

Doubles Play



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Serving in Doubles

With twice the people and twice the fun, using the correct order is the key to enjoying the match. Don't forget in table tennis doubles you must alternate every shot with your teammate.

Here's How:

1. Larry Looper and Sammy Smasher won the toss and are serving to Charlie Chopper and Peter Pusher.
2. Larry will serve the first five to Charlie. Remember all serves must be delivered crosscourt from the right side of the table.
3. After Larry's five serves are completed, Charlie becomes the server and Sammy the new receiver.
4. When Charlie is done with his five, Sammy takes over the serve and serves to Peter.
5. Peter follows with the final set of serves to Larry and then the teams are back to the original order.
6. At deuce the order will change after every point.
7. Also once a team reaches 10 point in the final game of the match (the 3rd game in a 2/3 or 5th game in 3/5) the server stays the same but the receiving team changes receivers. This is to ensure that both orders get equal time.

Tips:

1. If you win the toss, give the serve away so you can choose your best order to start the second game.
2. Since your opponents know where you are serving to (i.e. crosscourt), focus on short and low serves to stop their opening attack.
3. Serve with your forehand, as backhand serves will make it tough to follow up with a strong forehand attack.