

# PICKLEBALL SINGLES RULES

## 10 TIPS CHEAT SHEET

KNOW THE RULES. PLAY SMART. WIN MORE!



### 1. SERVE DIAGONALLY

The serve must be made diagonally to the opponent's court. Serves must land within the opposite diagonal service court.



### 2. TWO-BOUNCE RULE

After the serve, the ball must bounce once on each side before either player can start volleying. This means the serve return and the next shot must be groundstrokes.



### 3. NON-VOLLEY ZONE (7 FEET)

You cannot volley the ball while standing in the non-volley zone (kitchen). You can step into the zone to hit a ball after it bounces.



### 4. NO VOLLEYS IN THE KITCHEN

You cannot hit a volley (hit the ball in the air) while any part of your body is touching the kitchen, including the lines.



### 5. SERVE FROM BEHIND THE BASELINE

Both feet must be behind the baseline when serving. The ball must be struck below your waist and on or behind the baseline.



### 6. CHANGE ENDS

Players change ends after every game and when a player reaches 6 points in the deciding game.



### 7. SCORING

Only the server can score points. You score when your opponent faults. Games are typically played to 11 points, win by 2.



### 8. CALL THE SCORE BEFORE SERVING

The score is called out before every serve in this order: Server score – Opponent score. Example: "4-2" means you have 4, opponent has 2.



### 9. LET SERVES & RALLIES PLAY

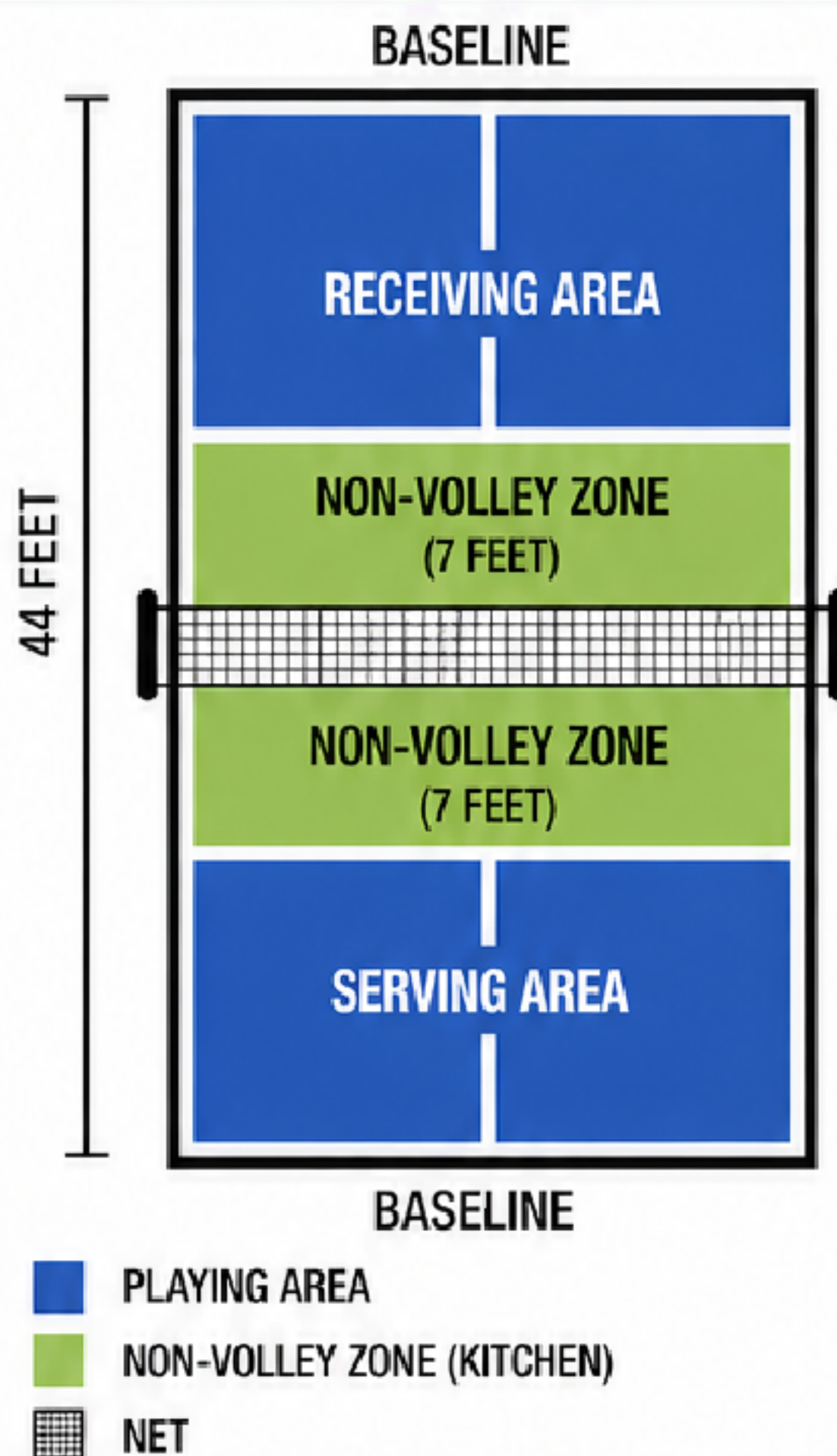
If you are unsure if the ball was in or out, let the point play out. Only line judges can make call-outs.



### 10. BE RESPECTFUL & HAVE FUN

Follow the rules, be respectful to your opponent, and enjoy the game! Good sportsmanship makes pickleball great!

## PICKLEBALL COURT OVERVIEW



## KEY REMINDERS

- ✓ Two-bounce rule at the start of every rally.
- ✓ No volleys while standing in the kitchen.
- ✓ Serve diagonally.
- ✓ Only the server can score.
- ✓ Call the score before every serve.
- ✓ Change ends as required.
- ✓ Play fair, be kind, and have fun!

## QUICK REFERENCE

- FORMAT**  
1 player vs 1 player
- SERVE**  
Diagonal, below waist, behind baseline
- TWO-BOUNCE RULE**  
Bounce once on each side
- KITCHEN**  
7 feet from the net on both sides
- GAME TO**  
11 points, win by 2
- SCORING**  
Only server can score

