

PICKLEBALL SERVE RULES

10 TIPS CHEAT SHEET

SERVE RIGHT. START STRONG. PLAY SMART!



1. SERVE UNDERHAND

The serve must be made with an underhand stroke. The paddle must contact the ball below your waist.



2. DROP, DON'T TOSS

You must drop the ball to start the serve. You cannot toss it in the air and hit it. The ball must be dropped straight down.



3. SERVE DIAGONALLY

The serve must be made diagonally crosscourt to the opponent's service court on the opposite side.



4. SERVE INTO CORRECT SERVICE COURT

The ball must land within the boundaries of the correct service court (the square that is diagonal from you).



5. BALL MUST BOUNCE

The ball must bounce once on the receiver's side before it is returned. This is part of the two-bounce rule.



6. BOTH FEET BEHIND BASELINE

Both feet must be behind the baseline when you serve. You cannot step on or over the baseline until after you hit the ball.



7. KEEP SERVES LEGAL

Serves that hit the net and land in the correct service court are legal and must be played.



8. FAULTS ON THE SERVE

You fault if you violate any serve rule, including hitting the ball out, into the net and out, or not letting it bounce.



9. ALTERNATE SERVES IN DOUBLES

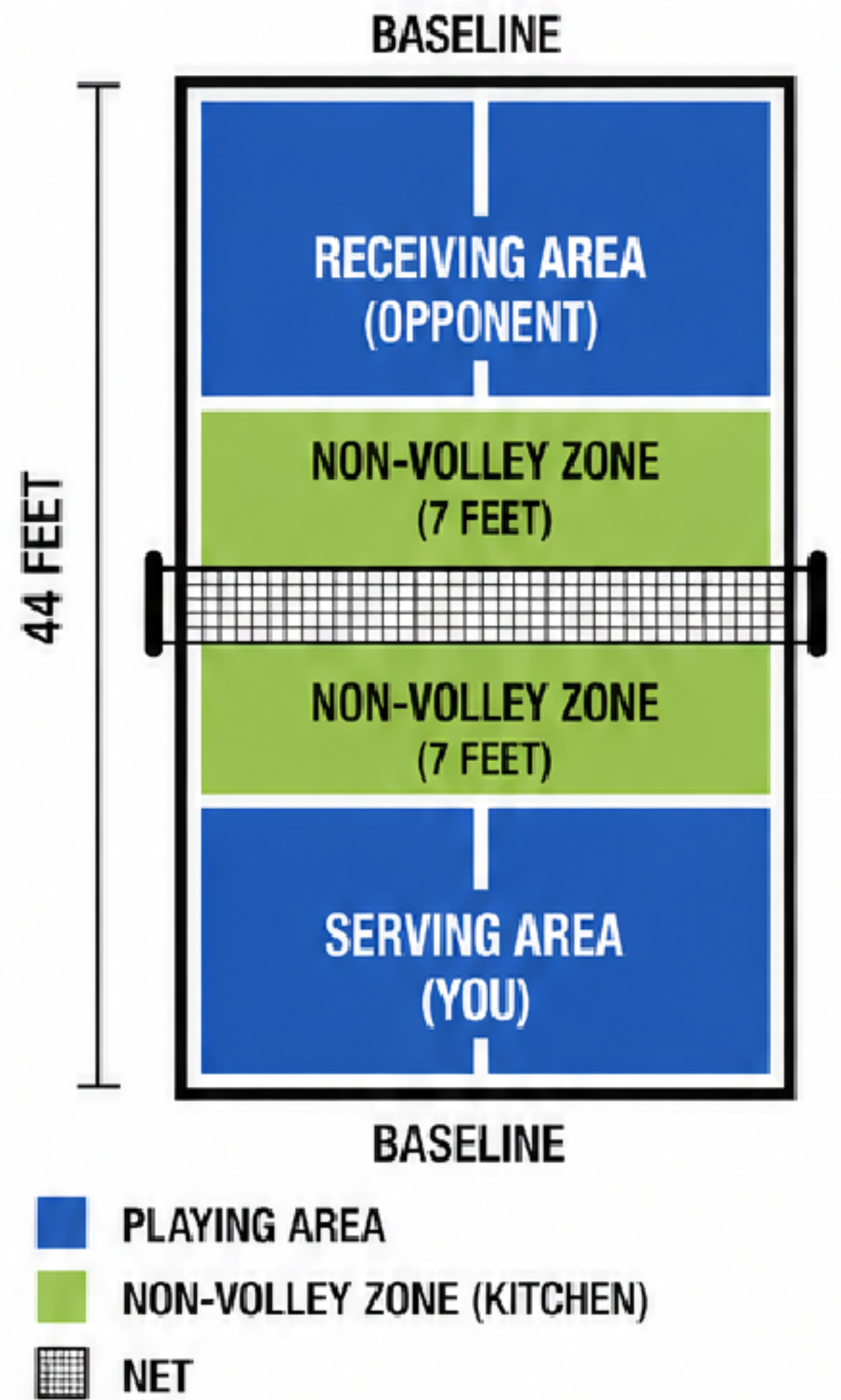
In doubles, both partners get a chance to serve before the serving team can fault. Then the serve passes to the opponents.



10. FOCUS ON CONSISTENCY

A good serve starts the point. Focus on placement, depth, and consistency rather than power.

PICKLEBALL COURT OVERVIEW



KEY REMINDERS

- ✓ Serve underhand below your waist.
- ✓ Drop the ball, don't toss it.
- ✓ Serve diagonally to the correct court.
- ✓ Both feet behind the baseline.
- ✓ Let the ball bounce before returning.
- ✓ One serve fault in singles = side out.
- ✓ Two serve faults in doubles = side out.

QUICK REFERENCE



TYPE OF SERVE

Underhand stroke only



START

Drop the ball (no toss)



DIRECTION

Diagonal to opposite service court



BOUNCE

Must bounce on receiver's side



POSITION

Both feet behind the baseline

