



1st Annual Pickleball Tournament Rules

Game Rules

- Games are self-officiated until the final match. All games will be played according to the international federation of pickleball (IFP) rule book.

Registration and format

- All teams or individuals must register by November 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
- Mixed doubles teams consist of one female and one male player.
- Participants skill levels are self-rated at registration.
- Singles, doubles, mixed and age categories.
- Designated area will be provided for spectators.

Equipment

- Staff will provide nets, and balls. Limited Paddles are available for use.
- Indoor Shoes Only

Schedule

- The schedule will be set based on the number of teams registered in each division and age group.
- The tournament will follow a round robin format into single elimination.

Game Format

Start time: the tournament will have a scheduled start time for each age group and division. If a team does not show up for the tournament start time they will be disqualified.

Rock Paper Scissors: A Game of Rock, Paper, Scissors will start the match and each team will have the chance to pick either the side or service.

Games: Each team will play to 15 points (win by two) against their opponent. The winning team will be granted 1 point for ranking.

Time Cap: There is a 30-minute time cap on each game.

Time Outs: Each team will be granted 1 one-minute timeout per game.

Game Scores: Each team is required to score their own game and report it to the tournament organizer upon ending the match.

Standings

Game Won = 1 points

Game lost= 0 points

Rules:

Serving

- A player or team can only score points when serving.
- Both Feet must remain behind the baseline until after the ball is struck.
- The serve must be underhand and contacted below the waist.
- Serves must travel diagonally and land between the non-volley zones.
- Only one serve attempt unless it is a "Let" serve.
- Players must announce the score prior to serving.

Serving in doubles:

- Only one play on the first serving team is allowed a serve turn before giving up the ball to the opponents.
- The player on the right at the start of a service turn will be the first person to serve for their team.
- The server moves to the other side of the serving team's court. The receiving players should not switch sides.

Serving in singles

- The serve us from the right when even number of points it scored. The serve is from the left when it is odd number of points.

Non-Volley Zone

- To volley the ball means to hit the ball in the air without a bounce. All volleying must be done with the players feet behind the non-volley zones.

Double Bounce Rule

- Each team must play their first shot off the bounce. The receiving team must let the serve bounce and the serving team must let the return of the serve bounce before playing it.
- After two bounces the play can be volleyed.

Faults.

- The ball may only bounce once per side.
- If the ball hits the sidelines or baseline the ball is playable.
- Serving the ball into an incorrect area
- Hitting the ball out of bounds
- Volleying the ball before it has bounced once on each side.
- 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.
- Touching the non-volley zone with your paddle or clothes while attempting to hit a volley.
- Stepping on or over the non-volley zone line on a follow through
- Missing the ball when you try to hit it.
- Server swing the paddle with the intent of hitting the ball but misses.
- If the serving team hits the opponent with the ball and they are not able to return the serving team gains a point.