



YMCA of Bucks and Hunterdon Counties is pleased to offer our members and the community indoor and outdoor pickleball courts at our branches throughout Bucks and Hunterdon Counties. Open play, group lessons and private/semi-private lessons are also available. Courts are available on a scheduled basis - schedules found on our <[website here](#).>

Below are rules for participating in our group play/open play times at our YMCA branches:

### **Pickleball Rules of Participation**

#### **Etiquette**

- To participate in Pickleball, you must be a member of any branch of YMCA of Bucks and Hunterdon Counties.
- Sign-up is required for all sessions through Daxko Operations.
  - Sign-ups can be done in person or online.
  - Quakertown ONLY: No sign-ups required for All Level, Beginner and Advanced sessions
- Only registered players are allowed to participate in any YMCABHC time.
- If you can no longer attend a session, please remove yourself from the roster by contacting the director at your branch.
  - Fairless Hills - Alex Gatto, [agatto@ymcabhc.org](mailto:agatto@ymcabhc.org)
  - Doylestown - Maddy Moore, [mmoore@ymcabhc.org](mailto:mmoore@ymcabhc.org)
  - Quakertown - Kyle Creighton, [kcreighton@ymcabhc.org](mailto:kcreighton@ymcabhc.org)
  - Deer Path - Jacob Gleason, [jgleason@ymcabhc.org](mailto:jgleason@ymcabhc.org)
- All Pickleball sessions will have a waitlist available. Members on the waitlist should not attend sessions. If a spot opens up, the member will be automatically notified by email from the director that they added to the roster.
- Please only attend the times you are registered for. If you come at a time you are not registered for, you will be asked to leave.
- Players must follow our core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility at all times by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- Fighting, cursing, taunting, etc. will not be tolerated. Any incident may result in disciplinary action such as removal from Pickleball or membership termination.

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- Please start and end your play sessions on time. Allow for players to finish a game past their end time, but be courteous when starting a game close to your end time.
  - Players will be asked to end their game if it runs into the next timeslot.
- All-Level Pickleball is for players of all levels. Advanced players and Beginner players are welcome at this time. Advanced pickleball is for those players who are experienced and looking for a higher level of competition; Beginner pickleball is for those “new” to the sport at the novice level.
- Start of Play: Players will begin playing in the order of arrival. Our branches use various systems to keep track of the order throughout the session.
- Once a game finishes, players will move clockwise to the next court. There should be a designated start court and end court. This is to avoid players walking through a group of players playing. Practice common court courtesy.
- Conclude every game by meeting at the net. Acknowledge and congratulate all players with a paddle bump.

## Rules

For a list of all rules, please see the [USAPA website](#) (Add additional information on printed signs)

- Games are played to 11, win by 1.
- The first serve of each side-out is made from the right/even court.
- The server is expected to announce the score before each serve.
- After the ball is served to the opponent, it must bounce once on their side and then bounce once on the server’s side before the ball can be taken out of the air. This is known as the 2 or double bounce rule. Then the rally can begin, and the ball can be hit without a bounce.
- There is a 7 ft. area on each side of the net called the non-volley zone or kitchen. No volleying may happen in this zone. Volleying is prohibited within the non-volley zone (kitchen). This rule prevents players from executing smashes from a position within the zone, It is a fault if, when volleying a ball, the player steps on the non-volley zone (kitchen), including the line and/or when the player’s momentum causes them or anything they are wearing or carrying to touch the non-volley zone (kitchen) including the associated lines. It is a fault if, after volleying, a player is carried by momentum into or touches the non-volley zone (kitchen), even if the volleyed ball is declared dead before this happens. A player may legally be in the non-volley zone (kitchen) any time other than when volleying a ball.

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- Serving Faults are as follows: ball bounces on the same side two times, out of bounds, ball lands outside the marked service boundary, or the ball does not clear the net.
- Players will call the lines only on their side of the net. If partners disagree on a line call, they will give the point/or advantage to the opponents. Do not argue line calls or try to influence calls by your opponents unless asked by them.
- Do not chase your ball on an adjacent court while they are playing a point. Ask them to return your ball after the point is complete, or retrieve it yourself between their points.
- If a ball strays onto your court, call "ball" to stop your point (to avoid injury). Retrieve the stray ball and return it to a player on the court from which it came. Replay the interrupted point.

The above guidelines do not account for every situation. Please contact your Director with questions or suggestions.