

PICKLEBALL BASICS

COURT

- Outside dimensions 20"x44"
- Net is 36" high at ends
- A ball touching a line is good

SERVING

- Serve is underhand at baseline of court with both feet behind baseline
- Toss ball into air and hit ball below waist
- Serve diagonally, starting in right hand court
- Alternate service courts after each win of a rally. Only the serving team alternates courts after a point is earned
- Only the player in diagonal service box may play (return) the serve
- Server must announce score before serving
- Server continues to serve until he or she or team loses a rally
- Score only when your team is serving
- There are few aces in this game
- Doubles serving order is same as in badminton. In the first inning the team serving first only serves one hand. After first inning each member of serving team serves
- In doubles player to right of centerline always serves first

LOSS OF SERVE IF

- Ball hits on or in lines forming non-volley zone
- Ball bounces outside court
- Server swings and misses (whiff). May toss and catch or toss and let bounce, then attempt serve again
- Ball hits net and lands in or on lines of non-volley zone. If ball hits net and goes into service area a LET is called a reserve is done

DOUBLE BOUNCE

- Each team must play their first shot off the bounce
- Example: Receiving team must let serve bounce & serving team must let service return bounce before playing it. After this point the ball can be either volleyed or played off the bounce

VOLLEY

- Hitting the ball in the air. Contacting it before it bounces
- Must be done with player's feet behind non-volley zone
- It is a fault if player touches the non-volley zone line or steps over it (into the "Kitchen")

GAME

- Games are played to 11
- Must win by two

VOCABULARY

BASELINE

The back line of the court

CENTERLINE

The line that bisects the baseline and the non-volley line

DEAD BALL

A dead ball is declared after a fault (bounces twice) or a court hinder. A ball is not declared dead until the ball either lands into the net, out of bounds or hits a player's body or an object that is not part of the court

DOUBLE BOUNCE RULE

The serve and the service return must bounce BEFORE you can return the ball. That is, after serving, the ball must bounce on each side before you can hit it

EARNED POINTS

A point won by good play rather than an opponent's error

ERRORS

A point lost by your mistakes.

FAULT

The loss of a rally. When the ball: Hits the net, bounces out of bounds, strikes objects that are not part of the court (walls, ceiling), hits a player, commits a rule violation on the service, non-volley zone or other rules violation

HINDER

An interruption of play such as people walking across the court or stray balls entering the court

KITCHEN (NON-VOLLEY ZONE)

Non-Volley Zone. Cannot step into the kitchen to volley. May go in to return a ball that bounces in kitchen but must immediately leave.

LET

A serve which hits the net but lands into the opponents serving area as a good serve. Play is stopped, and the serve is played over

NAIL

To hit a part of your opponent's body with the ball

NON-VOLLEY ZONE

Non-Volley Zone is known as the Kitchen. Cannot step into the kitchen to volley. May go in to return a ball that bounces in kitchen but must immediately leave.

POACH

In doubles, when you move into your partner's area and take his shot away

PUT-AWAY

A winning shot

RALLY

The play from the serve to the conclusion of winning a point or losing the serve

RETURN

Hitting the ball back into your opponent's court

SERVE

- a) The Lob Serve which is high and deep
- b) The Drive Serve which is low and fast

VOLLEY

Hitting the ball while it is in the air before it bounces

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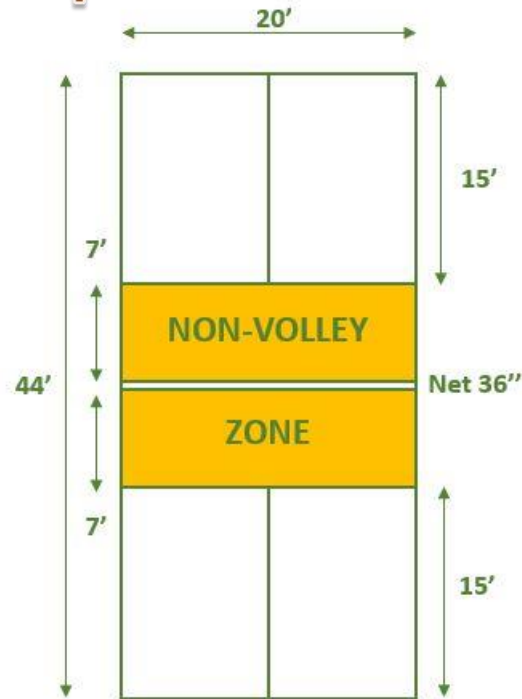
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