

# DOUBLES RULES

## Tips for Players



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## HEY! WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU HIT THE BALL BACK AT YOURSELF?

The guideline to the situation where a player hits the ball back to himself off a straight shot as opposed to a cross court return, is as follows: **If the obstructed player, had he played the shot rather than refrained from playing it, hit his opponent with the ball traveling directly to the front wall, then a “Point” should be awarded to the obstructed player on appeal.** (It is assumed that the ball would have hit the front wall above the tin.) The reason for this awarding of a point is that the opponent has NOT cleared, which he has to do. It does not matter how deep in the court this interference occurs.

For additional clarification of this rule ask a certified doubles referee in your region.