



Mini-Singles Format Instructions

1. The Basics

- A. Mini-Singles is played on a standard pickleball court.
- B. An additional line must be provided that extends the centerline of the court through each non-volley zone. The color of this line is not required to be the same as the other court lines (e.g., if tape is used for the centerline extension.)
- C. Except as otherwise provided herein, Mini-Singles is played according to the same rules as Singles.
- D. The unique feature of Mini-Singles is that at each end, only one of the two courts (i.e., the right [even] or the left [odd] court) is “in play” during a rally. The courts that are in play are determined by the required player positions (see 2.B below).

2. Player Positions

- A. Each player’s position is determined by their individual score. This applies at all times, whether the player is serving or receiving.
- B. When a player’s score is even, the player plays from the right (even) court and that is the court that is in play at that end. When the player’s score is odd, the player plays from the left (odd) court and that is the court that is in play at that end.

NOTE: This means that some rallies will be played:

- Cross-court from the right (even) courts (e.g., when the score is 0-0, 2-6, 8-2, etc.)
- Cross-court from the left (odd) courts (e.g., when the score is 1-1, 3-7, 9-5, etc.)
- Directly across from each other from the server’s right (even) court to the receiver’s left (odd) court (e.g., when the score is 0-1, 2-5, 8-7, etc.), or
- Directly across from each other from the server’s left (odd) court to the receiver’s right (even) court (e.g., when the score is 1-0, 3-6, 7-2, etc.)

3. Basic Play and Boundary of the In-Play Courts

- A. Each player’s shot must land in bounds of the opponent’s court that is in play.
- B. The baseline and outer sideline determine two of the three boundaries of the in-play court.
- C. Because only one of the courts at an end is in play during a rally (i.e., either the right [even] court or the left [odd] court), the centerline of the pickleball court, including the portion that extends through the non-volley zone, effectively serves as the other sideline of the in-play court.