

Pickleball Rules Quiz

Name: _____ Date: _____

Instructions: Circle the letter of the best answer for each question.

1) True or False: For a legal (non-drop) serve, the paddle contact must be made below the server's waist and the head of the paddle must not be above the highest part of the wrist at contact.

- A) True
- B) False

2) How many bounces must occur (combined) before either team may volley the ball?

- A) 0
- B) 1
- C) 2
- D) 3

3) Which of these is a fault on the serve?

- A) A serve that lands on any court line except the non-volley zone (NVZ) line
- B) A serve that contacts the non-volley zone (kitchen) line
- C) A serve that lands in the opposite court diagonally
- D) A served ball that bounces once in the receiving court

4) In doubles, at the very start of a new game (the first service sequence), how many players from the serving team get to serve before the service goes to the receiving team if they fault?

- A) Both players on the serving team get to serve
- B) Only the partner who starts serving that game gets one serve opportunity
- C) Neither — the receiving team serves first
- D) The serving team gets three consecutive serves

5) In singles play, if the server's score is 5 (an odd number), from which side does that player serve?

- A) Right-hand court
- B) Left-hand court

Answer Key (for instructor use)

- 1) A
- 2) C
- 3) B
- 4) B
- 5) B

Brief explanations:

- 1) For a standard serve the contact must be below the waist and the paddle head no higher than the wrist (drop serve is an exception).
- 2) Two-bounce rule: one bounce on the serve and one bounce on the return before volleys are allowed.
- 3) A serve that hits the NVZ (kitchen) line is short and a fault; other lines (except NVZ on serve) are in.
- 4) At the start of a new game only the partner who begins serving that game has the initial serve opportunity; on their fault service passes to the receiving team.
- 5) In singles, even scores = serve from right; odd scores = serve from left.