Player X is awarded the point.

The striker, player X, is entitled to hit the ball to any part of the front wall and the sidewalls near the front wall. Player A does not clear the triangle and player X hits A with the ball. The ball is going directly to the front wall and was not played off the back wall.

**Decision**

Player X is awarded the point.

**NOTE**

Player X should not hit the ball but ask for a let since s/he will be awarded a point because player A is in the triangle, a winning situation for player X.
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ARE REPEATEDLY IN THE WAY?

Situation

Player A hits a cross court and his partner B does not move clear and prevents player X from playing his shot.

Decision

A “warning” is given to player B to move clear. Subsequently if player B makes no effort to clear on the same situation, then it will be “Point to X”.

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU HIT THE BALL BACK AT YOURSELF?

Situation

A player hits the ball back to himself off a straight shot as opposed to a cross court return.

Decision

If the obstructed player, had he played the shot rather than refrained from playing it, hit his opponent with the ball traveling directly to the front wall, then a “Point” should be awarded to the obstructed player on appeal.

NOTE

The reason for this awarding of a point is that the opponent has NOT cleared, which he has to do. It does not matter how deep in the court this interference occurs.
WHEN YOUR PARTNER IS IN THE WAY (FRONT THIRD OF COURT)

Situation
Player A hits a cross court towards his partner B. Player X is ready to play the ball but is prevented from doing so because of B’s position.

Decision
“Point to X”. Player B is caught in the front third of the court; X is prevented from playing a winning shot.