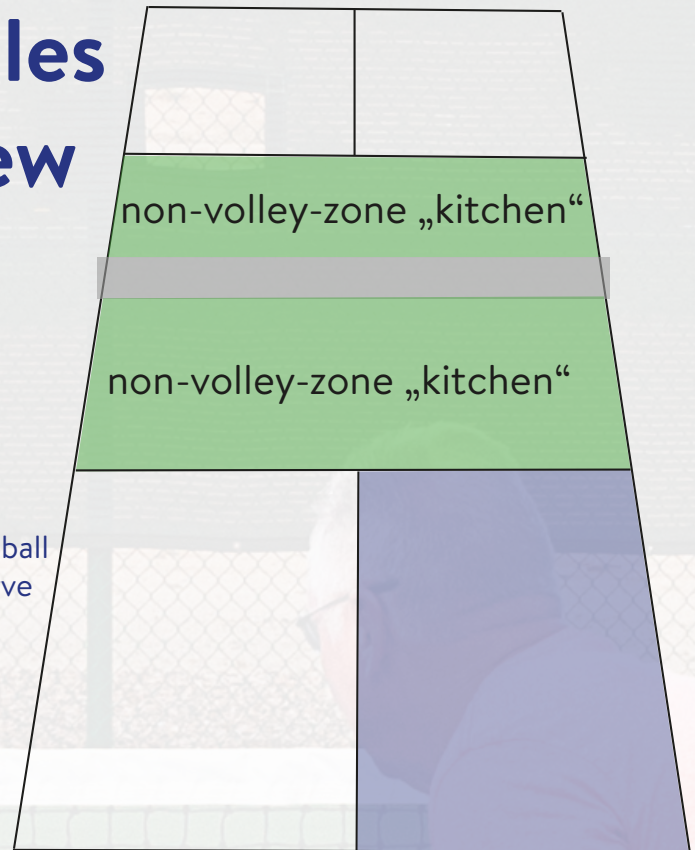


# Pickleball- rules overview



## Who begins the game?

Just throw a coin and the winner decides if s/he wants to start with the serve.

## How does the serve work?

The service needs to be done from below. One has to stand behind the line (of the blue zone). The ball has to be taken on the fly, BUT below waist. The first serve must be done from the right side, diagonally behind the non-volley-zone of the opponent (blue zone).

## What happens after the serve?

The opponent may return the ball after the ball has touched the ground. This is also obligatory for the hit after the first return (the so called third hit).

**This is the „double-bounce-rule“.** Now the game can „start“.

## In the „non-volley-zone“

You may take the ball in the non-volley-zone as volley, BUT ONLY if you DON'T stand in this zone. If you have a part of your foot in this zone, the ball must bounce before you hit it.

## How is the counting? Who has won?

Only the one / the team that serves, can win the point. One can make the point, ...  
 ... if the ball bounces more than once on one side.  
 ... if the ball is thrown in the out by the opponent/s.  
 ... if the ball is thrown in the net by the opponent/s.

One game is played up to 11 points, with a difference of 2 points (11:9).

Counting IN DOUBLES is done with three numbers:

- the first number shows the points of Team 1, die erste Ziffer zeigt die Punkte des Team 1,
- the second number shows the points of Team 2,
- the third number shows who of the team is to serve (if double is played).

Counting IN SINGLES is just normal until 11 points.

**Have lots of fun!**  
Your Tennis Point Vienna Team