

Pickleball Terms

Since we continue to welcome new players to our wonderful Villages Pickleball Club, I thought we'd share a few terms they may or may not be familiar with.

1. **Non-volley zone** (or Kitchen) is the 7-foot section of the net at the front. Players cannot hit balls out of the air if standing in this area.
2. **Backcourt** is the few feet at the back of a court side near the baseline (line at back of court which is 22 feet from the net.)
3. **Double Bounce Rule or Two Bounce Rule**: Both teams must play their first shot after letting the ball bounce. The receiving team must let the serve bounce and the serving team must let the return of the serve bounce before playing it. If this rule is broken, you will hear someone shout "Pickle"!
4. **Volley Shot**: Picks the ball out of the air before it bounces.
5. **Ace**: A serve that is not returned by the opposing team.
6. **Put Away**: A shot that the opponent cannot return.
7. **Line Call**: Calling the ball in or out.
8. **Foot Fault**: When you make an illegal serve or volley because of your foot placement.
9. **Approach shot**: The ball is hit while moving forward towards the net.
10. **Lob**: An extremely high shot that goes over the heads of your opponents and into the backcourt.
The purpose is to make your opponent's run for the ball and lose their positions. (I , for one ,tend to be a Lousy Lobber. Our friend Lobbin' Robyn, however, is excellent)
11. **Slammers**: hit the ball hard and fast.
12. **Dink Shot or Drop Shot**: a soft shot that lands in the non-volley zone.
13. **Poaching**: is where a player will take shots going towards their partner, instead of letting the partner play.

OK, Kids! Practice these terms cuz next week there will be a test! HAHAHA!

