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The **Drop-Bounce Serve** was added by the USAPA this year. The primary rule is it's a drop - the hand releasing the ball cannot move or throw the ball down or it's a fault.

Rule 9.B DROP-BOUNCE SERVE (Provisional Drop Serve). *The server must drop the ball from the hand or the paddle face, with no added force, and hit the ball after the ball bounces. There is no restriction on where the ball bounces. No service motion restrictions apply to a drop-bounce serve. The swing can be made with either a forehand or backhand motion.*

Rule 9.B.1 Fault - Force added to Ball Release. *A fault occurs when the server adds force to the ball to initiate a drop-bounce serve.*

Rule 9.B.2. Replay - Ball Release Not Visible. *A replay must be called before the return of serve if the release of the ball is not visible.*

Notes: The server can switch back and forth between this serve and a traditional NO-BOUNCE serve as often as she wishes during a game. This is a PROVISIONAL rule which will be in effect for one year, then re-evaluated. It may go away in 2022.