

Hopefully you're not getting tired of PB tips, because I've been asked to continue giving them!

**1. Return the serve to the middle.**

Have you ever seen two players watch the ball casually bounce past them on a return serve? Hilarious, right? A breakdown in communication in PB often leads to mistakes. So, take advantage of it and hit down the middle.

**2. Don't lob behind immobile or mobility-limited people.**

In recreational play, this is considered by some to be disrespectful. Some even call it a "cheap shot."

**3. Remember to split step.**

Spread out your feet and plant your stance. This gets your entire body planted and ready for the ball. It's also very difficult hitting a ball and moving forward at the same time.

**4. Don't worry about powerful serves.**

If you see someone ripping their serves at mach speed while your serves look more like you're tossing a piece of gum to a buddy, try not to worry about it. Power plays a role in PB, but it's not everything. You're better off focusing on serving deep than serving powerfully.

**5. Only poach in recreational play if your partner is fine with it.**

If your partner is just playing for fun, it could annoy them.

**6. You're going to have off days!**

I can certainly relate to this; sometimes I even have off **weeks!** Pickleball is not a "shoot to the stars" endeavor. The key is to stay calm, stay collected and realize that bad days are going to happen. It's a part of the journey!

**I hope these tips have been helpful, and thank you for reading!**

**We hope you enjoyed last Friday's Dink 'N Drink, and hope you'll show up on May 21-22 to play or support our Tournament players.**

**Have a GREAT week!** 😊