

# How To Play Pickleball

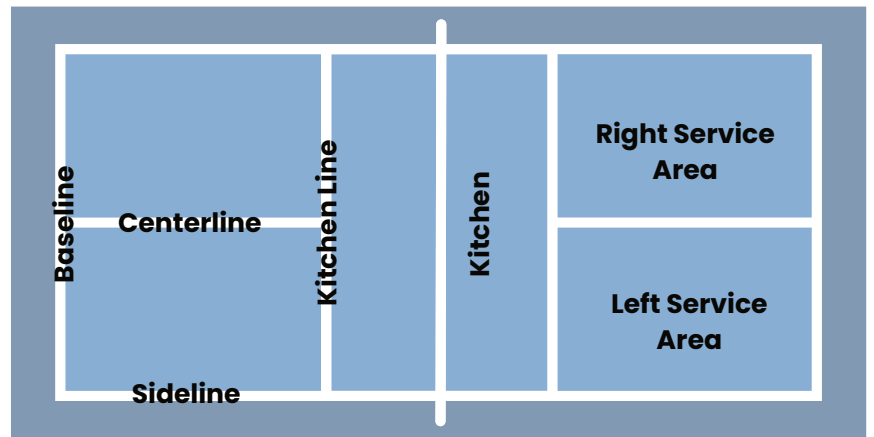
## Terminology

**Rally** - Every section of play after a stop, a round

**Serve** - The action of hitting the ball with a paddle

**Volley Serve** - An underhand stroke where contact with ball is made below the waist, this serve must be used if the ball has not made contact with the ground on your side of the net

## The Court



**The kitchen** - The two front rectangular boxes that enclose the net; you're not allowed to step into the kitchen unless the ball bounces in it first.

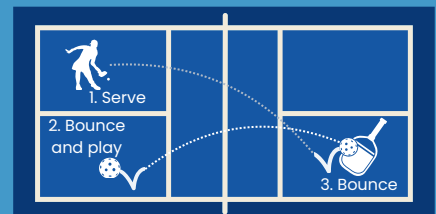
**Dink**-To softly hit a ball from near the kitchen/kitchen line into your opponent's kitchen, attempting to hit an unattackable, short drop.

**Getting pickled**- Getting pickled is when you lose the game with zero points.

## The Rules

1. The Score is announced before each rally by an official or by the person serving. If a player is announcing the score, they say their or their teams score before their opponents.

2. All serves are done with an underhand motion. The serve must cross the court diagonally to the opponents side and bounce once on their side and bounce once back on the player's side before any kind of hit can be played on the pickleball.



3. Players continue to bounce the ball back and forth until one team commits a fault.

### Faults include:

- not hitting the serve into the opponent's diagonal service court
- touching the net with any part of the body, clothing, paddle, or assistance device
- not hitting the ball before it bounces twice on one side of the net
- hitting the ball so it lands out of bounds
- stepping into or touching the non-volley zone also known as "the kitchen" in the act of volleying the ball
- Not letting the ball bounce before returning a serve
- not hitting the ball beyond the net

## Scoring

Pickleball utilizes side-out scoring, meaning only the serving side may score a point. The serving team earns one point each time the non-serving team commits a fault. Neither team earns a point when the serving team commits a fault.