

PICKLEBALL

RULES

SERVING

- Underhand serves only
- Contact between paddle and ball must be below player's waist
- Serves are made diagonally crosscourt and must land within the confines of the opposite diagonal court
- Each player gets 1 serve attempt
- Double game: both players on the serving team have an opportunity to serve and score points until they commit a fault (except for the first service sequence of each new game)

SCORING

- Only the serving team score points
- Servers switch sides of the court after each point
- Games are played to 11 points, with players winning by two
- Tournament games are played to 15 or 21 points, with players winning by two

2 BOUNCE RULE

- When the ball is served, the receiving team must let it bounce before returning, and then the serving team must let it bounce before returning, thus 2 bounces
- After the ball has bounced once in each team's court, both teams may either volley the ball or play it off a bounce
- The two-bounce rule eliminates the serve and volley advantage and extends rallies

KITCHEN

- Volleying is prohibited within the kitchen (non-volley zone)
- A player may legally be in the non-volley zone any time other than when volleying a ball

FAULTS

- A player steps on the non-volley zone
- Serving the ball into an incorrect area
- Hitting the ball into the net or hitting the net with your paddle or body
- Hitting the ball while in the non-volley zone before it is allowed to bounce
- Missing the ball when you try to hit it

