Let Please!! A Beginners Guide

Many let calls can be dealt with using these three basic questions:

1. **Let please**
   - Could the incoming player have reached (played) the ball AND was he making every effort to do so?
   - **NO** → No Let!
   - **YES**
     - Was the player prevented from playing a good return?
     - **NO** → No Let!
     - **YES**
       - Did the opponent make every effort to avoid interference?
       - **NO** → Stroke to incoming player
       - **YES** → Yes Let

Oops!! I wasn’t actually watching at that point in time. When you are the referee you’ve got to be watching ALL the time.

As soon as the player says “let, please”, the rally ceases. Hence a player who asks for a let during their backswing may do so as the interference occurred while they were playing their shot, however, this is not the case on the follow through.

There are of course other situations that need more thought like:

- Fair view
- Dangerous play
- Intentional interference
- “Milking” the shot
- Created interference

Overall try to be consistent

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