

10 Doubles Sins

1. **Going down the line too much-** If you like to go down the line in doubles make sure you keep a running tally in your head and ask yourself if you are winning more points than your losing.
2. **Playing near the sideline when your partner is serving-** Sure playing near the line will protect your ally but also ensure you are not a threat or part of the action!
3. **Playing close to the net when partner is returning-** This will make you a sitting duck to the net man on the serving team and leave a wide open gap in the middle of the court.
4. **Standing near the middle of the court when partner is returning-** I also notice that many players stand in no man's land when their partner is serving, another sure fire way to not be able to play offense or defense.
5. **Going into secret no man's land-** We have shown you throughout this course that getting too close to the net will ensure you and your partner will get easily lobbed
6. **Spiky volleys-** Spiky volleys feel great but are often ineffective because they stay in the air too long and give you opponent time to retrieve the ball
7. **Not following the ball as a team-** We your team is not following the ball as a unit you will leave gaps and openings in the court.
8. **Getting Passed down the middle-** If your team gets passed up the middle this is a clear signal you are your partner are not effectively following the ball and the flow of play.
9. **Not getting passed down the alley-** One of the biggest mistakes you can make is thinking your doing your job because no balls are passing your down the alley. This is actually a sign that you are too timid a player who is afraid to take right.
10. **Playing like a singles player,** only thinking of your shots, and not communicating with your partner

