

## **WELLINGTON COMMUNITY CHALLENGE PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT RULES**

Each team will consist of 1 female and 1 male

Teams will be given a 15-minute warm-up prior to the start of the event.

No substitution of players can be made once play begins.

Format: Double Elimination Tournament

### Serving

Must serve underhand from behind the baseline, cross-court, into the service area past the kitchen. Only the serving team can score points.

### Scoring

Determine which team will serve, receive, pick the end of the court, or defer using any fair method (e.g., pick a 1 or 2, coin flip, rock-paper-scissors, etc.).

Each partner on a team determines which side of the pickleball court (the left side or the right side) to start on. You will switch sides you serve from after losing a rally and the other team loses their serve. I.E., you serve twice and score 2 points and then the other team gains serve you will switch after they lose their rally.

The team that serves first will start the game. The player on the right-hand side of the court will serve first (serving crosscourt).

If the serving team wins the rally, then they will win a point and continue to serve. However, the partner on the left-hand side of the court will serve (but remember, the players will stay on their respective sides of the court). The serve alternates between the players on the left- and right-hand side of the court (without the players changing positions) until they lose a rally.

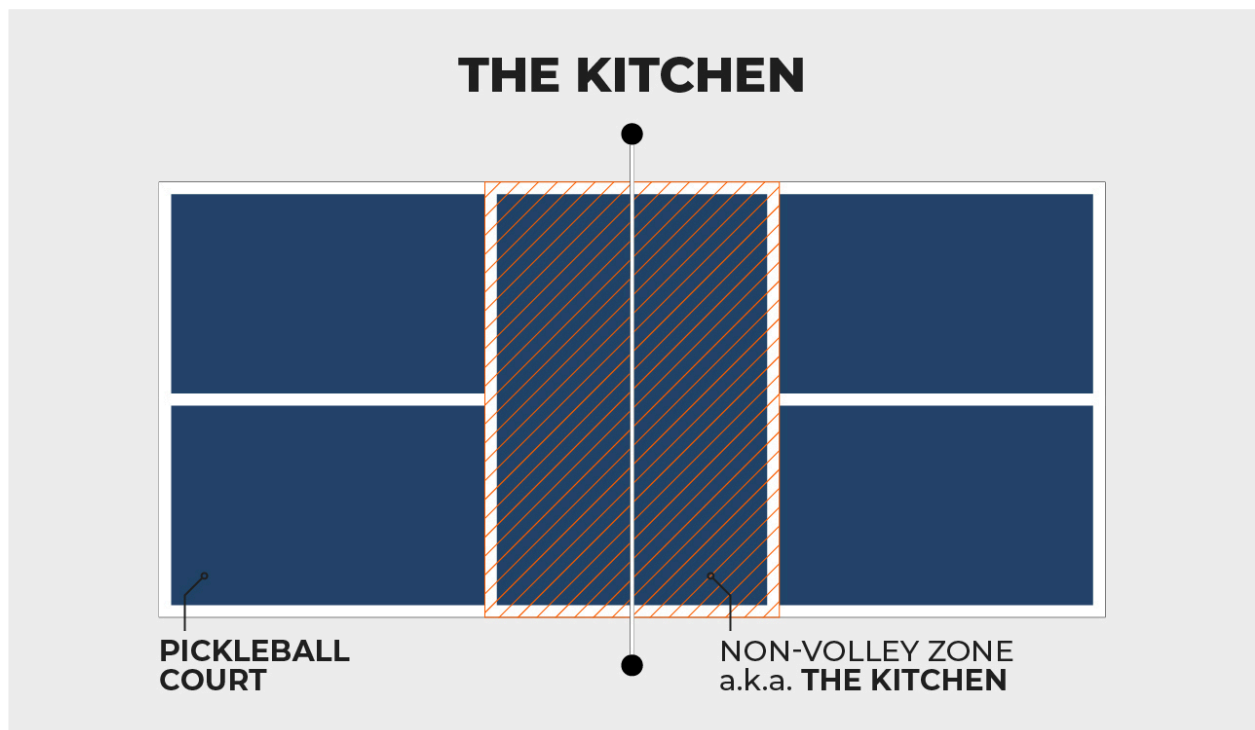
If the serving team loses the rally, then the receiving team will win a point and the receiving team will win the serve. To note, there is no second server (so the score will only be two numbers—the serving team score and the receiving team score—and there will be no third number for the server number).

The first team to 11 points wins (win by 2 points). Final point can only be won on the serve.

Each match will be best 2 out of 3 games.

### Quirky Rules

After the serve, the receiving team must let the ball bounce, then the serving team must let that return bounce before hitting. After that the ball may be volleyed (hit in the air) or off the bounce. A player cannot step in the kitchen unless the ball bounces in the kitchen first.



Paddles and balls will be provided. Players may bring their own paddles.