

# Rules of Tennis

## The Most Asked Questions

1. If a player drops his racket or falls on the court.....not considered a distraction  
Hat falls off, dropped towel, etc., play a let. 2nd time is loss of point.
2. If you are hit on a fly by the ball on or off the court.....you lose the point
3. If someone surprises you with an underhanded serve and you can't return it.....they win the point  
....you can't claim you weren't ready
4. If the server wants 3 balls.....the receiver shall comply  
.....unless it results in a  
prolonged delay
5. If the server hits their partner .....1st serve is a fault  
.....2nd serve lose  
the point
6. Anyone may call a fault
7. If partners disagree on a call.....they lose the point
8. Double hits or carries are good.....unless done on purpose
9. You may warn the server about foot faults.....cannot take the point  
.....get an  
official
10. If the receiver attempts to return a "quick serve".....he is  
presumed ready
11. Stray ball on court during your 1st or 2nd serve.....you get a  
1st serve
12. Players may change the service order or receiving positions.....after each set including the  
tie break
13. If you catch a ball before it bounces.....you lose  
the point
14. If the ball hits the net post and goes  
in.....it's good  
Ball hits umpire chair, score cards, etc.....it's  
not good
15. Winners of the toss can serve or receive.....receiving team choose side
16. Mistakes made on scoring points or games.....corrected after point  
completed
17. Medical time out.....3  
minutes  
Equipment or contact lens, not racquets.....15  
minutes
18. Disputes over score....count all points & games agreed by both sides. Replay only the disputed points  
If you can't agree on anything, spin the racket to settle the dispute.
19. Between points.....25  
seconds

Change over.....	30
seconds	
After each set.....	12
seconds	
20. <u>Penalties</u> .....	1st
offense.....	lose 1 point
	2nd offense.....lose
1 game	
	3rd offense.....lose
the match	
21. <u>Being late</u> for the match.....	5 minutes.....loss of 1 game, toss, no
warm up	
	10 minutes.....loss of 2 games, toss, no
warm up	
	15 minutes.....loss of 3 games,
toss, no warm up	
	More than 15
minutes.....	default match
22. <u>Bathroom break</u> .....	before your serve, not before your
opponent serves	
23. <u>Coaching</u> .....	not
allowed	
24. If a ball can't be called out with certainty, it is good	
25. Receiver readiness, the receiver shall play to the reasonable pace of the Server	