

OCEANIA SQUASH FEDERATION
RULES and REFEREEING NEWSLETTER

September 2010

REMINDERS FOR THE 2010 COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN NEW DELHI, INDIA

ASSISTANCE prior to and during the Games

I will be in Delhi from October 1st. Also there will be:

Australian:

WSF International Referee: Damien Green

Regional Referees: Karim Langer and John Small

New Zealand:

National Referee: Chris Buckland.

Please look for us, particularly with respect to the Doubles rules, and we will assist you.

Please contact me if you require any assistance prior to D2010.

SCORING

Singles

Best of **5** games.

Each game is played to 11 points.

If the score reaches 10-all, the game continues until one player leads by two points.

The Marker announces "10-all: a player must win by 2 points".

Doubles

Best of **3** games.

Each game is played to 11 points.

There is no extension at 10-all.

The wider court of 8420mm will be used. This court is approximately 25% wider than a Singles court.

REFEREEING

All Singles and Doubles matches will be officiated under the **3 Referee System**

DOUBLES - a few things:

SERVICE

- Serving order alternates between teams as A1, B1, A2, B2.
- Serving order must remain the same throughout a match.
- At the beginning of each game and when the service changes from one team to the other, the serving team can serve from either service box, but after winning a rally must serve from the alternate box.

RECEIVING SERVICE

- Partners must receive from the same side of the court throughout each game, but
- Can change at the start of each game - after notifying opponents and officials.
- Players can stand anywhere for receiving service, providing there is no interference caused to server or receiver.
- If receiver swings and misses, partner cannot return service.

INTERFERENCE

- If both partners appeal, stroke overrules let, and let overrules no let.
- If A1 swings at the ball and misses, A2 can hit the ball (except for return of serve).

Whether a striker **hits an opponent with the ball** or **refrains from hitting the ball**:

Strokes will be awarded if:

- The outgoing opponent has played the ball back close to the body and then does not make a reasonable effort to avoid interference, particularly for direct access to the ball and preventing a reasonable swing; or
- The outgoing opponent has played the ball close to the partner's body and the partner does not make any effort to avoid interference.

No Lets will be awarded if:

- Not every effort is made to get to and play the ball.
- Interference is caused only by the striker's partner

FALLEN OBJECT

- If any object falls to the floor, play must stop. Player's rackets and eye guards are classed as "objects" for doubles. Eye guards will be treated as "fallen" if they move from their correct position over the eyes.
- If equipment falls as a result of a collision, the Referee may allow a let or award a stroke, depending whether the player has hit a winning return.

I look forward to seeing you in Delhi - good luck!!

Chris Sinclair
Convenor OSF Rules and Referees Committee
chris.sinclair08@bigpond.com