

# YOU MAKE THE CALL!

## A Squash Rules Quiz

*Just how familiar are you with the rules of squash? Take this short quiz and test your knowledge. The answers are on page 26 but no peeking!*

**Q1:** Andy is mid-court, close to the sidewall and plays a straight drive that comes out from the side towards himself. Andy makes every effort to get out of the way, but Bob's position doesn't allow him to do so and he is hit by his own shot. *What is the referee's decision?*

**Q2:** Andy has a poor first game, with Bob lobbing and dropping the ball which appears dead. Between games Andy starts to hit the ball hard up and down the side wall to heat it up. Bob appeals to the referee, asking for the ball to be left on the floor. *What is the referee's decision?*

**Q3:** Andy finds that he is slipping on court and asks the referee if he can change his shoes. *Does the referee allow him to do so or does he tell him to wait until the game interval?*

**Q4:** Andy serves and moves to the T so that it travels around behind backhand side of the court. The ball strikes Andy, going directly to the front wall. *What is the referee's decision?*

**Q5:** Andy has an easy ball in mid-court, with his opponent caught out and Bob moves in prematurely, accidentally interfering with the real swing. *Let or Stroke?*

**Q6:** No appeal may be made in respect of the marker's call of "Fault" or "Foot Fault" on the serve. *True or false?*

**Q7:** Just as Andy begins to play a shot he is committed to, his opponent deliberately bangs his racket on the floor. Andy hits the tin and asks for a let, adding "for distraction". The referee is aware of the noise. *What is the referee's decision?*

**Q8:** Andy hits a drop shot that Bob just reaches and puts up in a high lob. Andy, anticipating the lob, calls for a let when the ball is 20 feet in the air. Bob is caught in front of Andy when the let is asked for. *What is the referee's decision?*

**Q9:** The ball goes above the out-of-court line and passes over a lighting fixture supported at both ends. The ball does not hit anything. *Is the ball in or out?*

**Q10:** Andy hits his opponent with the ball as it is travelling directly to the front wall. The shot would have been good. *In what three instances would this only be a let instead of a stroke?*



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## Quiz Answers

**Q1: Let.** Generally when a player hits himself with the ball, it is a stroke, but in two instances lets may allowed and this is one of these situations.

**Q2: No.** Players are allowed to knock-up between games.

**Q3: Give him 90 seconds.** If the referee is satisfied that a change of equipment is necessary he should allow the player a maximum of 90 seconds to make the change. Continuity of play is important though, and the referee must be sure that it is not a timewasting or disruption tactic.

**Q4: Let.** When a player lets the ball pass behind and around him this is classed as "mental turning". Whenever a player turns he can receive at most a let, assuming his return would have been good. A player consistently turning and hitting the ball and endangering his opponent should be penalised for dangerous play.



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**Q5: Stroke to Andy.** Although the player is in a position to play a winning shot. You are then change your mind.

interference is accidental, Andy was in a position to play the ball and

**Q6: False.** Appeals are allowed on

the marker's service calls.

**Q7: Stroke to Andy.** If the referee considers the distraction deliberate, he has a range of penalties at his disposal. Here he would probably give a stroke, with warnings, stroke or further penalties for repeat actions.

**Q8: Let.** Since a call of "let" immediately stops the rally, and since at that time the ball was unplayable, the most Andy can hope for is a let. No let could be argued for, but in practice this would be rather harsh.

**Q9: Out.** The ball is out if it hits the upper limiting court lines or anything above it, or goes through any enclosed space in the roof area.

**Q10: Turning, mental turning and further attempts to hit the ball.**