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Assembly Instructions

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Please follow the instructions below for correct assembly.

Pickleball

BASIC RULES:

Pickleball is a fun paddle game played either as doubles or singles. The same rules apply for both.

- You score a point when your side is serving and the opponent faults (makes a mistake). You continue to serve and score points until your side faults.
- Once the serving side faults, the serve goes to the opposing side. When playing doubles, the serving side gets to make two faults before the serve goes to the opposing side.
- When returning the serve, the opposing team must make a ground stroke (letting the ball bounce once before hitting). Then the serving team must also let the ball bounce before returning it. This is the **Double Bounce Rule**.
- After these first two returns, volleying the ball (hitting before it has bounced) is allowed.
- You cannot volley a ball while standing within the 7-foot non-volley zone next to the net, also referred to as “the kitchen.” You can only hit a ball from the kitchen if it has bounced there. This prevents smashes from the net.
- Games are generally played to 11 and you must win by a minimum of 2 points.

SERVING:

- The first serve is decided by a coin toss. The winner chooses whether they begin to serve or their opponent.
- You must serve underhand and contact the ball below your waist.
- The server must be at least one foot behind the baseline and neither foot can touch the baseline or court until after the ball has been hit.
- Unlike tennis, you only get one serve attempt unless you hit the ball into the net and it lands on the other side in the proper service court (known as a “let”). Then you get a do-over.
- The server starts from behind the right court for the first serve and serves diagonally to bounce within the opponent’s service court, behind the kitchen. The ball cannot land on the line between the kitchen and the service court.
- On the following serves, you alternate courts. You serve from the right side of the court when your score is even and from the left side when your score is odd.

DOUBLES SERVING:

- When playing doubles, both players on each team get to serve until they commit a fault.
- Once the first server on the team loses the serve, their teammate is allowed to serve. They move to serve from the same side of the court their partner had last served from.
- When the second server on the team loses the serve, the serve goes to the opposing team.
- The only exception is the first serve of each game, when only one player from the starting team gets to serve before it passes to the other team.

FAULTS:

A fault can happen when...

- You hit the ball and it lands out of bounds. Balls hitting the lines are allowed.
- You hit the ball into the net.
- You allow the ball to bounce twice on your side of the court.
- On your side’s first hit, you hit the ball before it bounces.
- You volley the ball while standing in the kitchen.
- Immediately after hitting a volley, your next step is into the kitchen or on the kitchen line.
- Your serve does not land within the diagonal receiving court or lands on the kitchen line.
- You touch the net or the net post when the ball is in play, including with your clothing or paddle.
- A ball in play strikes you or your clothing.
- A ball in play strikes any permanent object before bouncing on the court.

Awesome!

You did it!

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