

Rule of the Game:

Foot fault:

A foot fault occurs when the server makes contact with the baseline or any part of the court inside the baseline before hitting the serve. Some players foot fault because their ball toss is too far forward, and therefore they step into the court to hit the serve.

A foot fault may be called by any player on the court when there is no official present. A warning is given to the player when the first foot fault is called. After the warning, if a foot fault is called on the same player this results in a service fault on that serve.

The foot fault is often overlooked by some players, but it is really no different than a serve that is out of the service box. The game of tennis has many rules, and it is illogical that players would adhere to some rules and ignore others.

Making Calls:

If a player or players (doubles) cannot call a ball out with certainty, then the benefit of the doubt goes to the opponents. The ball is considered to be good, and a let is never played. If partners in doubles disagree with each other about a call, the point is awarded to the opponents.

Change of Ends after a Tiebreaker:

At the conclusion of a seven point tiebreaker to decide a set, opponents always change ends of the court before starting the next game. The player or team who served second in the tiebreaker serves first in the next game.