

# The Doubles Rules of Racketlon

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The rules of each sport and the generic FIR rules regulate most aspects of the doubles games. There are a few small changes to the singles and the normal doubles rules, see below: -

## 1. Players on Court

All players of each pair must be on court for the table tennis, badminton and tennis except squash when it is one player from each pair. All sets must be completed before moving onto the next sport.

## 2. Two-Serves start from right to left

a) One single toss is done before the match. The winners can choose who serves first, who returns first or which side they want to start on. The losers of the toss then have second choice. The team that serves in Tabletennis also Serves in Squash and returns in Badminton and Tennis. The team can decide before each sport, which player starts to serve.

b) The first player who serves first will have two serves, his first from right to left, his second from left to right.

c) All players must start their service from the right hand side of the courts. Following the server will always serve from right to left if the total score is even and from left to right if the total score is odd.

## 3. Order of Serving

a) The order of serving rotation in table tennis, badminton and tennis is as follows: - Pair AB vs Pair CD, the serving order A, C, B and D then back to A & so on.

b) The specific order of table tennis serving and receiving is A - C - B - D, when the switch sides at 11 the order changes to A - D - B - C and so on etc.

c) The specific order of badminton serving and receiving is according to the new badminton rules that the servers and receivers keep the same positions when serves are switched A to C then A to D, C to B and C to A, then B to D and B to C, then followed by D to A and D to B, then the cycle repeats itself until 21, even though sides are changed at 11.

d) In tennis like normal, each team chooses which player returns on the forehand and which player returns on the backhand side and this stays the same throughout the whole set.

## 4. Extension at 20:20

At 20 all then it moves to ONE serve per player and the serving order A, C, B and D. Players A and C start serving from right to left, B and D continue from left to right. If still no difference of 2 clear points, the cycle is repeated with Players A and C starting from left to right and B and D continuing from right to left. These cycles continue until two points clear and the winners emerge.

## 5. Squash change player at 11

The squash will be played as a singles in two parts up to 21 as normal with the additional rules below: -

a) The player with the highest World (singles) Ranking in the pair will play as the No1 player against the other pairs No1 up to 11 points first then the No2 players take over to finish the set etc. If any of the pairs play out of the ranking order, the offending pair will automatically lose the squash to zero and the opponents will register a win with the full allocation of point's.

b) If one of the pairs, does not have a World (singles) Ranking then that player will have to play No 2 at the squash. The ranked player will play No 1 in the pair.

c) In the case when both players in the pair do not have a World (singles) Ranking, then the pair will decide themselves who plays first, but this order counts for the whole tournament.

d) In Mixed Doubles, the women play each other first and then men take over to finish the set.

#### **6. Gummiarm point**

If, after 4 sets, both pairs have exactly the same number of points, then the tennis set is extended with one single point and the players stay the same ends they finished level on. The winner of this single point tiebreak is also the winner of the full match.

A toss or the drawing of lots decides the choices of Serving/receiving.

a) The serving pair can choose who will serve within the pair and

b) the receiving pair can choose the side to receive the serve on, left or right. To offset the server's advantage there is no second service in the single point.

#### **7. Seeding**

Organisers have to use the doubles ranking first to determine the seeds in each event.

All other aspects of the game are regulated by the rules of the individual sports. See the following links:

The rules of Table Tennis (according to the International Table Tennis Federation)

The rules of Squash (according to the World Squash Federation)

The rules of Badminton (according to the International Badminton Federation)

The rules of Tennis (according to the International Tennis Federation)

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