

# SINGLES PICKLEBALL RULES – CHEAT SHEET (2026)

## SERVING SIDE

Even (0,2,4,6...)	RIGHT side
Odd (1,3,5,7...)	LEFT side

 Start at 0-0 (even) on the right. Win a point → switch sides.

## SINGLES vs DOUBLES

Rule	Singles	Doubles
Court lines	Inner sidelines	Outer sidelines
Serving turns	1 per side	2 per side
Score call	Two numbers (3-2)	Three numbers (3-2-1)
Server rotation	Side-out after fault	Partner serves after fault
Kitchen & faults	Same	Same

## SCORING CALLS

0-0	“Zero – zero”
3-1	“Three – one”
5-4	“Five – four”
10-10	“Ten – ten”

 Only TWO numbers. No server number.

## 2026 RULE UPDATES

- Rally scoring: either player can score game-winning point
- Second ball from pocket = fault
- No finger-spinning on serve
- Immediate “out” call required
- No spectator help (must not ask)
- Adaptive Standing Division (two bounces allowed)

## TOP 5 MUST-KNOW RULES

1. One serve per side – no second chance.
2. Serve from right when your score is even.
3. Call only two numbers before you serve.
4. Stay out of the kitchen when volleying.
5. Play to 11, win by 2.