

Rules Committee Opinion 2-2014
(Interference By A Partner in Doubles)

Question: If, in a doubles game, the striker's partner interferes with a ball during the striker's shot, is it a fault?

Answer: Yes.

Discussion: Rule 11.4a provides that "If the striker interferes with a ball in any way during a shot, the striker has committed an interference fault. The turn ends and all balls affected by the shot are replaced." The rule was intended to not only include the striker, but also the striker's partner. Thus, the reference to the striker in the rule should be read as either player on the striker's side in doubles.