

Singles Rules

- **During a Rally (General Play):**
 - **Side lines:** The shuttle must land inside the inner side lines (the court is "long and thin"). Anything outside the inner side lines is out.
 - **Back lines:** The shuttle must land inside the outermost back line (baseline). The entire back of the court is in.
- **During a Serve:**
 - The serve must land in the diagonally opposite service court, which uses the **inner side lines** and the **outermost back line**.
 - The serve must also land beyond the short service line (closest to the net).

Doubles Rules

- **During a Rally (General Play):**
 - **Side lines:** The entire width of the court is in, up to the outer side lines.
 - **Back lines:** The shuttle must land inside the outermost back line (baseline). The entire back of the court is in.
 - In essence, the entire court is used during a rally in doubles play.
- **During a Serve:**
 - The serve must land in the diagonally opposite service court, which uses the **outer side lines** but the **inner (short) back service line**. This area is often described as "short and wide".
 - A serve that lands beyond the inner back service line is a fault (out).
 - The serve must also land beyond the short service line.

Summary Table of Boundaries

Court Area	Singles Play (Rally & Serve)	Doubles Play (Rally)	Doubles Play (Serve)
Side Lines	Inner lines are IN; outer lines are OUT.	Outer lines are IN.	Outer lines are IN.
Back Lines	Outermost line is IN.	Outermost line is IN.	Inner (short) line is IN; area behind it is OUT.
Short Service Line	Area in front is OUT (for serve).	Area in front is OUT (for serve).	Area in front is OUT (for serve).