



## **Turning Rules and Requesting a Let to recover from a defensive position at the back of the court:**

The turning player should warn his/her opponents as early as possible that he/she is turning. Failure to do so WILL result in a warning and any subsequent unannounced turns COULD result in a point being awarded to the opponents.

When turning has been verbalized by the turning player, the opponents MUST make every effort to clear properly to give the turning player the full front wall and the side walls in the front third of the court. If the opponents do not make every effort to clear after turning has been declared, then the striker need not play the ball and a Let WILL be allowed. The referee should warn the opponents that future failure to clear WILL result in a point awarded to the striker.

If the turning player fails to declare his/her intention to turn and then hits an opponent with the ball, a POINT will be awarded to the opponents.

Where possible, the turning player should play the ball to the front wall or 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 deemed to be trying to get a Let to escape from a defensive position. The referee may grant a let if he deems that the only shot available would endanger the opponents who have properly cleared to the side walls and the ball would make it to the front wall.

If a turning player hits an opponent who has properly cleared to allow the turning player to play the ball safely, the turning player will LOSE the point. Also, if the turning player plays a shot which is considered reckless or dangerous, the striker will be warned after the point of the dangerous play. If that player occurs a subsequent dangerous play situation, a point could be awarded to the opponents.

Note: In the Pro & Open matches, players are not necessarily required to verbalize their turning, under the following situations:

- a. In the referee's view play flows safely without risk of players being hit and/or injured
- b. Neither of the four players has asked the referee that turning be called

Exception to above:

Where the striker is forced to turn unexpectedly to play the ball due to "squirting" a Let will be allowed providing the striker could have played the ball.

