

# Questions for Doubles Partners

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To be a good doubles partner, you need to know what your partner likes and does not like. Many teams never bother to find these things out and therefore play frustrated when they did not have to. Below is a questionnaire to be completed by each partner so that they will know the best way to interact with each other.

- 1) **Do you like to play the add side or the deuce side?**
- 2) **What would you like me to say or do after you miss an easy shot?**
- 3) **What would you like me to say or do after you make a double fault?**
- 4) **Do you want to use signals or not?**
- 5) **Who do you think should serve first when we play?**
- 6) Do you like a partner that is loud and intense or quiet and reserved?
- 7) Which one of us should be responsible for questioning bad calls?
- 8) **What should our plan "A" be when we play?**
- 9) What should our plan "B" be when we play?
- 10) What should our plan "C" be when we play?
- 11) How much time after a loss would you like to wait before we discuss the match?
- 12) **What can I do on the court to help your confidence stay high?**
- 13) Who should serve into the sun if it is in a bad spot?
- 14) What kind of pre warm-up rituals (before we get in the court) should we do?
- 15) **Do you like to hear advice and coaching from me while we are playing?**
- 16) Do you want me to walk to the baseline between points with you when you are serving?
- 17) **What is the best thing for me to say to you when you are getting mad or frustrated?**
- 18) **Should we always elect to receive when we win the toss?**
- 19) Are there certain people that will make you play better if they are watching?
- 20) Are there certain people that will make you play worse if they are watching?