

# Why Catching A Serve Isn't Fair Play



The nice lady in the pink hat sets up aggressively near center court, as her charming partner prepares to receive a serve.

Notice how nice lady is blocking part of the service area.

No problem.

It is legal for nice lady to stand anywhere on or off the court, on her team's side of the net.

RULE 4.B.7

It is not legal for a player to catch a serve that they judge was not going to land in the service court.

RULE 4.N.2 AND RULE 7.I

The "I'm just here to have fun." and the "I don't want to shag balls." exemptions to this rule are for scoundrels, louts and the unaware.