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| SQUASH  Let Please! *The Interference Line of Thinking* |
| Refereeing is a thankless but necessary task. It always helps to know the rules, and to use the correct calls, but the real 'nitty-gritty' is what you do when one of the players appeals for a let. Below is a summary of the thought process a referee should go through when asked '*Let Please*'... |

**The Question ...** **The Answer ...**

**1.** Did interference occur ?

The striker has four basic rights, and interference has occurred if the opponent fails to provide him with any of these, *even if he has made every effort to do so*:

* Unobstructed direct access to the ball
* A fair view of the ball
* Freedom to hit the ball
* Freedom to play the ball directly to the front wall

If no interference has occurred, then it's NO LET, otherwise move on to no.2

**2.** Could the obstructed player have reached the ball and made a good return ? And was he making every effort to do so ? If either answer is NO, then it's NO LET,  
otherwise move on to no.3  
  **3**. Did the obstructing player make every effort avoid the interference ? If he didn't, then it's a STROKE,  
otherwise move on to no.4  
  **4.** Was the obstructed player in a position to play a winning return ? If so, then it's a STROKE,  
otherwise it's just a LET

***Remember though, that this is a simplification - read the rules thoroughly.***

***The over-riding principle of the rules is to ensure a fair result for both players.***