

BEACH TENNIS

Rules of Beach Tennis

The present general regulation is made by the International Federation Beach Tennis-IFBT to provide rules for competition.

Rule 1. Court Area

The playing area must be 16m lengths and 8m width, at right angles. (Beach Volleyball) The playing area is divided into 2 parts by a net. The net at which stands at 1.70m at the middle for the out-door game. Singles court area is 5 metre by 8 metre per side. The line is a part of the court. Any part of the body touching the line whilst serving is a foot-fault.

Rule 2. The Ball

The ball is similar to the one used in court tennis, but of specialised low compression.

Rule 3. Server and Returnee

Players must be opposite each other: the player who starts the point is deemed the server and the other, the returnee. When playing Mixed Doubles, male servers must serve under hand.

Rule 4. Toss

The side or right of serve is determined prior to the game start. The player, who wins the toss, may serve, receive or nominate the opponent chose. Each new server is allowed a practice serve, but must notify his or her opponent.

Rule 5. The Serve

Must be done outside the court area, and should the server infringe, loss of point is the result. Only one serve per attempt. This can be done overhead or underhand.

Rule 6. Service Fault

A fault occurs if the server misses whilst attempting to hit or the ball hit a furnishing or fixture i.e. Net post. If the server invades the court prior to contact, a fault is also the result.

Rule 7. When Serving

If a ball makes contact with the net, it is a "live" ball. Matches can be played without a referee.”

Rule 8. Service Order

The service is the same as lawn tennis, with a player serving out the duration of the game; the serve will alternate, following a pre-established order of serve. E.g.: especially in Doubles.

Rule 9. Change of Ends

Will occur when the score is at odd number of games or at the end of a set.

Rule 10. How to determine points.

A ball is sent outside the playing area after contact. If a player does something to distract the opposition players on purpose, whilst they are attempting a shot. (Gamesmanship) The reply is effective, should the ball hit the net and land in the opposite playing area. It is not possible to reply whilst invading the opponent's court. The game is Aerial; the ball is always played on the volley! Game Score is the same as Lawn Tennis. No Advantage, sudden death at deuce!

Rule 11. Official Decisions

In a match where a referee is present, his/her decisions are definitive. A ball CANNOT contact court fixtures, namely the post and rebound into court. (This rule is the same as beach volleyball, and is unlike tennis)

Rule 12. Duration of Match

Can be varied, depending on program, but competition play will be a 7 up set, Tiebreak at 6 all. E.g.: 7/6 wins set. E.g. If you play up to 6, tiebreak at 5-5. Players change ends after 4 points in Tiebreak, TB played as per tennis to 7 points. Doubles can be played to 9 games, tiebreak at 8-8, as in World Championships.

Rule 13. Racquets

Only Authorised equipment by the AFBT/IFBT can be used to competition or tournament play. Racquets must adhere to the regulation lengths and widths. Paddle Racquets are not permitted for competition and tournament play however can be used in demonstration and come try purposes.