

Proposed change of Service rule in wheelchair Singles play.

There is a proposal for change of the Service rule for wheelchair singles play. The proposal was put forward by Vincent Boury, the athletes representative.

The proposed wording of the rule:

Unless rally is a let, a player shall score a point

if his opponent makes a service to a receiver in wheelchair in such a way, that the ball, in singles leaves the receiver's court after touching it by either of its sidelines.

Rationale: It will make service rules for wheelchair players when playing singles much simpler. It will prevent players from deliberately serving fast let services before serving correctly, which in the current ITTF PTT Rules was interpreted as a gamesmanship/unsportsmanlike behaviour and consequently a need for using Penalty point system of ITTF.

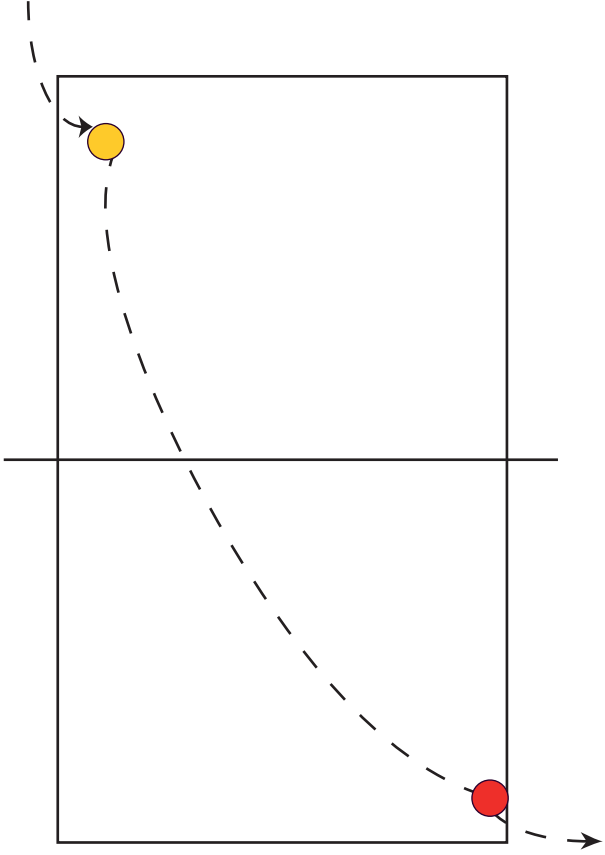
After a discussion in the forum on the Web site, it was decided that before the change of the rule would be submitted for approval it would be tested in two tournaments Fa 20:

- at Romanian Open in Cluj, Napoca, Romania – May 21 – 23, 2009
- and Copa Tango VII in Buenos Aires, Argentina - Nov. 18 – 22, 2009.

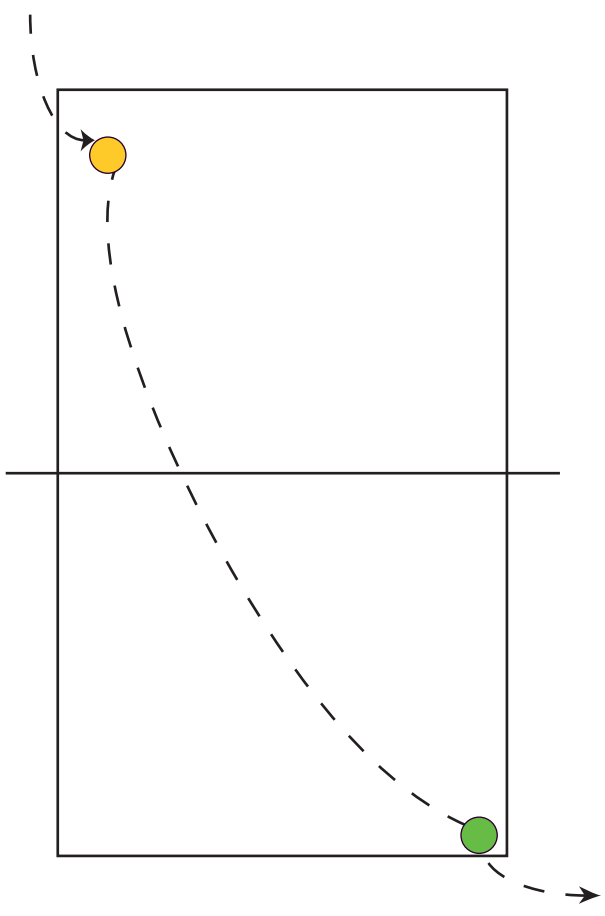
The following pictures explain different situations when service is delivered.

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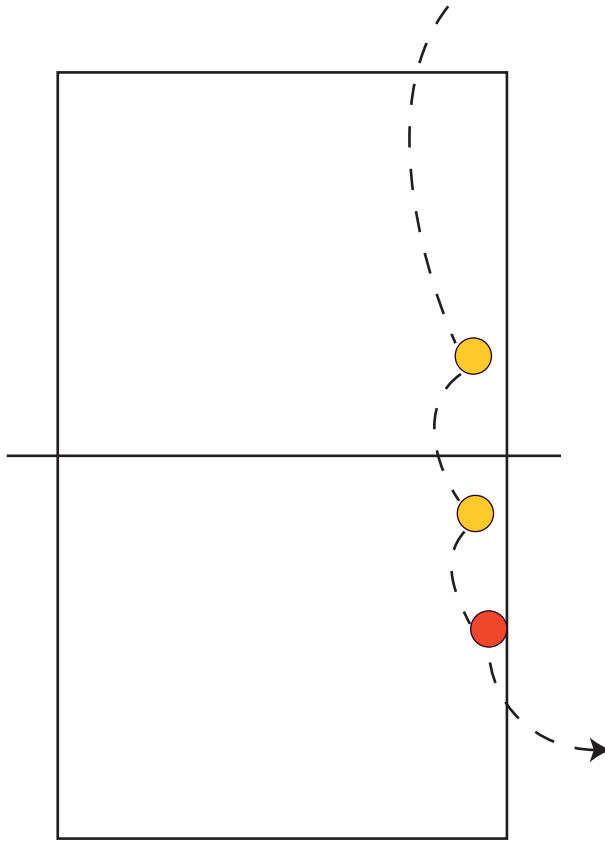
fault service - point to receiver



good service - continue to play



fault service - point to receiver



good service, failed return - point to server

