

## How do Pickleball Rule Changes Happen Every Year?

For 2023, USA Pickleball received 78 rule change proposals, of which only a handful passed.

They publish the proposed changes for public comment. After public comments close, the Rules Committee reviews the proposed changes.

Next, the proposed changes are approved, rejected or reworded. Then the USA Pickleball Board of Directors take over. A final vote is taken on the proposed changes by the Board.

Lasts week's article covered the most important rule changes for 2023.

Here are two more rule changes/revisions:

1. Rule 6.D.8 has had wording revised: An "out" call must be made before the opponent hits the ball or before the ball dies. Otherwise, it is presumed that the ball is still in play.
2. If something a player is wearing or carrying lands on the court, the ball remains in play, even if it hits the item.

On a different note, here is an important reminder for use of the squeegees on the courts after rain. Our rollers are the highest rated way of removing water from the courts.

*Do NOT roll them side to side because that will damage them. They must be used in a circular manner.* Thank you!