

CAPTAINS' PET PEEVES

1. Players should not go onto another's court to retrieve their ball. Ask to have the ball returned and return balls to other courts.
2. When receiving serve, do not hit "out" serves into the net or return to server's court. Let it go to fence behind; partner should check to see if ball stays out of the way. Naturally, some balls will have to be returned if serve is fast and deep (incidentally, don't say deep when you mean out).
3. Foot faults--ask your partner to see if you are foot faulting. Then check your partner. This should be done when you are taking your practice serves before match. Let's stamp it out.
4. Line calls ~ over-rule your partner in a diplomatic way if she has made a bad call. On the serve, receiver's partner calls the service line as she is looking down the line, and the receiver calls the center line and the side line as she is looking down those lines — on all close calls!
5. Players must refrain from making line calls on their opponents' side of the net. Opponents may think you are trying to influence their call. However, if a ball is clearly out, players must make the call against themselves.
6. Do not call balls out before they land out. However, this is not the same as saying "out" to partner to not hit it (but "no" or "bounce it" is better), and in this case repeat the out call when the ball lands out.
7. In the warm-up players should try to hit all balls back to their opponent. After the game starts players try to do the opposite!
8. Remember that the receiver must play to the reasonable pace of the server and must be ready to receive when the server is ready to serve.
9. When point is over, return balls to your opponent -- do not toss them aimlessly over the net.
10. When game is over, collect the balls on your side of the net and either give them to the next server or place them on her baseline.