

TVPBC Rule Questions				
<i>Question</i>	<i>Answer</i>	<i>Rule</i>		
What is a volley?	Hitting the ball before it bounces	0		
What is the difference between a volley serve and a drop serve?	A volley serve is hit out of the air, a drop serve bounces before being hit.	0		
What happens if an errant ball comes onto your court during play?	Yell "BALL" and stop play immediately. The point will be replayed.	0		
What is another name for the "kitchen"?	Non-Volley Zone (NVZ)	0		
Name three Pickleball Safety Precautions.	(see list)	00		
What do you do if a ball is hit from your court onto another court where a game is in progress?	Yell "BALL".	00		
Court and Equipment				
Which lines around the service receiving box are in and which are out?	The non-volley zone lines are out, all other lines are in. All lines that bound the non-volley zone are part of that zone.	3	A	4c
Calling the Score				
How can the receiving team notify the serving team they are not ready for the serve?	Raise the paddle above your head, raise your non-paddle hand above your head, call "Time" or completely turn you back toward the server.	6	A	1
If you are the first server of the game, what is the score you call?	0-0-2	6	B	2
If a server calls 5-4-1, what do each of the numbers mean?	Serving team has 5 points, receiving team has 4 points, this is the serving teams first serve.	6	B	2
Serving				
What could be a fault on your serve?	Being in contact with the court when the ball is hit, or being in contact with the playing surface outside the correct serving	7	A	2
If the servers foot makes contact with the base line as he hits the ball, is it a fault?	Yes.	7	A	2
If the server steps onto the court immediately after serving, is it a fault?	No.	7	A	3
May you spin the ball with your hand as you serve?	No.	7	B	2
If the receiver of a serve cannot see the actual release of the ball from the server's hand, what are they allowed to do?	The receiver may call for a replay, but only before the return or serve.	7	B	3
On a volley serve, is the server allowed to have a level swing at the ball?	No. The servers paddle must be moving in a clear upward arc when the paddle contacts the ball.	7	C	1
Where should the paddle head be when making contact with the ball on a volley serve?	The highest part of the paddle head must clearly not be above the highest part of the server's wrist joint.	7	C	2
What is the maximum height of the ball when the paddle makes contact with it on a volley serve?	No higher than the servers waist.	7	C	3
Is a backhand serve allowed?	Yes. The serve can be made with a forehand or backhand motion.	7	C	4
On a drop serve, is the server allowed to pitch it slightly to the side as they release it to compensate for wind?	No. The ball must not be propelled in any direction.	7	D	2

How many times is the ball allowed to bounce on a drop serve?	There is no restriction on how many times the ball can bounce.	7	D	3
With a drop serve, is the ball in or out if it hits the baseline when you drop it?	In. There is no restriction on where the ball can bounce.	7	D	4
If a serve hits an opposing player, which team gets the point?	Serving team.	7	E	5
If the serve hits the net but still clears the non-volley zone, is it a good serve if it still lands in the correct receiving area?	Yes.	7	E	
If a serve hits the baseline on the receiver's side of the court, is it a good serve?	Yes.	7	E	
Line Calls				
Who makes the line calls in a doubles game?	Players call "out calls" for all lines on their side of the court	8	A	
If you think your opponent made a bad line call, what do you do?	Nothing, forget it.	8	A	
If the ball is very close to the line, but you are not absolutely certain if it is in or out, what do you call?	ALL questionable calls must be made in favor of your oponent. (It is in)	8	D	
How do you determine if a questionable ball should be called in or out?	Any ball that cannot be promptly called out must be considered in.	8	D	
Should a line call be audible or visual?	Either.	8	F	
May a player override their partner's line call?	Yes, but only to their disadvantage.	8	G	
When partners disagree on a line call, what is the final call.	The ball will be considered in.	8	H	
Can you ask your opponent for their opinion on a line call?	Yes, but when your opponent tells you their call, that call will stand.	8	I	
Can you ask someone there watching the game for their opinion on an "out" call?	No. Spectators must not be consulted on any call.	8	J	
Dead Ball, Faults, and Hinders				
If your partner makes a fault, should you call it?	Yes.	9	B	2
Can you call a fault on yourself?	Yes.	9	B	2
What faults are you allowed to call on your opponents?	NVZ faults and Service Foot Faults	9	B	3
Rally Situations				
What is the "two bounce rule"?	After serving, the ball must bounce on the receiving team's side and then back on the serving team's side.	10	A	
Non-Volley Zone Infractions				
What is the call if something falls from a player into the NVZ while volleying (such as sunglasses or a hat)?	It is a fault.	11	A	1
If a player's momentum causes them to contact the NVZ after they hit the volley, is that a fault?	Yes. When a volleying player's momentum carries them in the NVZ, even after the ball becomes dead, it is a fault.	11	A	2
If a volley comes to you before you can exit the NVZ, are you allowed to hit it?	No. After contacting the NVZ, a player must have both feet contact the playing surface completely outside the NVZ before they are allowed to volley.	11	A	3
Can you step into the NVZ to hit the ball?	Yes, if it has bounced, but you cannot volley from the NVZ.	11		
