

As our beloved sport evolves, so too do its rules—and Pickler Pickleball is here to keep you up to speed. In this section, we'll explore some additional Pickleball rule changes that aren't in the spotlight, but are just as important in ensuring our game stays fresh, fair, and fun for everyone.

## **Contact with the Non-Volley Zone: A Detailed Look**

We all remember those days when players were casually slapping the kitchen line during their follow-through, right? Well, it's time to say goodbye to that era. Here's a closer look at how the USA Pickleball 2022 rule changes have tightened the rules surrounding the non-volley zone.

- The "old" rule: Previously, players touching the non-volley (kitchen) zone during a follow-through were allowed to continue playing.
- The "new" rule: Any player who volleys and then touches the non-volley (kitchen) zone during their follow-through will now receive a fault.
- The impact: This change encourages players to be more precise with their strokes and reinforces the importance of developing excellent footwork and control.

## **Embracing the New Wave of Serving: An In-Depth Analysis**

The age of strictly diagonal serves has come to an end, thanks to the Pickleball rule changes that have revolutionized serving. Ready to level up your serve game? Here's everything you need to know:

- The "old" rule: Players had to serve diagonally into a designated box.
- The "new" rule: Players can now serve to any part of the court, provided they're behind the baseline.
- The impact: This change opens up a whole new realm of strategic possibilities and puts more emphasis on a strong, varied serve game to keep opponents guessing.

## **Received Signals Rule Changes: Adjusting Our Expectations**

Following the 2021 Pickleball rules changes, there's been a significant shift in the relationship between server legality and receiver readiness. Want to make sure you're prepared? Let's take a closer look at how this adjustment affects gameplay:

- The "old" rule: The server's legality depended on the receiver's readiness.
- The "new" rule: If the server serves while the receiver is signaling that they're "not ready," it's no longer considered a fault.
- The impact: Players must now be on high alert and ensure that they're always prepared for the server's serve. This change calls for heightened reflexes and anticipation from both sides of the court.

As we embrace the future of Pickleball rules, it's essential to stay informed and be ready to adapt our gameplay. With every rule that's introduced or changed, we refine our skills and deepen our understanding of the sport. So keep practicing, have fun, and stay tuned for more updates on all things Pickleball.