

PICKLEBALL RULE CHANGES TO LEARN FOR 2022

We hope you are busy playing pickleball and had a wonderful Christmas season! The Official Pickleball Rulebook is reviewed, revised and updated every year. For 2022 there are some important additions, deletions, and other revisions to the rules of pickleball that you should be aware of. These include the following serving and scoring rule changes:

1. CHAINSAW SERVE OUTLAWED-A player may only use his or her non-paddle hand to toss the ball for the serve. No player may use the paddle or paddle hand to toss or otherwise impart spin on the ball. However, a player may use his NON-paddle hand to impart spin on the ball. So, beware of the one-handed spin serve, which will surely make waves in 2022.
2. DROP SERVE IS HERE TO STAY- This is great news to me!! 😊 The drop serve was made as a provisional rule in 2021. After a year of probation, the drop serve is here to stay and is a full rule. It is an alternative serve to the traditional toss serve.
 - *Drop from any natural height—don't throw or toss.
 - * You can drop it several times as long as it's served within the 10 seconds of the score being called.

No matter which of the 2 serves you use, you must serve 10 seconds from the score being called(this is an old rule).
3. VISIBILITY IS A MUST-*On the serve, the receiving player must be able to see the ball on the toss or drop. If the ball was not visible, then there will be replay.*
4. WRONG SCORE CALLED? PLAY ON- *If the wrong score is called, a player cannot stop play after the serve due to the wrong score. Play should continue until the end of the rally and the score correction should be made before the next score. So, if a player stops play after the serve because of wrong score being called, then that player-whoever stopped the rally-would have committed a fault. Also, if there are any comments on the court during a rally about the score, then those should be ignored.*

Please tune in to next week's Villager to learn a few more new 2022 rules!

SEE YOU ON THE COURTS, HOPEFULLY WITH A SMILE! 😊