



SCOV Pickleball Club Newsletter May 2025

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PICKLEBALL RULES YOU SHOULD KNOW!

WELCOME RALLY SCORING

(Provisional Rules 4.G.1 and 12.B.1)



Well, kind of. For those of you who don't know, rally scoring is a hot topic in the world of pickleball. Rally Scoring is when a player or team will score every time the ball is in play and is different from "normal pickleball scoring," where you and your teammate must be serving in order to score a point. This new, provisional rule would allow rally scoring in doubles, as it is currently allowed in singles, however, regular scoring will still be the official scoring method at most events.

RELEASE THE BALL HOW YOU WANT! (Rule 4.A.5.)

Previously, you were required to release the pickleball with your free hand to start your serve. In 2025, if you'd like to release it from your paddle, you are free to do so legally! However, you may not use any spin. If you plan on using your paddle to drop the ball, you will need to do so without any spin on your drop serve, just rolling the ball off of your paddle's face.



WHAT'S NEW ON THE COURTS!

At the April 16th board meeting, the APPL Task Force presented their findings after hours of data collection and interviews. We owe them a big thank you! The Task Force has been sunsetted. New APPL policy was created at yesterday's board meeting. In summary:

- A standing APPL committee will be formed to facilitate and administer formation of new and existing APPL teams. **Contact BoD if you are interested in being considered for this committee of 3 persons.**
- Only members from SCOV can be on our APPL teams.
- Decreasing the APPL footprint is a scheduling priority while balancing the requirements of each team to practice in the fall.
- Email communication will be sent to members in early fall to begin formation of teams and gauge members' interest.
- The full policy will be posted on the website.

Clocks being placed on south side of the courts and court 6 and 7.

Emergency medical tags remain available to members through the BoD. Notify Jerry Franklin or Phil Rose of your need.

The Picklr opening at the Oro Valley Marketplace is tentatively scheduled for August. Phil Rose continues to be in conversation with owners for any mutually beneficial partnering and cost savings for our membership.

CLUB NEWS

After much consideration and discussion of current cost trends, the BoD voted to establish yearly membership dues at \$25.00 as of June 1, 2025. The primary drivers were ball costs and increasing ball utilization as well as expected purchase of a replacement ball machine.

The BoD also believes a club reserve fund is in our best interest given a precedent of cost sharing to obtain courts 6 and 7.

The BoD would like to plant the seed of club governance to the membership. The nominating committee will be formed (Laurie Brown, lead) as we have all but the president's position up for general election in November. Capable, dedicated candidates will be sought to run.



*Your Newsletter Team is taking a summer break.
Watch for the next newsletter in September!*

2025 MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

The SCOV Memorial pickleball tournament on March 28th and 29th to benefit the Food Bank of Southern Arizona was a great success. Over the 2 days, there were 84 players and each day 15-16 volunteers, 5 of whom didn't play either day. A total of \$4410.00 was raised online, via check and separate donations. In addition, 300 lbs. of food was collected. Everyone had a fun time for a great cause.

SCOV Memorial Pickleball Tournament 2025 Competitive winners

- 1st prize: Nancy Vander Ark (Paddle)
2nd prize: Louise Everett (OOROO Gift Certificate)
3rd prize: Beth Nuveen (Twosome, 18 holes golf at the Views)
4th prize: Phil Rose (Dolsberry Print)
5th prize: Karen Burnham (Selkirk cap)
6th prize: Carolyn Chambasian (OOROO gift certificate)
Lowest cards: Dean Klas/Lola Schlapkohl (Inscribed bottle opener)

COMPETITIVE PLAYERS



CASUAL PLAYERS



SCOV Memorial Pickleball Tournament 2025 Casual winners

- 1st prize: Renee Romano (Paddle)
2nd prize: Lee Hoffman (Dolsberry Print)
3rd prize: Suzanne Schoepflin (Golf Certificate)
4th prize: Lee Zinsli (Selkirk Cap)
5th prize: Darrel Hilburn (OOROO gift certificate)
6th prize: Linda Marana (OOROO gift certificate)
Lowest Cards: Sally Walker (Inscribed bottle opener)

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.

3. Positional Play: Keeping Opponents at Bay

In pickleball, positioning is as crucial as the shots you play. By mastering court positioning, you can dictate the pace of the game and keep your opponents at bay. Here are some key points to consider for effective positional play:

- **Stay Centered:** Aim to occupy the center of the court to cover the most ground. This central position allows you to respond to shots on either side without overcommitting.
- **Depth Control:** Keep your opponents deep in their court with consistent, deep shots. This limits their offensive options and gives you time to set up for your next move.
- **Anticipate Movement:** Watch your opponent's body language and paddle position to anticipate their next shot. This will help you stay one step ahead and maintain control of the court.

By maintaining a strategic position, you not only control the flow of the game but also create opportunities to force errors or set up winning shots.

Remember, your goal is to push your opponents away from the non-volley zone, also known as the kitchen, and pull yourself up to it. This tug-of-war for prime court real estate can be the difference between winning and losing points.

Watch for more shot selection tips in September's newsletter!