

Pickle Ball

- A pickle ball court measures 20×44 feet
- Pickle ball court is used for both singles and doubles play.
- The net height is 36 inches at the sidelines and 34 inches in the middle.
- The court is striped similar to a tennis court with right and left service courts and a 7-foot non-volley zone in front of the net (referred to as the “kitchen”).
- Courts can be constructed specifically for pickle ball or they can be converted using existing tennis or badminton courts.



RULES

- The ball is served diagonally to the opponent's service court underhanded without bouncing it off the court.
- Points are scored by the serving side only and occur when the opponent faults (fails to return the ball, hits ball out of bounds, etc.).
- The server continues to serve, alternating service courts, until the serving side faults. The first side scoring 11 points and leading by at least a 2-point margin wins. If both sides are tied, then play continues until one side wins by 2 points.
- Double Bounce Rule: Following the serve, each side must make at least one ground-stroke, prior to volleying the ball (hitting it before it has bounced).
- Non-Volley Zone: A player cannot volley a ball while standing within the non-volley zone.



SCORING

- Points are scored only by the serving team.
- Games are normally played to 11 points, win by 2.
- Tournament games may be to 15 or 21, win by 2.
- When the serving team's score is even (0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10) the player who was the first server in the game for that team will be in the right-side court when serving or receiving; when odd (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) that player will be in the left-side court when serving or receiving.



Doubles Score Keeping

For example if the serving team has tallied 5 points, the receiving team 4 points and the second of the two servers is serving, the score would be announced as "5-4-2."

Equipment

