

Pickleball Rules

To meet standard, I can set up and play the game without arguing, play in a way to keep myself and others from getting hurt, and understanding how to score when we have the ball and how to stop the other team from scoring when they have the ball.

To meet standard, I can serve and hit a pickleball with my paddle the right way, be ready when I must react to the game, and help my teammates to be able to do it also.

1. **Court** – The size of the court is 20' X 44' for both doubles and singles. The net is hung at 36" on ends, and hangs 34" in the middle. At Rainier if you play the game inside, the lines will be determined where the poles are set.

2. **Start of the game** – One player from each team will use the rock, paper, scissor method to determine who serves first.

3. **Serve** – To determine the first server, one player from each team will play rock, paper, scissors. Winner will determine whether to serve or receive. Player must keep one foot behind the back line when serving. The serve is made underhand. The paddle must pass below the waist. The server must hit the ball in the air on the serve. The server is not allowed to bounce it, and then hit it. The serve is made diagonally cross court and must clear the non-volley zone. Only one serve attempt is allowed, except if the ball touches the net on the serve and lands in the proper service court. Then the serve may be taken over. At the start of each new game, the first serving team is allowed only one fault before giving up the ball to the opponents. Thereafter, both members of each team will serve and fault before the ball is turned over to the opposing team. When receiving team wins the serve, the player in the right hand court will always start the serve for their team.

4. **Volley** – To volley a ball means to hit it in the air without first letting it bounce. All volleying must be done with player's feet behind the non-volley zone line. NOTE: It is a fault if the player steps over the line on his/her volley follow through.

4. **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 the serve bounce before playing it. After the two bounces have occurred, the ball can be either volleyed or played off the bounce.

5. **Fault** –

- a. Hitting the ball out of bounds
- b. Not clearing net
- c. Stepping into the non-volley zone and volleying the ball
- d. Volleying the ball before it has bounced once on each side of the net as outlined in rule 4.

6. **Lines** -are considered in bounds.

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7. **Scoring** – A team shall 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 eleven points; however, a team must win by two points.

8. **Basketballs hoops and curtain** – When playing pickleball inside: If the ball hits the basketball hoops or curtain the ball will be considered out of bounds.

9. **Non-volley zone**: This area is located right behind the net. A player may go into this area but must let the ball bounce first before hitting the ball over the net. No part of the body or paddle may go over the net.

10. **Chasing the ball** – When your ball leaves your court, please be aware that other games are going on. Remember to go around the courts instead of through them.