



Rules for Matches Played Without a Chair Umpire
as set by Tennis Australia

- Each player is responsible for all calls on his/her side of the net, however, it should be noted that a Courts Supervisor or Referee is permitted to reverse an incorrect line call.
- If in doubt, the player must give the benefit of the doubt to his/her opponent.
- A service "Let" may be called by either player/team.
- Foot faults may only be called by an Official either allocated for that purpose or a person performing a Chair Umpire function. Players may be requested to correct their foot faulting problem by a Referee or Court Supervisor. The receiver may not call a foot fault against the server.
- The receiver must play to the reasonable pace of the server.
- All "out" or "fault" calls should be made promptly after the ball has bounced and loudly enough for the opponent to hear.
- If a player incorrectly calls a ball "out" and then realizes that the ball was good, the point should be replayed, unless it was a point winning shot or unless that player made an incorrect "out" call earlier in the match. In these circumstances, the player who called "out" loses the point.
- The server should call the score before each 1st serve, loudly enough for his/her opponent to hear.
- If players cannot agree on the score, they should calmly discuss the points/games that are disputed. If they then cannot reach agreement, they should only replay the number of points/games that are in dispute i.e. two players cannot agree on whether the score is 40-30, but they do agree that they have won two points each, the game shall continue from 30-30. When the game score is in dispute the same principles apply with all agreed games standing and only disputed games being replayed.
- When a player has created an involuntary hindrance (ball falling out of pocket, hat falling off, etc.), the first time a "let" should be called and any similar hindrance thereafter will be ruled deliberate.
- Any hindrance caused by a player that is ruled deliberate by the relevant official will result in the loss of a point.
- Where a ball interrupts play, either by rolling/bouncing onto the court, and/or creating a visible interruption behind the court, a "let" should be played. Either player can call a "let" in these circumstances provided they do so in a timely manner. Where this is between a 1st and 2nd serve, a second serve only should be played.
- If at the completion of a match, the players involved realize that the scoring format used is incorrect, the match result shall stand provided all players have left the court enclosure. If the mistake is realized before the players have left the enclosure, the correct scoring format should be used to finalize the match. If this is not possible (i.e. the match has progressed beyond the point where the correct scoring format can be implemented), then the score based on the incorrect format stands.
- If a player is unhappy with his/her opponent's actions or decisions, he/she should call the Referee (or assistant) immediately. This may include any disputes regarding Lets, Foul Shots or Not up situations where players cannot reach agreement.