

Pickleball 100 Rules and Game Handout

- 4 . 7** To help in keeping track of the score, think of each time your team gets the ball to serve as a sequence.
- 4 . 8** Calling the score consists of three numbers: first number is the score of your team; the second number is the score of your opponents; the third number is what server you are (either server one or server two) during that sequence.

5 Serving Sequence

- 5 . 1** The first person to serve is always the person standing on the right hand side of the court.
- 5 . 2** After scoring a point, the server always re-positions to serve to the other court (changes places with their partner) for the next serve. You never serve to the same person or serving box twice in a row.
- 5 . 3** The person to start the game calls the score as “zero, zero, two or Start”. This means their team has no points, the other team has no points, and they are the only server for this first sequence [See 4.6 above].
- 5 . 4** After losing the Start serve the serve transfers to the other team [side out] and they begin their service sequence. The person standing on the right hand side of the court is designated as the first server and calls the following score in this example “zero, zero, one” Reminder: the partner who is not serving is responsible for calling any foot or serving faults on the server.
- 5 . 5** The Two bounce rule (USAPA Double Bounce Rule ref para. 4.H) The serve and the service return must be allowed to bounce before striking the ball. That is, each side must play a groundstroke on the first shot following the serve. After the initial ground strokes have been made, play may include volleys.

6 Basic Player/Court Positioning

- 6 . 1** Because of the two-bounce rule, both serving partners are positioned near the baseline. Remember the serve and the return of serve has to bounce before the ball can be volleyed.
- 6 . 2** The person receiving the serve should position themselves deep in the service area the serve must bounce before it is returned. Receiver's partner should be positioned forward at the NVZ line. Reminder: Receiver's partner, who is forward at the NVZ, should assist their team by turning to watch if the serve is outside of the service area.
- 6 . 3** After returning the served ball Receiver should immediately move forward to the NVZ line.
- 6 . 4** The serving team members, once the second bounce and return shot has occurred, should also both move right up to the NVZ line. Reminder: avoid staying in the mid-court area [“transition zone”] – this is where the ball usually is hit at your feet and is extremely difficult to return.

Note Re: Line calls and Faults

Disputed are NOT resolved by replaying the point. They must be resolved as noted in sections 1 or 2, which will result in a point, second server, or side out. Only let serves and distractions result in replay.