

STARTING POSITIONS OF THE 4 PLAYERS IN NEUTRAL DOUBLES FORMATION

When opponent is hitting a first serve

➤ **Server's Position:**

- To be able to serve out wide, body and 'T' from same position
- Less chance of hitting partner when hitting a wide serve
- Can quickly cover crosscourt return
- Quicker to get to a lob over partner's head

➤ **Server's Partner Position**

- To make it difficult for returner by giving them less space to hit into
- To cover tramlines if serve goes wide
- To try and intercept or 'poach' crosscourt shots

➤ **Returner's Position**

- To help cover wide, body and 'T' serves as best as possible
- To be able to get back harder serves

➤ **Returner's Partner Position**

- To enable the player to move forwards or backwards quickly depending on the quality of the return
- Help call the first serve

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