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Glossary

Ace

A legal serve that completely eludes the receiver.

Avoidable hinder

Interference that would be avoidable by modification of one player's position; penalty is loss of serve or point.

Court hinder

Any erratic bounce caused by any foreign substance, construction abnormality or obstacle.

Crotch ball

A crotch ball is a ball hitting simultaneously at the juncture of the wall and floor.

Dead ball

A dead ball is any ball out of play without penalty.

Defensive shot

A shot that maneuvers the opponent out of an offensive position and is not made with the purpose to win the rally.

Dig

The retrieve of a low shot before it bounces twice.

Error

The failure to return a reasonably playable ball.

Fault

An illegally served ball, which involves a penalty on the server.

Fist ball

Hitting the ball with the closed fist.

Fly shot

A shot played on the rebound off the wall before it bounces on the floor.

Foot fault

Illegal placement of a foot or feet outside of the service zone in execution of the serve.

Handout

a) A handout (Out) is scored against the serving side, when the server fails to serve legally as stipulated in the rules, or when the serving side fails to return a ball legally in play. b) In the doubles game, when each of the partners has been put out, it is a sideout, except at the beginning of each game.

Hinder

A phase of play wherein there is accidental interference with an opponent, or obstruction of the flight of the ball.

Hop serve

Method of hitting a serve, putting spin on the ball so that it hops to the right or left.

Kill shot

A shot hit to the wall that rebounds so low the opponent has no chance to make a play.

Lob

A serve or shot, hit high and softly to the wall.

Long

A long is an illegally served ball which involved a fault (penalty) on the server.

Offensive shot

A shot intended to win a rally.

Passing shot

A shot driven out of opponents reach on either side.

Point

A point can be scored only by the serving side.

Rally

The period of play from the time the served ball , from the wall, passes the short line until one side fails to return the ball.

Receiver

The player or players to whom the ball is served.

Receiving zone

The floor area behind the short line bounded by and including the long and side lines.

Serve

The act of putting the ball in play.

Server

The player serving the ball is termed the server. In a four-handed (doubles) game, he and his partner are termed the serving side.

Service line

The imaginary line 9 feet back of the short line is termed the service line.

Service zone

The area bounded by and including the short, service and side lines is known as the service zone.

Short

A short is an illegally served ball which involved a fault (penalty) on the server.

Side out

The loss of the serve by a player in singles or a team in doubles according to the rules of the game.

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