Proposal for change of the service rule when the receiver is in wheelchair.

In the current ITTF Rules 2007-2008 it reads:

2.9.1 The rally shall be a let

2.9.1.5 if the receiver is in wheelchair due to a physical disability and in service the ball, provided that the service is otherwise correct,

2.9.1.5.3 in singles leaves the receiver' court after touching it by either of its sidelines

The proposal is as follows:

Delete

2.9.1.5.3 in singles leaves the receiver's court after touching it by either of its sidelines

Add:

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

2.10.1.13

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

Rationale: It will make service rules for wheelchair player much simpler and the play faster. 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 and consequently a need for using ITTF's Penalty point system.

Note: This proposal came from the players, represented by Vincent Boury.

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