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PICKLEBALL:

FORMAT:

- Co-ed team of two (2) players
- Double-Elimination tournament, rally scoring.

RULES:

- Rally scoring will be in effect for all games
- Game is played to 25 points, win by 2 or first team to 30.

The Serve

- *The serve must be made underhand.*
- *Paddle contact with the ball must be below the server's waist (navel level).*
- The serve is initiated with at least one foot behind the baseline; neither foot may contact the baseline or court until after the ball is struck.
- The serve is made diagonally crosscourt and must land within the confines of the opposite diagonal court.
- Only one serve attempt is allowed, except in the event of a let (the ball touches the net on the serve and lands on the proper service court; let serves are replayed once).

Service Sequence

- Both players on the serving doubles team have the opportunity to serve and score points until they commit a fault.
- *The first serve of each side-out is made from the right court.*
- If a point is scored, the server switches sides and the server initiates the next serve from the left court.
- As subsequent points are scored, the server continues switching back and forth until a fault is committed and the first server loses the serve.

- When the first server loses the serve, the partner then serves from their correct side of the court.
- The second server continues serving until his/her team commits a fault and loses the serve to the opposing team.
- Once the service goes to the opposition (at side out), the first serve is from the right court and both players on that team have the opportunity to serve and score points until their team commits two faults.

Double Bounce Rule:

- Each team must play their first shot off the bounce.
- The receiving team must let the serve bounce and the serving team must let the return of the serve bounce before playing it.
- After the two bounces have occurred, the ball can either be volleyed or played off the bounce.
- If you hit the ball before it bounces per the guidelines above, you lose the point.
- After the ball has bounced once in each team's court, both teams may either volley the ball (hit the ball before it bounces) or play it off a bounce (ground stroke).

Scoring

- On every serve a team will be awarded a point. (Rally scoring)

Non-Volley Zone:

- To volley a ball means to hit it in the air without letting it bounce. All volleying must be done with the player's feet behind the non-volley zone.
- If a player's momentum causes them to step on or over the non-volley line after hitting a volley they have committed a fault and lose the point.
- If a player's paddle, clothing, hat, or any part of their body touches any part of the non-volley zone while hitting a volley or because of their forward momentum after hitting the ball they lose the point!
- A player may jump across the no-volley line after hitting a volley if they don't touch any part of the non-volley zone including the lines while doing so.
- A player may legally be in the non-volley zone any time other than when volleying a ball.

Line Calls

- A ball contacting any line, except the non-volley zone line on a serve, is considered "in."
- A serve contacting the non-volley zone line is short and a fault.

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