

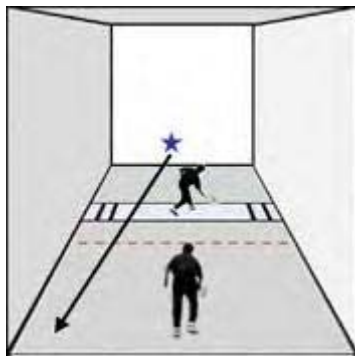
In the game of racquetball, a screen serve may result when a served ball first hits the front wall and on the rebound passes so closely to the server, or server's partner in doubles, that it prevents the receiver from having a clear view of the ball. The receiver is obligated to take up good court position, near center court, to obtain that view.

While making an attempt to return the ball, a player is entitled to a fair chance to see and return the ball. It is the responsibility of the side that has just hit the ball to move so the receiving side may go straight to the ball and have an unobstructed view of and swing at the ball. However, the receiver is responsible for making a reasonable effort to move towards the ball and must have a reasonable chance to return the ball for any type of hinder to be called.

When there is no referee, the screen serve call is the sole responsibility of the receiver. If the receiver has taken the proper court position near center court and does not have clear view of the ball a screen serve should be called immediately. Receivers may not call a screen serve after attempting to hit the ball or after taking themselves out of proper court position by starting the wrong way. The server may not call a screen under any circumstances and must expect to play the rally unless a call is made by the receiver.

When there's a referee, the receiver should "signal" by raising their non-hitting hand above their head during the serve return, but still attempt a return, if possible, unless they believe they may hit the opponent. The signal tells the server and referee that you will be requesting a screen serve, or any other service rule call like a foot fault, short or long serve.

In one serve play, if a serve is called a screen, the server will be allowed one more opportunity to hit a legal serve. Two consecutive screen serves results in an out. Enclosed are illustrations of a good serve and a screen serve.



**Good Serve (Fig 1)**

Serve from center area away from serve. Could be a screen serve if ball path was closer to the server and further from the side back wall corner. Figure 2 shows the same player positions with the serve passing too close to the server.



**Screen Serve (Fig 2)**

Server is in center court. The serve is actually hit just right of center court. Red shade shows possible screen serves. The angle of the ball will likely pass closer to the server on the left side, since the ball was hit slightly right of center court.

**(Fig 2)**

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