

Gwinnett Senior Golden Games

Pickleball



Rules

PLAYERS MUST REGISTER AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE TO BE INCLUDED IN A BRACKET. PLAYERS WILL BE RANDOMLY DRAWN FOR TEAMS. TEAMS WILL PLAY 1 GAME TO 15 POINTS TO ADVANCE IN BRACKET. TEAMS MUST WIN BY 2 POINTS. WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED MEDALS.

******* SOME PLAYERS MAY PLAY EXTRA GAMES TO EVEN UP BRACKET PLAY, BUT THEIR INDIVIDUAL SCORES WILL NOT BE COUNTED. *******

The basic rules of the game include the following:

- The serve can be hit underhanded (below the waist), or drop the ball then hit it. Each team must play the first shot off the bounce. After the ball has bounced once on each side, then both teams can volley the ball in the air or off the bounce.
- The non-volley zone is the 7-foot zone on both sides of the net. This area is also called “The Kitchen”. No volleying is permitted in the non-volley zone unless the ball first bounces in that area. Again, the player must not step on or over the non-volley zone line until the ball first bounces into that area.
- Both players on the serving team are allowed to serve, and a team shall score points only when serving. A game is played to 15 points and a team must win by two points.
- The server must keep both feet behind the base line. The serve is made underhanded. The paddle must contact the ball below the waist. The serve is made diagonally cross court and must clear the non-volley zone.
- Only one serve attempt is allowed. If the served ball hits the net and CLEARS the receiving team’s non-volley zone / KITCHEN LINE, the serve is GOOD. If the served ball hits the net and falls into the non-volley zone or hits the line the serve is a FAULT.
- At the start of each new game, only one player on the first serving team is permitted to serve or fault before giving up the ball to the opponents. Thereafter, both members of each team will serve or fault before the ball is turned over to the opposing team.
- When the receiving team wins the serve, the player in the right hand court will always serve first.
- When the serving team wins a point, the server moves to the other side of the serving team’s court and continues to serve.

**** ALL LINES ARE PLAYABLE EXCEPT THE NON-VOLLEY ZONE LINE ON THE SERVE ****

Pickleball Event Format

- Mixed-up Doubles Format.... meaning that teams may consist of any two

participants – two males or two females or mixed.

- You will have a new partner for each game so there is no need to sign up with a partner.
- Scoring will be recorded per individual within age groups.

Final formats related to partner selection and scoring will be determined by the number of entrants.

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