Curriculum: 21 Responsibilities of the doubles player when the returnee hits crosscourt
See attached diagram

Lesson 1 – Position 4 – Service Receiver

- Hit crosscourt away from poacher – use speed, off pace low and high on backhand poach.
- Cover (anticipate) middle of the baseline if net player is poaching the ball
- If return goes past net player go to the net and split step before contact.

Lesson 2 & 3 – Position 3 – Return of Serve (receiver's) partner

- Stand on the service line (middle of the service line)
- Call out the lines (service line and center line)
- Watch # 2 racquet (net player) See diagram
- Slant body to net player
- If poacher goes and volleys you should cover the middle
- If returnee hits past the poacher you should move into the middle of the box (blue mat)
- The blue mat is an offensive position. You should try to poach!!!
- If returnee hits far crosscourt then you should move slightly to the left (Green mat)
- If the server (who stays back) hits the first ball crosscourt from the returnee past you (position 3) then you must go back to the service line (middle-orange mat)
- If the receiver hits a high return CC shot you should position yourself on the orange mat (service line-middle), expecting a higher ground-stroke or lob.

Lesson 4 – Review the above

Lesson 5 – Position 1 – Server

- Call out the score
- Plan out the point with partner (where to serve etc.)
- If you stay back hit CC away from net player
- Try to come in immediately on first ball (approach shot) of if your partner hits an aggressive poach.

Lesson 6 – Position 2 – Server's partner (Poacher)

- Stand in the middle of the service box.
- If you poach, use one shuffle then go (this allows to "freeze the returnee" and allows you to be balanced in case you have to cover the down the line.)
- If you decide to poach make sure you **get back** unless you are too far over (past middle of service box) and lost your balance.
- If you are too far over on the poach your partner should call out "stay" and he/she covers your original side.

Lesson 7 & 8 – Review all