basic strategy** [13:40 – 43:59]

i. **hold vs. go across**

ii. **long-side vs. short-side shape**

iii. **keep CB away from rails and balls**

iv. **don't move balls that shouldn't be bumped**

v. **use a cushion to increase margin**

vi. **keep CB reachable**

vii. **avoid scratches**

viii. **cheat the pocket**

ix. **break clusters smartly**

x. **choose shape zone target wisely**

xi. **go rail first when helpful**

xii. **deal with 9-ball hanger**

xiii. **bump balls when helpful**

xiv. **always reevaluate the table with an open mind**

xv. **play for a bank/combo/kiss when appropriate**

c) **defensive strategy** [43:59 – 52:55]

**5. Equipment Differences** [52:55 – 56:19]

**Wrap-Up** [56:19 – 57:39]

## **VENT III – Position Play and English** [1 hr, 12 min]

**Introduction** [0:00 – 2:11]

### **6. Position Play** [2:11 – 43:47]

- a) No-Rail Shape** [2:28 – 4:57]
- b) One-Rail Shape** [4:57 – 23:10]
  - i. english (sidespin)**
  - ii. reverse english**
  - iii. drill**
  - iv. advanced position plays**
- c) Two-Rail Shape** [23:10 – 35:05]
  - i. shots through the center of the table**
  - ii. modifying the center-table direction**
  - iii. in-and-out-of-a-corner practice**
  - iv. advanced two-rail position shots**
- d) Three-Rail Shape** [35:05 – 43:47]

### **7. Position Off Pocket Hangers** [43:47 – 53:13]

### **8. Straight-In Shot Options** [53:13 – 55:47]

### **9. End-Game Patterns** [55:47 – 1:11:11]

**Wrap-Up** [1:11:11 – 1:12:30]

## **VENT IV – Safety Play** [1 hr, 18 min]

**Introduction** [0:00 – 2:11]

### **10. Defensive Safeties** [2:11 – 28:54]

- a) CB Hide Safeties** [2:48 – 19:05]
  - i. roll into blocker**
  - ii. using spin to help**
  - iii. thin hit safes**
  - iv. using ball stoppers**
  - v. stop or stun behind blocker**
  - vi. equal-separation safety**
  - vii. split the CB and OB on the same long-rail side of the table with blockers in between**
  - viii. coming into the line of blockers**
  - ix. creating distance**
  - x. advanced spin and massé shots**
- b) OB Hide Safeties** [19:05 – 25:13]
  - i. roll OB behind blockers**
  - ii. leave CB and OB on same long-rail side of table with blockers in between**
  - iii. thin hit safes**
- c) Other Defensive Safeties** [25:13 – 28:54]

### **11. Offensive Safeties** [28:54 – 41:14]

- a) move problem balls**
- b) two-way bank shots**
- c) win game early**

- d) 3-foul rule
- 12. End-Game Safeties [41:14 – 48:29]
  - a) two balls remaining
  - b) one ball remaining
- 13. Ball-In-Hand Strategy [48:29 – 56:48]
  - a) break out cluster
  - b) improve ball layout
  - c) reach tough position
  - d) get early 9 for win
  - e) go for three fouls
- 14. Safety Replies [56:48 – 1:16:36]
  - a) kick safeties
  - b) kick escapes
  - c) swerve shots
  - d) jump shots
  - e) tie up balls
  - f) weigh your options
- Wrap-Up [1:16:36 – 1:17:55]

## **VENT V – Advanced Principles, Shots, Strategies [1 hr, 5 min]**

- Introduction [0:00 – 24:31]
- 15. Combos, Kisses, Caroms [2:11 – 3:19]
  - a) combinations [3:19 – 8:30]
  - b) kiss shots [8:30 – 18:08]
  - c) carom shots [18:08 – 24:31]
- 16. Rail Cut Shots [24:31 – 33:44]
- 17. Bank Shots [33:44 – 40:31]
- 18. Advanced Shots [40:31 – 55:44]
  - a) kisses and caroms
  - b) cushion compression shots
  - c) frozen-ball shots
  - d) cushion and point shots
  - e) miscellaneous shots
- 19. Run-Out Examples [55:44 – 1:03:38]
- Wrap-Up [1:03:38 – 1:04:58]