

WHAT TO DO WHEN A PLAYER TURNS OR COMES AROUND: RULE G7

A player who *intentionally* “turns” on the ball must make every effort to play the ball.

- 1) The turning player *should* warn his opponents as early as possible that he is turning by declaring his intent to turn (“turning”, “coming around” or some other clear verbal warning). Failure to do so will result in a warning initially; however failure subsequently to announce a “turn” or to announce the “turn” late could result in a “Point” to the opponents.
- 2) If the turning player fails to declare his intention to turn and then hits either opponent with the ball a “Point” will be awarded to the opponents.
- 3) If the turning player fails to declare his intention to turn and then requests a Let due to his opponent’s positions on the court, No Let will be granted.
- 4) However if the turning player fails to call turning or calls late but plays the ball safely, then the Referee should allow play to continue and after the point has concluded, warn the turning player that future failure to declare a turn could, at the referees discretion, result in the awarding of a point to the opponents due to unsafe or dangerous play.
- 5) On hearing the clear verbal warning, the turning player’s opponents must make every effort to clear to give the turning player the full front wall and the side walls in the front third of the court, as well as provide freedom to the striker to play the ball.
- 6) After clearly stating his intention to turn, the turning player, where possible, should play the ball to the front wall or to the sidewalls in the front third of the court.

If the turning player does not play the ball he will not be granted a “Let” if he is considered to be unreasonably trying to get out of an unfavourable position, especially when the opponents have cleared properly.

- 7) If after declaring his intention to turn, the turning player’s ball hits an opponent who has cleared to allow the turning player to play the ball safely to the front wall or the front third of the side wall , the turning player will lose the “Point”.

Also to ensure the safety of the players on the court in enforcing the Turning Rule, if the turning player plays a shot which is considered reckless or dangerous (not safe) the striker will be penalized and a “Point” will be awarded to the opponents.

THE EXCEPTIONS TO THE TURNING RULE:

A SQUIRTING BALL: Where the striker, while planning to play his normal shot, is forced to turn to play the ball due to the ball “squirting” off the back or side wall, forcing the striker to turn unexpectedly; in this case a “Let” will be allowed, provided the striker could have played the ball. **WHEN OPPONENTS DO NOT MAKE EVERY EFFOR TO CLEAR** , after turning has been declared, then the striker need not play the ball and a “Let” will be allowed and the Referee should warn the opponents that future failure to clear will result in a “Point” to the striker.

Referees: The overriding principle for all Referees is that the game should be played safely and fairly, and Referees calls should be made to promote safety while preserving the integrity of the Rules, and the flow of the game. The Referee should include, when making his judgement, whether or not the turning player could have reached the ball and played it to the front wall and would it have resulted in a safe return. Ultimately it is the responsibility of the player turning to play the ball in a safe manner. Failure to do so may, at the discretion of the Referee, result in a Warning, or if the Referee deems the conduct offensive, a Point.

An initial warning applies to both players of the team warned.

