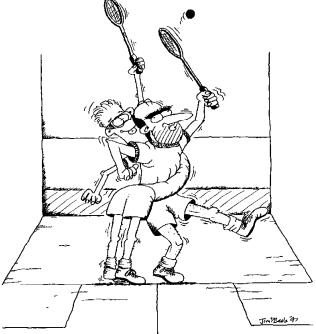


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WSF **INTERFERENCE**

After you hit the ball, you MUST move, so your opponent has:

- **Unobstructed direct access to the ball**
 - Fair view of the ball
 - Freedom to hit the ball
- Freedom to play the ball directly to the front wall



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Direct Access - “Blocking”

Blocking occurs at both the front and back of the court

Blocking occurs after a player:

- Hits the ball and then stands still
- or
- Backs into the incoming striker, instead of providing a clear path to the ball



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Short shots at the front corners

look at what both players are doing, and where the ball lands




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What Referees look for from the **incoming** striker

- Would he have got to the ball?
- Was he really intending to play the ball?
- Does he come in too quickly and not let the opponent move away?
- Moving into a position behind the outgoing striker when he could have come through on another inside




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What Referees look for from the **outgoing** player

- What kind of a shot had been played?
Winner, tight, loose?
- Was the player making *every effort* to clear?
Footwork



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The outgoing player

Some signs to watch for

- Players taking more space than required when playing the ball e.g.
 - keeping back leg a long way back
 - sticking backside out, making opponent take the long way to the ball
- Moving just a little slower off the ball than required



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Side wall situations
Look for consistency



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Pushing opponent across court

Be consistent, and
Watch for “acting”



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Minimal Interference

Interference which is so slight,
it did not affect the player
being able to get to
and play the ball

NO LET

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Summary

- Set the tone as early as possible, even if with a tough “No let” on the first decision (with an explanation)
- Give Conduct warnings when appropriate
- Be consistent
- Watch the movement and effort of both players
- Watch where the ball lands

