

Pickleball Dictionary

Do you ever hear terms while playing and have no idea what that term means, especially if you're a beginner? Hopefully this article will help you!

Ace: A serve that's not returned. Point is won on serve without being returned.

Backcourt: The area near the baseline (line at back end of court), a few feet inside the court from the baseline.

Backspin: Also called "slice" or "chop". Applying spin to the ball by striking it with high to low motion, causing ball to spin in the direction opposite its flight direction.

Dead ball: A ball is called dead after a fault. The point is over.

Dink shot: A soft shot that arcs over the net and falls into the opposing non-volley zone (kitchen).

Drive: A forehand shot hit straight and low, deep into the opposing backcourt.

Drop shot: A soft shot that clears the net and falls short of the opposing players.

Falafel (what????!:) "dead paddle" of a short shot due to hitting the ball with little or no power.

Fault: Any action that stops play because of a rule violation.

Flabjack: A midair shot that must bounce once before it can be hit during on of the first two shots of any point. After third shot, no bounce is necessary.

Foot fault: On the serve, both feet must be behind the baseline. Also, you may not step into the kitchen or on the kitchen line when volleying the ball.

Groundstroke: Hitting the ball after one bounce (compare to a volley which is hit midair)

Kitchen: another term for the Non-Volley Zone.

Line calls: verbal calls indicating if the ball bounced inbounds or out of bounds. Players can only call the in/out on their side. ***Do not call in or out for balls hit on your opponents' court.***

Stay tuned next week for more Pickleball terms.

****It's not too late to sign up for our final Dink 'N Drink on Sunday, Oct. 22 from 3-6:00 PM. You can sign up on our website until October 15th. It will be a Taco Party!! Have a fabulous week, Villages Picklers!!:*