

Pickleball Rules

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GENERAL INFO

1. All participants must meet the eligibility requirements listed in the Intramural Sports Participant Handbook. **Each participant must be a current UVA student or UVA Rec member, and must purchase an Intramural Sports Pass for the semester in which the activity is taking place.** All expired memberships must be updated before the individual may play in any game. Each player must present a valid UVA Student ID or current UVA Rec Membership Card before each contest in order to be eligible to participate. Any games in which an ineligible player signs in will be considered a forfeit.
2. **Teams are responsible for keeping their players and spectators under control.** Misconduct of players, coaches, managers or spectators can result in penalty, ejection or forfeiture of the game. Spectators must also remain within the area designated by the IM Sports staff.
3. Alcoholic beverages, smoking, and pets are prohibited from all intramural contests.
4. IM Sports Officials/Supervisors will have absolute authority during the contest and can make decisions on any matter or question not specifically covered in the rules.
5. Official USA Pickleball rules will be observed with the following Intramural Sports modifications.

EQUIPMENT

1. Appropriate footwear must be worn.
2. Players are encouraged to use their own paddles, however paddles can be checked out at Memorial Gymnasium.
3. Game balls will be provided.

THE GAME

1. Participants will officiate their own matches.
2. The ball is served diagonally to the opponent's service court underhanded without bouncing it off the court.
3. Points are scored by the serving side only and occur when the opponent faults. The server continues to serve, alternating service courts, until the serving side faults. The first side scoring 15 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.
4. 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).
5. Non-Volley Zone: A player cannot volley the ball while standing within the non-volley zone.
 - The non-volley zone is the area of the court bounded by the two sidelines, the non-volley line, and the net. The non-volley line and the sidelines are included in the non-volley zone.

SCORING

1. Points are scored only by the serving player.
2. When the serving player's score is even (0,2,4,6,8,10) the player will serve from the right side of the court; when odd (1,3,5,7,9) the player will serve from the left side of the court.