

REFEREE'S LINE OF THINKING

In the case of an appeal for interference, the referee uses the following series of questions in sequence until a decision in the right column is reached:

Did any form of interference actually occur?	YES ↓	NO	→	NO LET
Was the interference minimal?	NO ↓	YES	→	NO LET
Could the obstructed player have got to the ball and made a good return, and was that player making every effort to do so?	YES ↓	NO	→	NO LET
Did the obstructed player move past the point of interference and play on?	NO ↓	YES	→	NO LET
Did the obstructed player create the interference in moving to the ball?	NO ↓	YES	→	NO LET
Did the opponent make every effort to avoid interference?	YES ↓	NO	→	STROKE to player
Did the interference prevent the player's reasonable swing?	NO ↓	YES	→	STROKE to player
Could the obstructed player have made a winning return?	NO ↓	YES	→	STROKE to player
	↓ player could only have made a good return			
Would the obstructed player have struck the opponent with the ball going directly to the front wall or, if going to the side wall, would it have been a winning return?	NO ↓	YES	→	STROKE to player
	YES LET			