

Rules of Pickleball Simplified

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Service

Player must keep one foot behind the back line when serving.

Service is made diagonally cross court and must go past the non-volley line (the “kitchen”).

The serve is made underhand in the air; it cannot be hit after a bounce (serves only).

Serve goes to the other team after both players in a team have a chance to serve and a point is lost.

Play

Two Bounce Rule: Each team must play their first shot off the bounce. That is, the receiving team must let the serve bounce and the serving team must let the return of serve bounce before playing it.

After that, returns can be made in the air (volley) or after one bounce.

All volleying (hitting the ball before it bounces) must be done with the player's feet behind the non-volley (“kitchen”) line.

Faults

Hitting a ball out of bounds (a ball landing on the line is good).

The ball does not clear the net.

Stepping into the non-volley zone (“kitchen”) and volleying the ball.

Volleying the ball before it has bounced once on each side of the net (the “Two Bounce Rule”).

Scoring

A team may score a point only when serving.

A player who is serving shall continue to do so until a fault is made by his/her team. Each player in a team serves before the serve goes to the other team.

The game is played to 11 points and a team must win by 2 points.

Team Play Scoring: Player announces her team’s score, then the other team’s score, and then her player number (player #1 or player #2). If my team has one point and your team has 2 points, and I am the #1 player on my team, I would say: **1 2 1**. If I don’t score, my partner serves and says **1 2 2**.

1	2	1
My team’s score	Your team’s score	My number