

# Pickle Ball

## **Nature of the Game:**

Pickle ball was created in the mid 1960's, played with a paddle and plastic ball. The object of the game is to hit the ball over a three foot high net, either in flight or off the bounce.

## **Vocabulary:**

**Volley:** To hit the ball in the air without first letting it bounce. All volleying must be done with the player's feet behind the non-volley zone.

**Double Bounce Rule:** Each team must play their first shot off the bounce. That is, the first receiving team must let the served ball 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 (hit in flight) or played off the bounce.

**Non-Volley Zone:** No volleying (hitting the ball in flight) is permitted within the non-volley zone, preventing players from executing smashes from a position within the zone. When volleying the ball, players may not step on or over the non-volley zone line.

## **Faults:**

- Hitting the ball out of bounds
- Not clearing the net with a shot
- Stepping into the non-volley zone
- Violating the double bounce rule

## **General Serving:**

- Must keep one foot behind back line
- Performed underhand, below the waist
- The ball must be contacted in the air (no bounce and hit)
- The service is made diagonally and must clear the non-volley zone
- If the ball hits the net and continues into the correct service court, clears the non-volley zone a "let" (do over) is called and another attempt is made

## **Singles Serving:** (all general rules apply)

- All even numbered points are served from the right service court
- All odd numbered points are served from the left service court

## **Doubles Serving:**

- At the beginning of the game, the team serving first has one fault, thereafter both members of each team will have a service turn

- When the serve is turned over to the opponents team, service will always start from the right service court (regardless of the score, no pre-determined service order of team mates)

### **Scoring:**

- Scoring can only be done while serving
- Only one point is scored at a time
- A player who is serving shall continue to do so until a fault is made by his team
- The game is played to 11 points, winning by 2

### **Court dimensions:**

