

WHAT IS THE SCORE and WHERE SHOULD I BE STANDING?

It is comical (and sometimes annoying) how many times during a game this is our main dilemma. Some of us laugh some frown, and we definitely all waste game play time!

Have you heard: "The score must be even because you were over there before and now you're over here..."? But you might be wondering, WHICH number is even? What does that even mean? And, does that tell you anything anyway?

SECRET #1: Know your starting positions. Figuring out the score is made MUCH easier by knowing which side of the court you and your partner each started the game on. SO, here's the secret: At the beginning of every game, make a point to note which player on each team is starting on the right side of the court (as you're FACING the net).

SECRET #2: If YOU start out serving, the score will ALWAYS be even when you are on the right side of the court. If the SECOND server is on the right, the score is always ODD. So, while playing you might hear: "You're the EVEN server." (Also, this is one of the few situations where it is socially acceptable to call your partner ODD. 😊)

HAPPY SERVING, PICKLEBALLERS!