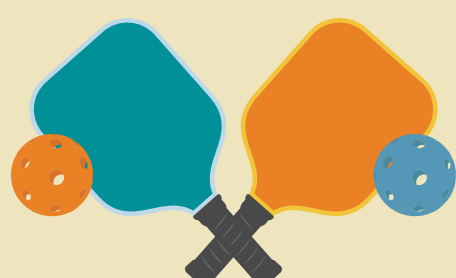
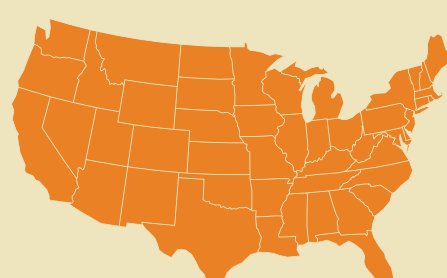


PICKLEBALL RULES & OVERVIEW

Invented in 1965 on Bainbridge Island by friends Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell and Barney McCallum, pickleball has evolved from original handmade equipment and simple rules into a hugely popular sport throughout the US and Canada.

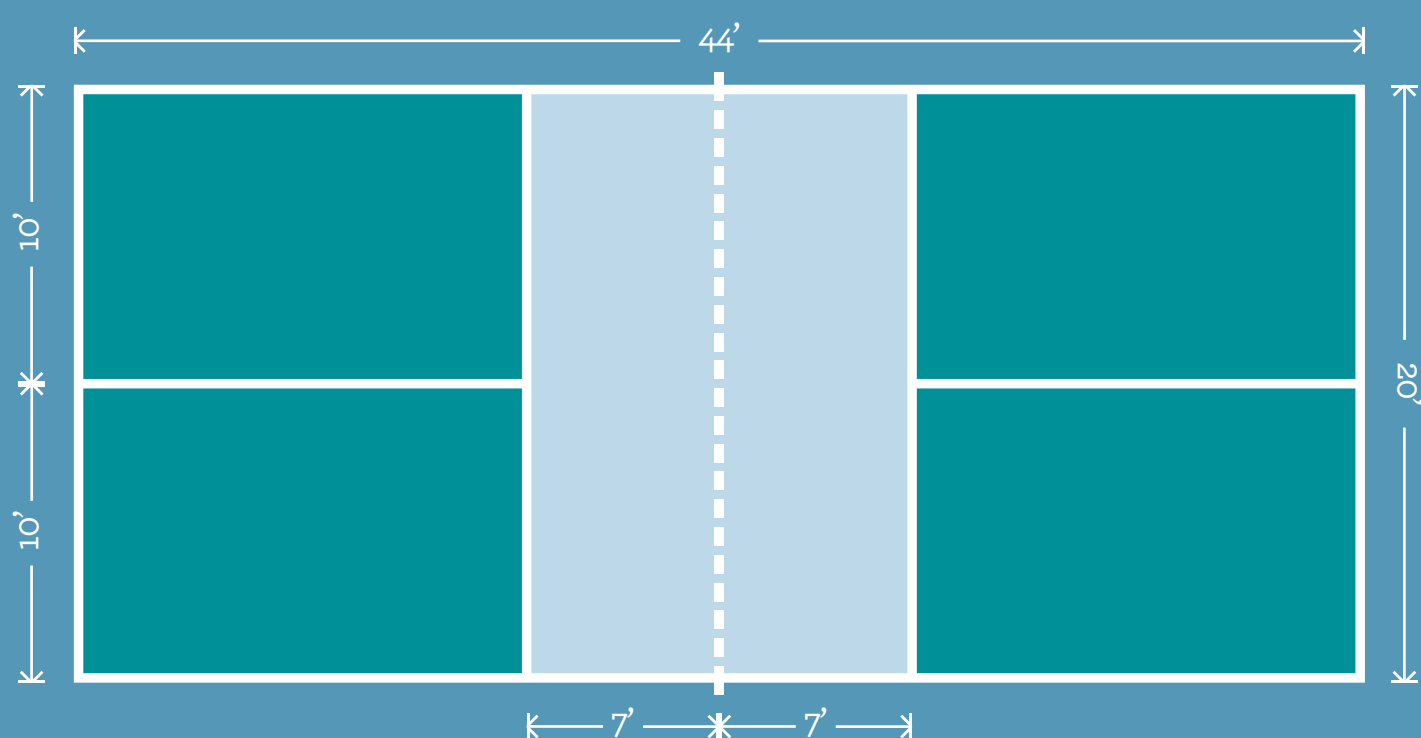


A competitive paddle is made from a high-tech composite. An official pickleball is made of plastic and is between .78 and .935 ounces. There are no color restrictions other than the ball should be a single color.

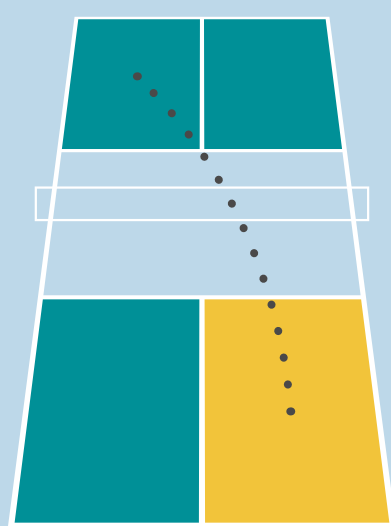


Every US state and all Canadian provinces now have pickleball venues. The SFIA reports that there are 3.1 million players in the US, and USAPA reports 6,885 places to play (as of Jan 1, 2018).

