

OCEANIA SQUASH FEDERATION  
RULES and REFEREEING NEWSLETTER

MAY 2011

FOR THE XIV PACIFIC GAMES in NEW CALEDONIA  
August/September 2011

## REFEREES

(Mrs) Sandra Tinkler, National Referee from New Zealand has been appointed as the Tournament Referee.

(Mr) Karim Langer, Oceania Regional Referee from Australia is the Assistant Tournament Referee

You have met both Sandra and Karim before. They will be conducting Rules Clinics, and will be assessing and reassessing marking and refereeing. They will accredit players as Oceania Markers, Club Referees and National Referees after positive assessments.

**Every** player who marks and referees will be assessed - so be prepared - and practise your terminology.

## PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR

All players under the age of 19 years as at 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011 must wear approved protective eyewear in all matches, including the warm-up.

All players must wear approved protective eyewear in Doubles

## SCORING

### Singles

Best of 5 games.

Point-A-Rally (PAR) Scoring 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.

Point-A-Rally (PAR) Scoring to 11 points.

If the score reaches 10-all, it is "sudden death". The first player to 11 points wins the game.



## **DOUBLES**

**Karim will speak with every team prior to Doubles starting to make sure you know exactly how the game is played**

### **PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR**

All players must wear protective eyewear

### **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.

Please let me know if I can help you with anything prior to the event, and please speak with Sandra and Karim at any time.

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