

Pickleball: additional research notes

A paddleball sport similar to racquet sport. Combines bits of tennis, badminton, & table tennis.

Invented in the mid-1960s as a children's backyard game.

2 or 4 players.

Wooden paddles and rubber ball.

Dimensions and layout similar to badminton court.

Net and rules similar to tennis.

Court is 20 × 44 feet for both doubles and singles.

Net is hung at 36 inches on ends, and 34 inches at centre.

Only the serving side can score a point. Point scored when one team commits a fault:

Faults:

- Not returning serve into opponent's diagonal service box
- Not hitting ball over net
- Not hitting ball before 2nd bounce
- Hitting ball out of bounds
- Volleying ball on the service return
- Volleying ball on the first return by the serving side
- Stepping into non-volley zone (the first seven feet from net) while volleying

The first side to 11 points with lead of at least 2 points wins

If tied at 10 points, first side to go ahead by two points wins