NEW TO PICKLEBALL?
HERE ARE THE BASICS

PICKLEBALL can be played as a singles or doubles game, the court and rules are the same for both.

SCORING
• A pickleball game is normally played to 11 and must be won by 2.
• You can only score a point while serving.
• The score should be said aloud before each serve with the serving teams score stated first. In doubles both players on a team serve so the last number stated should be to identify which server is serving. (e.g. 5 - 3 - 1 would mean the serving team is winning 5 to 3 and the server is the 1st server on the team, for the 2nd server it would be 5 - 3 - 2)

THE SERVE
In Singles
• The serve must be hit with an underhand swinging motion and the ball contacted below the hips.
• When hitting the serve the server must be behind the baseline and serve into the adjacent service box as is done in tennis.
• You only get 1 serve, if the ball is hit out of the court, into the net or into the no-volley zone (kitchen) it is a side out.
• The centerline, sidelines and baselines are considered in on a serve but if the ball lands on the no-volley line it is a side out.
• If the ball hits the net and goes into the service box, it is a let and the server maintains the serve.

In doubles
• Each player serves until a point is lost then the other team gets the serve.
• At the start of the game, the team that serves first only gets 1 player to server so the score starts at 0 - 0 - 2. The 2 meaning it is already the 2nd server.
• The 1st server on each side is always from the right service box serving into the right service box on the other side.

DOUBLE BOUNCE RULE
• When the ball is served the player on the receiving side must let the ball bounce once before hitting it.
• When the ball is returned to the serving side the ball must again bounce once before being hit.
• After the ball has bounced once on each side the ball can be hit without bouncing as long as you aren’t in the no-volley zone

NO VOLLEY ZONE
• A player cannot hit a ball if he is inside the No-Volley Zone unless the ball bounces first.
• If a ball hit a player in the No-Volley zone before bouncing the point is lost.
• Once a ball bounces a player can hit the ball while inside the zone.
• If a player hits a ball while outside the No-Volley Zone the momentum takes him/her into the zone the point is lost.
• If your foot touches any part of the line you are considered inside the zone, you can reach over the line and hit a ball as long as your foot is behind the line.