



SCOV Pickleball Club Newsletter November 2025

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PICKLEBALL RULES YOU SHOULD KNOW!

CALLING FAULTS



Rules 13.D.1.a., 13.D.1.c., and 7.0.

DID YOU KNOW?

Players are expected to now call a fault on their partner (not just themselves).

Players can still call service foot faults and non-volley zone faults on their opponents' end of the court. However, the language of Rule 13.D.1.c. is changing from: "If there is any disagreement among players [about a called fault, a replay shall occur]," to "If there is any disagreement between teams [about a called fault, a replay shall occur]." This change in language clarifies that disagreement between partners is not grounds for a replay.

This ties into new Rule 7.0 which provides that any disagreement between partners on a fault call will be decided to the benefit of their opponents. The general principle embodied in the new rule is that when partners disagree, they express doubt, and the benefit of that doubt should go to their opponents.



WHAT'S NEW ON THE COURTS!

The club has been given the opportunity to have high quality cameras installed on the courts with no or minimal cost to the club. Club member Eric Anderson brings an opportunity from Pickleball Live, who provides equipment and a live link from our website. Pickleball Live underwrites costs through advertising on their website. Besides quick access to court conditions and current usage PBL offers the ability to review individual games for instructional purposes.

We have requested a meeting with Robin Coulter and all interested HOA administrators. We have also included the tennis club in this opportunity for further talks. If given the OK from the HOA we will bring this topic before the membership for further discussion. Remember, FREE is a good price for the club.

Continuing with our desire for website improvement we have given webmasters Don Teiser and Jim Locknicar the task of rebuilding our website with the purpose of streamlining content, increasing stability and becoming as user friendly as possible for new and current members. This will result in a few days of website downtime to implement. Members will be notified when this occurs.

REMEMBER: we are no longer using adherent stickers as proof of PB Club membership. EACH MEMBER has the responsibility of logging onto the website, navigating to the MEMBERS tab, clicking on the MEMBERSHIP CARD tab and printing your personal card to keep with you while playing pickleball. We recommend you keep your card in the plastic sleeve along with your EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARD, which has been made available to all members. Alternatively, you may simply save your membership card to your phone as proof of membership.

In addition to the scheduled skills clinics the club provides in November and March, we have ongoing beginners mentoring. If you are new to pickleball or just consider yourself having beginner skill sets, we have a team of volunteers ready to meet with you during the “beginners” time listed on the posted fall schedule. Simply email Doyle Ranstrom (doyle@doylearanstrom.com) to arrange for mentoring assistance. One of our mentors (Jack Anderson, Barb Hoffman or Doyle Ranstrom) will meet you at a scheduled time to instruct you at a level you are comfortable with, including playing games with other beginners!

Pickleball Central (<https://pickleballcentral.com>) offers all club members a 5% discount on merchandise ordered from their website. Use the discount code CRSCOV when checking out. In addition to your personal discount, our club earns 5% credit. This credit is used for purchasing the balls used on our courts.

CLUB NEWS !

2026 Pickleball Club Board Nominees and Elections: Our Pickleball Board has five members. There are four open positions that need to be filled for the 2026-27 board. These positions will each serve for two years. We have four great nominees for you to choose from.

Voting starts on November 8th and ends on the 15th. You will receive an email on November 8th with information on how to vote online for the four open seats.

The board nominees are: Ralph Perillo, Louise Everett, Laurie Brown, and Beth Nuveen

You will find their bios on our website under the Members Tab/2026 pickleball board candidates and ballot page.

The 3rd Annual Oro Valley Pickle-icious Jingle Jam is coming December 12-14 at the Oro Valley Community Center and NOT ONLY will partners play for medals, but can also represent Sun City in the Home Court Paddle Battle—a light-hearted, spirited, camaraderie driven, and brag-worthy competition where every point you and your partner score adds to our team total. Best part? Teams can include players of all ages and skill levels—everyone's points count. At the end, one Tucson Pickleball Community takes home the Traveling Trophy (and year-long bragging rights). Link to learn more and register: <https://www.pickle-iciousjinglejam.com/>

Get your **PAJAMAS** on and
Join your fellow club members at the
Fall Welcome Back Social and Pajama Party
Saturday, November 22, 2025
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
In the Navajo Room of the Activity Center

Participation will include games, prizes, pizza, ice cream, music, dancing and popcorn galore! As always, **BYOB!** All for a small attendance fee of \$6.00/pp. Watch for the email coming out in the next few days. You must register to attend.



Tips to Improve Your Play!

Mastering Pickleball Shot Selection



Pickleball's all about picking the right shot at the right time. Whether you're a newbie or a seasoned player, knowing which shot to use can make or break your game. From the soft dink to the powerful overhead, each shot has its own place on the court.

Why Shot Selection Matters

In pickleball, choosing the right shot can make or break your game. It's not just about hitting the ball; it's about picking the *best* shot for the situation. **Good shot selection and playing higher percentage shots** are crucial skills in pickleball, along with understanding proper court positioning. This means knowing when to go for a powerful drive or when a gentle dink will do the trick. The more you play, the more you'll notice how the right shot can set you up for a win.

Common Mistakes in Shot Selection

Everyone makes mistakes, especially when learning. But understanding common errors can help you avoid them. Here are a few to watch out for:

1. **Overusing the Power Shot:** Going for power when finesse is needed can backfire.
2. **Ignoring the Opponent's Position:** Not paying attention to where your opponent is can lead to easy returns for them.
3. **Forgetting to Mix It Up:** Using the same shot repeatedly makes you predictable.

How to Improve Your Shot Selection

Improving your shot selection is all about practice and awareness. Here's how you can get better:

- **Practice Different Shots:** Spend time on each type of shot—dinks, drives, lobs—to get comfortable with them.
- **Play with Strategy:** Think about your shots ahead of time and have a plan for each point.
- **Learn from Others:** Watch experienced players and notice how they choose their shots. You can learn a lot by observing their strategies.

Remember, the best players are those who can adapt and choose their shots wisely. So, take your time, practice, and soon you'll see improvement in your game.