

What?! That's a Rule?

"I didn't know that was a rule!" Well, yes it is. It's just not as common as the rules we're more familiar with. Here are a few different rules you may or may not be aware of.

1. Player Equipment Problem: Rally continues if a player loses or breaks a paddle or loses an item, unless the action results in a fault.
2. Items on the Court: If any item a player is/was wearing or carrying lands on their end of the court, (unless the item lands in the Kitchen as a result of a volley), the ball remains in play even if it hits the item.
3. Double Hits: Balls can be hit twice, but this must occur during an unintentional, continuous single-direction stroke by one player. If the stroke made while performing the serve or during a rally is deliberately not continuous or not in a single direction, or the ball is struck by a second player...it is a fault!!! Sorry, that was quite wordy!



4. Switching Hands: You may switch your paddle from hand to hand at any time. (I've tried and it never works for me! But other people are masters at it!)
5. Two-handed Shots: Holding the paddle with two hands is allowed.
6. Missed Shot: If a player completely misses a ball when attempting to strike (Yes, I've done that!), it does not create a dead ball. The ball remains in play until it bounces twice or until any other fault occurs. (Partner to the Rescue)

Well, that's it for now. There will be more 'other' rules covered in upcoming articles.

Have a wonderful, hopefully very sunny week, PB friends!