

Rally Point Scoring: - A Quick Guide

1. The rally point is awarded to the side that wins each rally. If this is the receiving side they also win the right to serve.
2. Singles is very easy to understand with the server serving from the right service-court when the score is even and the left when the score is odd, following the same pattern as with the past scoring system. The only thing to note is that at 'service-over', the receiver scores the rally point and serves from the service-court appropriate to the new score.
3. In doubles the service alternates between the partners. At each 'service-over' the serve goes to the partner who did not serve the last time the side served. For example: Player A on team 1 serves until team 1 loses a point; Then Player A on team 2 serves until team 2 loses a point; Then the serve goes back to Team 1 where Player B will serve, etc.
4. If a service court error occurs it shall be corrected when noticed, but the score shall be uncorrected.
5. A match comprises three games to 21 points unless otherwise arranged.
6. If the score reaches 20-20, the game is won by establishing a two-point lead e.g. 24-22. If the score reaches 29-29, the winner of the next point shall win the game.
7. At each 'service-over' the player who has lost the right to serve should take note of the service-court they occupy – which should correspond to that side's score (i.e. Left court if the score is odd). The player should start each rally in this service-court until their side next scores a point while serving.
8. The order of serving remains the same throughout a game. If A & B play C & D, and A starts serving to C, then the serving order will be A, D, B, C, A and so on.
9. When one side reaches 11 points there is an interval not exceeding one minute, and between games an interval not exceeding two-minutes. Players may leave the court during intervals between games but must be ready to commence the next game before the two minutes' elapse, up to two coaches may come on court during these intervals.
10. Players change ends after the first game, before the third game - if there is to be one, and when the first side reaches 11 points in the third game.