

Fwd: Blended Line Verbiage

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Good Afternoon Joan and Parrish,

I hope your week is starting off well; and you all had a wonderful holiday weekend. Below is the verbiage we have been discussing the last few weeks:

Blended Lines. *Blended Lines has a narrow definition and a broad definition. The lines on the regulation 78-foot court are painted white. Sometimes permanent lines for Red Ball Tennis and Orange Ball Tennis are also painted on the court. These lines should be painted a lighter or darker shade of the color of the court surface. The narrower definition of blended lines refers to these lines only. Courts with blended lines as defined in the narrow sense may be used for almost all matches except certain ITF events. The broader definition of blended lines refers to courts with lines used by sports other than tennis such as pickle ball, badminton, or basketball. Absent the applicable sanctioning body prohibiting matches on courts with blended lines in the broader sense, the Referee determines whether matches may be played on these courts.*

As you will notice, this is the exact verbiage found in the [2024 Friend At Court](#) on page 161 (in the glossary section). As mentioned before juniors and adults sanction their events within the context of the narrower definition. The juniors always strictly adhere to these protocols; and outside of extenuating circumstances (of which the adult department needs to be made aware and must authorize) the adult department strictly adhere to these protocols as well.

Regarding high schools, it is our understanding that it is left up to the discretion of the district. The designated referee's for each match, will exercise their authority within the context of the district's persuasion. This is where the referee utilizes the final sentence of the rule ("Absent the applicable sanctioning body prohibiting matches on courts with blended lines in the broader sense, the Referee determines whether matches may be played on these courts.").

I know I have shared a lot. In the event you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. I truly would be happy to help in any way I can.

Best Regards,

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