



SCOV Pickleball Club Newsletter March 2025

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PICKLEBALL RULES YOU SHOULD KNOW!

FAULT RULES...BALL HITS A PLAYER



If the ball touches a player prior to bouncing, whether you are inside or outside the court boundaries, it is a fault.

Even standing out of bounds does not affect the rule but if it hits wrist/fingers **IN CONTACT** with the paddle it is considered a part of the paddle unit and therefore not a fault.

OFFICIAL RULE:

A fault (and resulting dead ball) will be declared if...

7.H. After the serve, the ball contacts a player or anything the player is wearing or carrying, except the paddle or the player's hand(s) in contact with the paddle and below the wrist. If the player is in the process of changing hands with both hands on the paddle or is attempting a two-handed stroke and either hand is hit below the wrist, as long as a player's hand is in contact with the 34 USA PICKLEBALL OFFICIAL RULEBOOK (2025) paddle, the ball is still in play. The fault is on the player who was hit by the ball.



WHAT'S NEW ON THE COURTS!

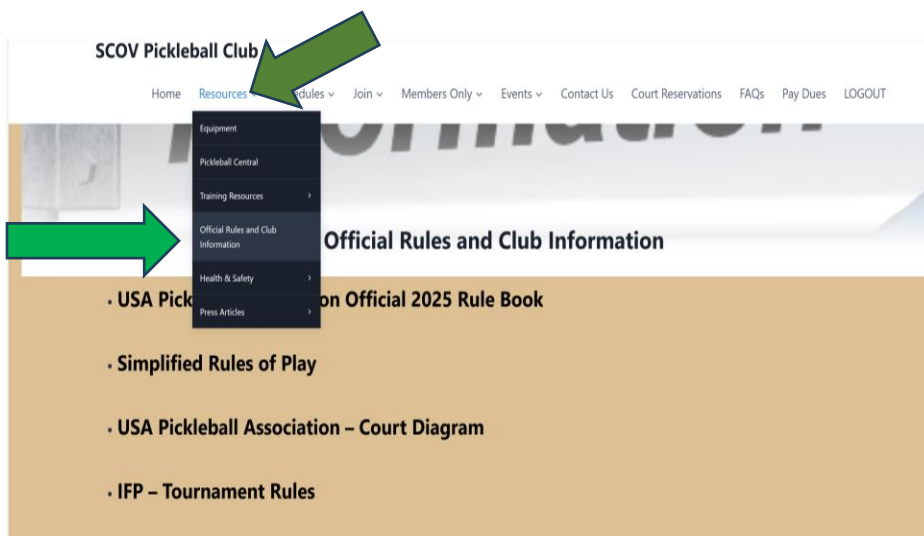
No club member has authority or permission to tell any other member where they should be playing or in any way exclude another member from joining in play during designated club time. It is up to all members to self-assess where they best fit in. Please contact your board president of any exclusionary behavior you may experience.

Help keep our state-of-the-art courts in prime condition. Our HOA maintenance team blows off courts 1-5 each weekday and 6 and 7 on Thursdays. We are responsible to blow off all courts on weekends and holidays and courts 6 and 7 everyday but Thursday. On those days maintenance does not service the courts, please get a leaf blower from the storage room and blow off the courts as needed. Playing on dirty courts grinds in the dirt and is unsafe. Also, we ask that you replenish four balls on each court. Please place only cracked balls in the bag by court 3. Text Ralph Perillo (520/744-2868) if you have questions or see him on the courts.

A work order has been submitted to replace the netting on the south side of court 5 that was blown away in our recent high winds, restoring protection from errant golf balls from the 18th hole.

Winter/Spring Skills Clinics are about to begin. Instructors and students have been assigned. Note that the courts will be buzzing with excellent instruction on Monday's, March 10, 17, 24, 31 from 1:00PM - 2:00PM and 2:00PM - 3:00PM. Even if you are not enrolled you may get something out of observation of the goings on! Come check it out.

USA PICKLEBALL OFFICIAL RULE BOOK



Do you know where to find the USA Pickleball Association official rules?

Just look on our website under the Resources Tab for links to the official rules and an abbreviated form of the rules.

The Official Rules are found on the USA Pickleball Website

<https://usapickleball.org>

Annual SCOV Memorial Pickleball Tournament

Friday and Saturday, March 28 and 29th, 2025

Up to 40 Competitive players will compete on Friday with help from volunteer Casual players.

The Casual players (also 40) will compete on Saturday with Competitive players volunteering. There will be 4 substitute/reserve players.

Watch for the registration email in early March!

This event will be held in conjunction with a food drive for Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. Even if you don't plan on playing, please consider a donation to the Food bank in the form of non-perishable items, on-line donation or a check made out to: Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. Non-perishable food donations accepted from March 24 - March 31. Boxes located by Pickleball courts

Donate online at <http://donate.communityfoodbank.org/SCOVmemPB>

CLUB NEWS

The PB Spring Court Scheduling Meeting will take place on Thursday, March 6th from 3:00PM - 4:30PM in the Kiva Room.

For members wanting to try indoor badminton, a small group is developing this activity at the racquetball court. Contact Pete Coy (360) 739-4100 or petecoy@gmail.com. Sounds like a lot of fun!

SAVE THE DATE: Our Hawaiian themed spring party is scheduled for April 12. It promises great food, dancing, games, prizes, and fellowship! More information coming soon!

Check out the social bulletin board regularly to see updates on local pickleball happenings, including tournaments, fundraisers, couples play opportunities and more! Please contact a board member if you have a relevant post for club member benefit.

Tips to Improve Your Play!

Shot Selection: Making the Right Choices in Different Situations



Shot selection is a critical component of pickleball, influencing both the outcome of points and the overall strategy. Whether you are a beginner looking to build a solid foundation or an advanced player aiming to elevate your competitive edge, understanding when and how to execute different shots can significantly enhance your performance on the court.

- Effective pickleball shot selection involves limiting the use of lobs, focusing on high-percentage shots like dinks and dropshots, and maintaining positional advantage by keeping opponents deep in the court away from the non-volley zone.
- In doubles play, communication and coordination with your partner are vital. Call shots early, move in sync to cover the court, and strategically decide who takes the third shot to maximize your team's effectiveness.
- For beginners, mastering the ready position, playing to your strengths by forcing opponents to hit upward, and managing the pace of the game with controlled returns are essential steps toward improving your pickleball game.

1. Limit the Lob: When to Use This Tricky Shot

The lob shot in pickleball is a high-arching trajectory aimed to clear the opponent and land deep in the court, forcing them to move back. While the lob can be a game changer, it's essential to use it judiciously. Knowing when to deploy this shot can be the difference between winning a point and giving your opponent an easy smash.

When to Use the Lob:

- Against opponents who are too close to the net, creating space behind them.
- When you need to buy time to reposition yourself or your partner.
- To disrupt the rhythm of opponents who are dominating the net play.

Overusing the lob can lead to predictability, allowing your opponents to anticipate and counter effectively. Instead, integrate the lob into your play as a strategic surprise, keeping your adversaries on their toes. The lob, while a valuable tool, should not be your go-to move. It's a strategic element that, when used sparingly, can yield significant dividends in your game.

Remember, the lob is not just about elevation, it's about placement and timing. A well-executed lob isn't just high-it's deep, it's precise, and it's unexpected. Use it to complement your groundstrokes and next play and watch as it opens up the court for you and challenges your opponents.

Watch for more shot selection tips in next month's newsletter!