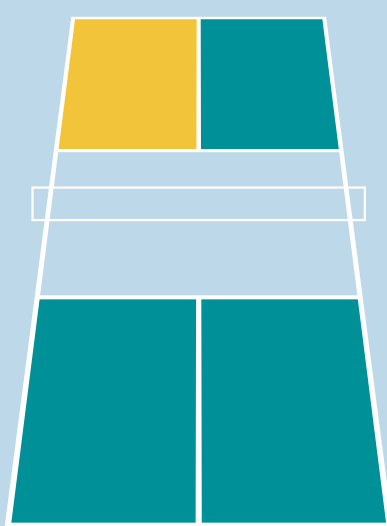
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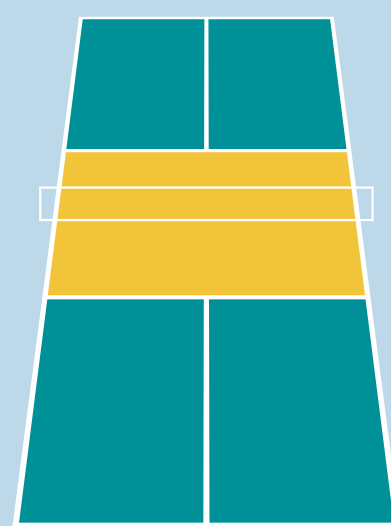
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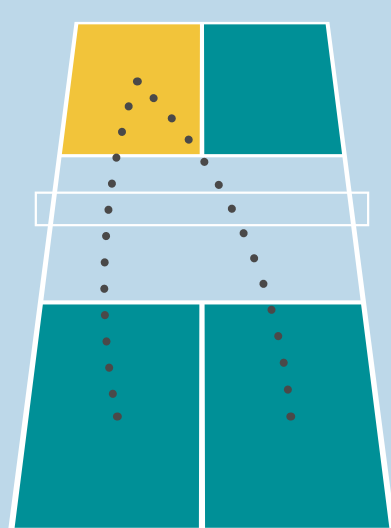
The server starts the game from the right side of the court, serving underarm to the opposite receiver box on the other side.



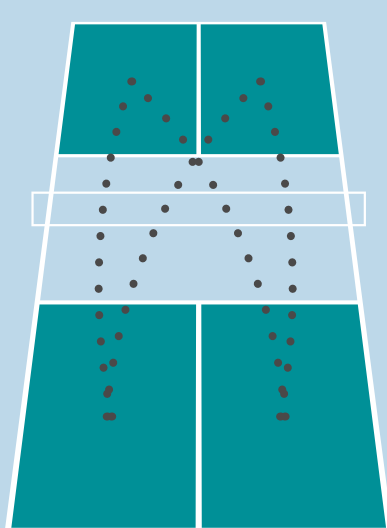
The ball must clear the non-volley zone line and must bounce once before the receiver can return the ball back across the net.



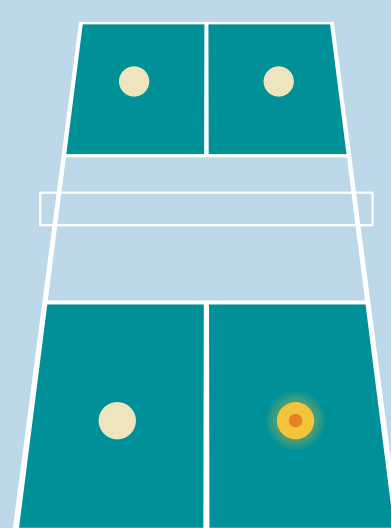
The highlighted section is called the 'non-volley zone'. A player cannot hit the ball while in the zone unless it bounces there first.



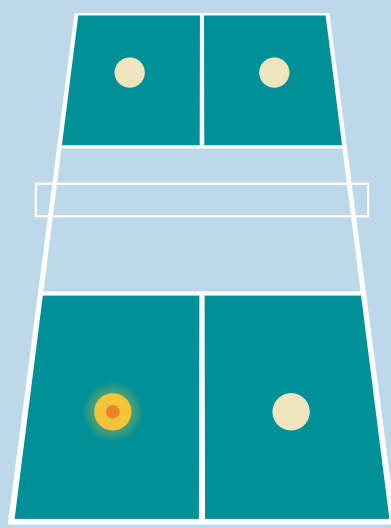
The return of serve can land anywhere within the serving team's court. The serving team must also let the ball bounce once.



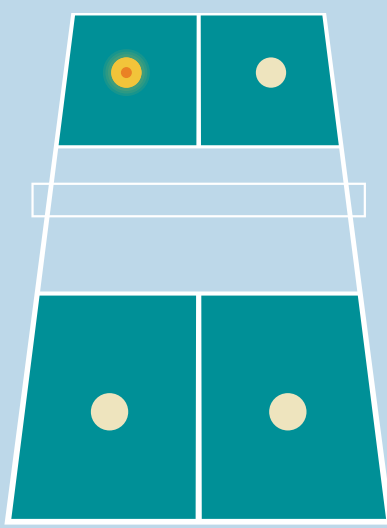
After this, the play is much like badminton, but you may hit the ball either in the air or after a bounce (excluding non-volley zone).



In doubles, each player gets to serve. If the serving side scores a point, the server switches sides with his partner.



If the server loses the point, he loses his serve and it passes to his partner, serving from whichever position he is in.



After the second player loses his serve, the service goes to the opponents, both of whom will get to serve.



Games are played to 11 points, with a clear 2 points needed to win the game.

Tournaments can be played to 15 or 21 points.

Only the serving team can score points in a game.

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