

## **Villages Pickleball Club**

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### New Serving Rules in Pickleball

The major changes coming to pickleball rules for 2021 are related to the serve.

First, "let" serves have been eliminated. If the serve hits the net but then lands properly in the court, it is good and is played. If the receiver calls a "let", that will be a fault against the receiver.

The second big change is the addition of the drop serve, which has been added provisionally. It will be evaluated over the next year for any unexpected outcomes. No one has to use a drop serve, the existing serve remains as is.

If you do try the drop serve here are some details:

The ball must be dropped, not propelled, gravity force only. You can hold your hand at any height to drop the ball. The ball can bounce in the court. The ball is hit after the bounce.

When you hit the drop serve, body and paddle position are not regulated. Rules of the "regular" serve, such as it must be hit underhand, ball contacted below the waist, arm moving in an upward arc and paddle remaining below the wrist, do not apply. The rules for the server's feet position have not changed and are the same for both serves.

These rules become official on January 25.