

## **Alternate Rulebook?**

Did you know there is an **Alternate Rulebook** for pickleball? No, it does not include rally scoring, elimination of the no-volley zone, and overhand serves. What it does do is put the rules into a simplified format, divided into 3 parts, with Part I being an ***Introduction to Pickleball***, Part II the ***General Rules of Play***, and Part III rules for ***Tournament Play***.

This Alternate Rulebook is a complete representation of all of the official rules, reorganized into a simpler and more logical format. The rules in Parts I & II apply to all play, both recreational and tournament, while Part III separates out those that are specific or unique to tournament play. For example, no-volley zone faults and serving rules are included in Part II and apply to both recreational and tournament play. On the other hand, rules on Technical Warnings and Fouls, Tournament Director and Referee responsibilities, and appeals to the referee or TD are included in Part III, since they are not applicable outside of the structure of a tournament.

Additionally, the faults associated with each specific rule are grouped under that rule rather than being in separate sections, making it easier to associate a rule with potential violations.

The 2021 Official Rulebook will be used as the reference during tournaments. The Alternate Rulebook can be used in any venue other than tournaments, without restriction. Non-tournament players can more easily access the rules they should know for recreational play in the 24 pages of Parts I & II of the Alternate Rulebook rather than wading through 71 pages of the Official Rulebook.

The Alternate Rulebook will be subject to a one-year trial period, during which comments on the format, organization, and content are being solicited. Comments should be directed to [alternaterulebook@usapickleball.org](mailto:alternaterulebook@usapickleball.org).

The feedback received from the pickleball community will help USA Pickleball determine the future direction of the Rulebook. It is anticipated that there will be only one Rulebook in 2022.

Here is a link to the Alternate Rulebook: <https://usapickleball.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2021-Alternate-Rulebook-12-16-20-FINAL.pdf>