

# PICKLEBALL

## THE 10 MOST IMPORTANT RULES



SIMPLE RULES. FAIR PLAY. MORE FUN!

### 1 THE SERVE

- Serve underhand from behind the baseline diagonally to the opposite service court.
- The ball must bounce once on each side before either team can start volleying the ball.
- Serves cannot land in the non-volley zone (kitchen).



### 6 FAULTS

A fault occurs if:

- The ball is hit out of bounds.
- The ball hits the net and does not land in the correct court.
- A player volleys the ball from inside the non-volley zone.
- The ball bounces more than once on a side before being hit.

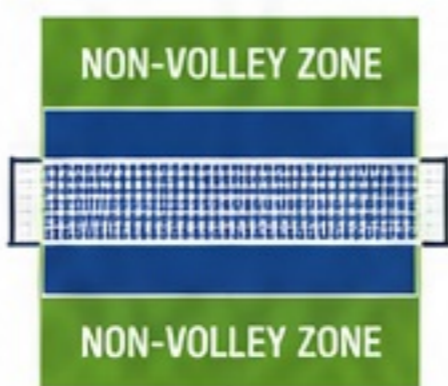


### 2 THE VOLLEY RULE (NON-VOLLEY ZONE)

The non-volley zone is the 7-foot area on both sides of the net (the kitchen).

- You may not volley the ball (hit it in the air) while standing in the non-volley zone.

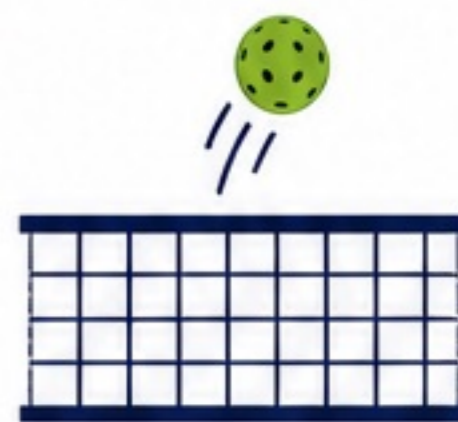
You may step into the non-volley zone to hit a ball that has bounced.



### 7 LET SERVE

If the ball touches the net on a serve but lands in the correct service court, it is a let and the serve is replayed.

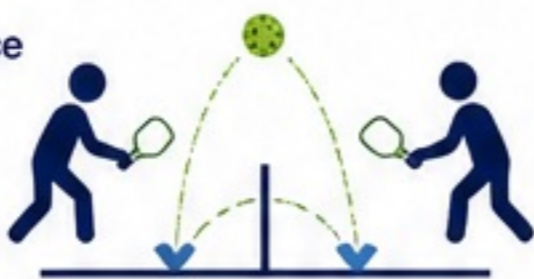
On any other shot, if the ball touches the net and lands in, play continues.



### 3 THE DOUBLE BOUNCE RULE

After the serve, the ball must bounce once on each side before either team can hit the ball in the air.

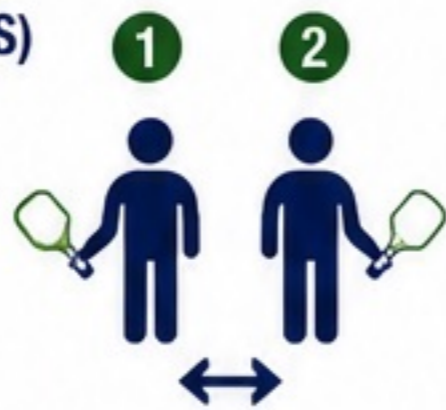
This rule helps create longer rallies and better gameplay.



### 4 SERVING ORDER (DOUBLES)

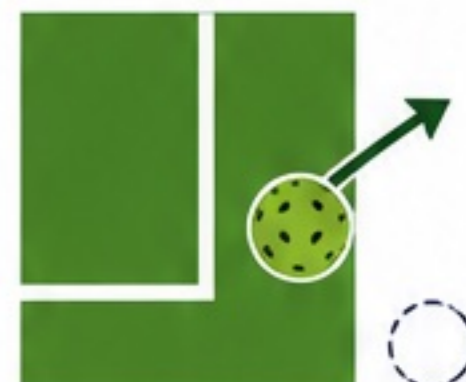
- Both players on the serving team get a chance to serve before a side-out can occur.

- The first server serves from the right court. The second server serves from the left court.



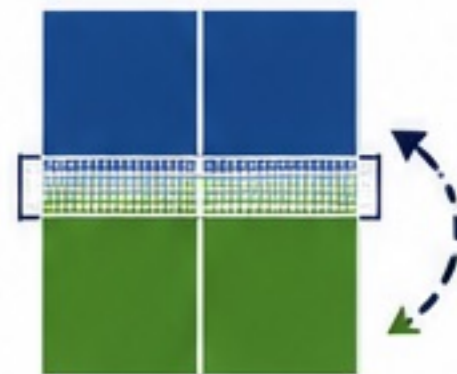
### 8 OUT OF BOUNDS

- The ball is out if it lands outside the boundary lines.
- Lines are IN. Only the area outside the lines is out.



### 9 COURT SIDES

- At the start of the game and when your team scores, the server(s) switch courts.
- This keeps the game balanced and fair.



### 5 SCORING

- Only the serving team can score.
- A point is scored when the opposing team faults.

When the serving team wins a rally, the server(s) switch sides and serve again.



### 10 GAMES

- Games are typically played to 11 points, win by 2.
- Most events are best 2 out of 3 games.
- Always check the format before your match!



### GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP



#### BE RESPECTFUL

Be kind to your opponents, partners and all players.



#### PLAY FAIR

Follow the rules and call the ball as you see it.



#### HAVE FUN

That's what pickleball is all about!



#### SUPPORT OTHERS

Encourage good play and enjoy the game together.



PLAY SMART. PLAY FAIR. PLAY PICKLEBALL!

