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Loss of Ball			
	Premature Loss of Ball	One of the following in this order	
	Flippers stop working, bonus collects & ball(s)	a) If game can be set to 4 balls, set and allow affected player to play ball 4	
	drains due to machine losing track of balls	b) Player receives one ball on new game and that score is added to original game's score	
	Ball tilted by previous player ¹	¹ see Player Interference for ruling on player that interfered	
	Ball loss caused by other player ¹	² TD attempts to recreate malfunction and then follow steps above, else it is considered	
	Ball played by other player ¹³	normal course of play. Not applicable to loss of all but one ball during multi-ball	
	Flipper ceases to function or gets stuck in upright	³ All points gained by other player are kept, no reducing or eliminating points.	
	position causing loss of ball ²	All players are responsible for ensuring correct order of play	
	Loss of all but one ball during multi-ball		
	Kickback fails		
	Ball falls off rail	Considered normal course of play	
	Ball flies over flipper into drain		
	Ball 'moonwalks' up inlane into outlane		
Loss of Game			
	Game Turned Off for machine repair mid-game	One of the following depending on if scores are retrievable	
	Game Reset	a) Player takes score, starts new game and receives # of balls not played (including ball	
	Loss of Power	in play at loss of game) and combines both scores for final score	
	New Game Starts	b) Previous scores not retrievable, all players start a new game	
	Game ends for all players ³	³ if caused by Slam Tilt, see Player Interference for ruling on player that caused slam tilt	
Beneficial to Player			
	Unexpected software ball save		
	Failed tilt sensor	Allowed once per game (except Lazarus)	
	Ball stuck on unlit kickback (ball finder saves)	TD may require player to end ball and attempt to repair if continues to repeat	
	Ball bounces back into play (Lazarus)		
	Ball goes through drain trough into plunger area	TD places ball in drain trough. If playfield isn't valid yet, ball will kick into plunger lane	
	as 'same ball in play'	and player may continue play. When playfield is obviously not valid, continue play.	
	Valuable switch scoring repeatedly w/o hitting it	TD may void game if significant point advantage occurs, then affected player(s) plays a	
	Jackpot switch registering w/o hitting it	new game unless players come to agreement on alternate remedy	
	Misuse of game feature, i.e. interfering w/auto-		
	plunger during multi-ball, intentionally causing	TD may give warning to player and/or have game disqualified	
	ball searches		

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Stuck Ball			
Ball stuck on playfield	TD places ball on either flipper or in plunger lane and player has no choice of location		
Ball stuck on inlane/outlane post or lamp	TD manually triggers kickback, then places ball on either flipper or in plunger lane		
insert/divot above outlane w/ a lit kickback			
Ball stuck on center post, inlane/outlane post, or	Player may attempt to dislodge or have TD drain ball to avoid tilting bonus		
lamp insert/divot above outlane			
Ball stuck in outlane w/any portion below post			
Ball stuck during timed features, thus expiring	Considered normal course of play		
Ball stuck resulting in Tilt warning by player or TD			
Ball stuck resulting in Tilt by player			
Ball under flipper or dirty pool during multi-ball			
During Multi-ball, ball stuck on playfield	Player must attempt to correct by stopping other balls and having TD correct stuck ball, or TD may void the game and require player to replay		
Stuck ball resulting in Tilt by TD	See Loss of Ball		
Stuck ball lost while game open by TD			
Game reset or ends when game opened	See Loss of Game		
Rules/Features/Modes			
Loss of lit feature	Considered normal course of play		
Loss of tilt warning			
Loss of running mode			
Loss of other gameplay specifics			
Player Interference			
Tilt warning through to other player	First offense - no penalty to player that caused tilt warning. Second offense and it is treated as though the player tilted the other player's ball and they receive a zero for the game. Affected player may continue play, or plunge the ball and treat as Loss of Ball.		
Player does not start multi-player game or	Game is voided when incorrect number of players is discovered w/o penalty to any		
correct number of players in the game	player. No adding players after player 1 has plunged the ball. Game is voided and		
	current player may not finish ball or game. Game is restarted with correct # of players.		
Tilt through to other player ⁵	Player receives a zero for the game		
Playing other player's ball ⁵	⁵ See Loss of Ball for affected player		
Slam Tilt ending other players' ⁶ games	Player receives a zero for the game		
	⁶ See Loss of Game for affected player(s)		

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