

Rules of Pickleball Simplified

Service

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

Service is made diagonally cross court.

The serve is made underhand.

The server must contact the ball in the air; it cannot be hit after a bounce (serves only).

Double 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.

Volley

All volleying (hitting the ball before it bounces) must be done with player's feet behind the non-volley zone 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 and volleying the ball.

Volleying the ball before it has bounced once on each side of the net.

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.

The game is played to 11 points.

A team must win by 2 points.