

RULE CHANGES SEPTEMBER 1, 2025:



1. 60 seconds between warm-up and first game (previously 90 sec.)
2. Up to 2 minutes between games (previously 90 sec).
3. A max of 2 minutes for equipment change (previously 90 sec).
4. Contributed injury allows up to 15 minutes before conceding game in progress and taking interval. (The additional 15 mins. that was previously allowed at discretion of the referee no longer applies)
- 5 'Turning' has been redefined to include a player losing sight of opponent or ball so that, for example, if one were to hit the opponent with the ball in those circumstances it would be a stroke to the opponent.
6. In Rule 8 on *Interference* the opponents right to be given 'unobstructed direct access' to the ball has been replaced by the right of 'access' to the ball to place the onus also on the opponent to make every effort to get to the ball.
7. New Rule 12 amalgamates the unchanged old rule 12 on Distraction and the old unchanged rule 13 on Ball Striking Opponent. There is then an additional third part referring to, among other things, damp patches on the court caused by a player. This Needs to be read.
8. Rule 14 on Conduct is the old rule 15 with two additions to 'unacceptable behaviour' that **must** be penalised: 'turning' may be deemed 'dangerous play' and 'attempting to influence the referee' is also unacceptable. This latter point refers to where one or both players attempt to influence the referee's decision but it doesn't stop reasonable requests for an explanation.