

PICKLEBALL STRATEGIES

Hello Village Pickleballers! I just learned that the average number of reservations on our courts per week is 60! It is exciting that our brand-new courts are getting so much use by our energetic Pickleballers! Please give Pickleball a try if you haven't! Contact Mike Walias for a Demo to see if you like it. mjw0275@yahoo.com

Would you like to improve your strategy while playing your favorite game? Here are just a few Tips to get you started:

1. Never run backwards to get a ball, as it is easy to get injured. Turn and run back or shuffle sideways to avoid trips or falls.
2. Warm up before playing. Pickleball is active, so stretch for a few minutes before play.
3. Get your serve in. It's better to have a soft serve and develop lobs or fast serves later. If you practice trickier serves during a game and miss the serve, you lose the opportunity to score points.
4. Keep the volley going. Yes, it's fun to slam a ball, but if you hit the net, you lose the point. Be patient....the perfect opportunity will arise.
5. Try to get to the net. The most effective place to stand is close to the kitchen line. You can volley, smash, and dink from here. Standing far back (except on the initial volley) encourages your opponent to dink it over the net, hitting a shot you can't reach (unless you're an Olympic sprinter!)
6. Keep your eye on the ball, in order to hit more accurately.
7. Communicate with your partner. They might not realize a shot is going out of bounds.
8. Learn to dink. Being able to tap the ball over the net when a hot volley is going is fun strategy!
9. Everyone makes bad shots...don't dwell on them!
10. Stay calm and HAVE FUN!

THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF PICKLEBALL ARE YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW!

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