

Volsh

The official rules of ‘Volsh’, as laid down on this day, the 20th of February, in the year of our lord 2018.

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1) Summary

Volsh is the result of the combinations of three sports; squash, volleyball and skate.

It mixes the physical aspects of the game play from squash and volleyball, while incorporating the scoring paradigm of S.K.A.T.E.

2) Game Play

Volsh can be played on any indoor racket court (softball (international) squash, hardball (US) squash, racquetball and doubles versions of the aforementioned).

Starting with the basic premise of the rules of squash, Volsh modifies the game in the following ways:

2.1) 1 bounce becomes :-

3 touches – where a touch is defined as any contact of the ball to the court floor, or the players racket (any part there of), or the players body (any part there of).

Thus, a player is allowed 3 ‘touches’ in their attempt to make a ‘good’ shot (see below).

2.2) A ‘good’ (legal) shot becomes :-

Any shot hitting the front wall above the service line.

2.2.a) Optional: the opposing player may choose to ‘play’ the ball, thus legitimizing the previous (bad) shot, and the rally continues.

2.2.b) Note: good effort should be made to play a bad shot, especially if as the result of a ‘trick’ shot (see below).

2.3) Trick shots are allowed, and are :-

Any method of playing the ball that can be seen as not being a ‘traditional’ squash shot, excluding the use of multiple touches.

Such as; body spins, through the legs, under a leg, behind the back, opposite hand, hitting of ‘none court’ objects, etc...

Multiple elements may also be combined.

2.3.a) Trick shots may be ‘called’, after the shot is completed, and must be called if the components of the trick shot are none obvious.

2.3.b) Trick shots should not be attempted on the serve, it being considered lame.

2.4) The underlying principles of squash are carried into Volsh, and are of utmost importance.

2.4.a) Making every effort

2.4.b) Fair outcome

The payers discretion is used in governing the game play and scoring, abiding by the above core principles.

3) Scoring

The usual points scoring system becomes :-

Letter scoring in the style of ‘S.K.A.T.E’.

If a ‘trick’ shot is completed successfully, the opponent MUST attempt the same ‘trick’ shot. Possible outcomes are:

3.1) successful completion of the ‘trick’ shot and a good return – play continues.

3.2) successful completion of the ‘trick’ shot and a bad return – no letter is awarded (because the trick was completed), and the first player has the option to play on.

3.3) a fail of the ‘trick’, and/or not returning the ball to the front wall (down, out, etc...) – a letter is awarded for the failure to complete the trick shot.

4) Number of players

Volsh can be played with any number of player on court, with all ‘extra’ players waiting along the back wall.

If more than 2 players are playing, then it becomes a ‘winner stays on’ situation.

Note: a player may loose, without a letter being awarded.

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