

Top 10 Reasons You Lose More Than You Win

“I sure wish I could win more games! What can I do to improve my chances of winning in Pickleball?” This lament is heard frequently from our Villages Pickleballers. Below are some helpful tips if you are not consistently winning... ten reasons you might be losing more than winning games.

10. Make too many sharp angle shots rather than high percentage shots down the middle of the court that bounce between your opponents.

9. Hit the ball too fast for good placement, and do not give yourself enough leeway for error.

8. Do not play up to the No Volley Zone (Kitchen) line.

7. Do not keep the ball at your opponent's feet as much as possible.

6. Get upset with your excellent partner who has successfully jumped in front of you to win the point. (Although, poaching too often is not encouraged!)

5. Take away your partner's easy forehand shots, with your weaker backhand shots.

4. When your opponent hits a very difficult fast shot at you, try and hit a low percentage sharp angled shot for a winner rather than a defensive shot.

3. Help your opponents by keeping their out balls in play.

2. Frequently miss your return of serve.

1. And the number one reason you will lose more Pickleball games than you win: Frequently miss your serve. Remember, the best players in the world lob their serves. They do not hit hard low serves. If your serve is out, you don't have the opportunity to score a point.

Wishing you a joyful and fun September on the courts, Villagers!!