

PICKLEBALL RULE CHANGES IN 2023

Welcome to a new year, Pickleballers! Let's make 2023 a joyful one...for you and others in your life!

Every year, the New Year brings rule changes by the USA Pickleball committee.

Here are a few new rules/revisions:

1. No More Spin Serve. Sorry, Spin Servers. The spin serve is no longer legal. If you spin the ball as you release it from your hand, it's a replay/re-serve. You can still hit the ball with topspin or slice as long as you follow the other serve rules. The only new restriction is spinning it upon release.
2. Avoid wearing clothing that closely matches the ball color, as this could be a safety or distraction issue.
3. Wrong Score Called: Last year, if you called the wrong score, players had to wait until the end of the rally to draw attention to it. In 2023, we may now stop play *until* the return of serve to correct the score.
4. Who's fault when a player is hit by the ball? Wording got clarified on this rule. When a player is hit by a ball, it's a fault on that player (the one who got hit), even during the serve.
5. You can now ask "Am I good?" Rule 4.B.8 now allows a player to ask a question like "AM I GOOD?" The opponent or ref may then answer whether or not they're in the correct position and the correct server/receiver.

I will continue with new PB rules next week. Happy Pickleballing, Pickleballers!