

Addendum to USAPA Rulebook dated April 1, 2009

Changes to the Rulebook are noted below in bold and underlined text.

2.D.2. Size. The official ball shall be **2 ¾ inches (6.99 cm)** to 3 inches (7.62 cm) in diameter.

2.E.1. Material. The paddle may be made of any material judged safe **and not prohibited in these rules. The paddle shall be made of relatively rigid, non-compressible material meeting the specifications of the “Paddle Material Specifications” document on the USAPA website.**

2.E.3. Size. The combined length and width including any edge guard and butt cap shall not exceed **24 inches (60.96 cm).**

2.E.6. Prohibited Surface Features and Mechanical Features

2.E.6a. Anti-skid paint or any paint textured with sand, rubber, particles, or any material that causes additional spin.

2.E.6.b Rubber and synthetic rubber

2.E.6.c Sandpaper

2.E.6.d Moving parts that can increase head momentum

2.E.6.e Springs or spring-like material

2.E.6.f Flexible membranes or any compressible material that creates a trampoline effect.

2.E.6.g Electrical, electronic, or mechanical assistance of any sort.

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4.B. Server Position. At the beginning of the serve, both feet must be behind the baseline. At the time the ball is struck, at least one foot must be on the court surface or ground behind the baseline and the server's feet may not touch the court surface in an area outside the confines of the serving area. The serving area is defined as the area behind the baseline and on or between the imaginary lines extended from the court centerline and each sideline.

4.C. The Serve. The ball must be struck before it hits the **playing area**.

5.B.3. The team's points will be even when the **game's** starting server is on the right-hand side. Points will be odd when the **game's** starting server is on the left-hand side.

Added to Section 5, USAPA Comments: **In tournament play, unless asked, the referee shall not correct player positions until a service sequence fault has occurred by a serving or receiving team.**

14.A.1. In all USAPA sanctioned tournaments the tournament director will provide some method of identifying each team's beginning server for each game. This identification must be visible to all on the court during play. Refusal to wear this identification will result in the forfeiture of the match.

14.H.4. A player **or team** receiving 2 technical fouls in a match shall automatically forfeit that match.

Changes to the Rules of the International Federation of Pickleball (IFP)

April 1, 2011

Changes to the Rulebook are noted below in bold and underlined text.

Revised paragraphs 2.A.2, 2.A.3, 4.B, 4.C, 6.C, 6.D.12 and 7.J. The terms “playing area”, “court surface”, and “floor” were changed to “**playing surface**” to be consistent in the use of terms.

2.E.2. Surface. The paddle hitting surface shall not contain holes, indentations, rough texturing, tape, **features that are reflective**, or any objects or features that allow a player to impart additional or increased spin on the ball.

Added Comment: **IFP Comment: A paddle surface is too reflective, if in the judgment of the tournament director or designee, it reflects sunlight or court lights in a way that is distracting to the players.**

3.I. Fault – A fault is any action that stops play ~~or creates~~ **because of** a rules violation.

3.P. ~~One-Hand-Out~~ Second Serve – A term used to describe the condition when a serving team **begins the game or subsequently** loses the first of its two allocated serves.

3.V. Service Court – The area on either side of the centerline, bounded by the non-volley line, ~~and~~ the baseline, **and the sideline. All lines are included in the service court except the non-volley line.**

Paragraph 7: A fault is any action that stops play ~~or creates a violation of the rules~~ **because of a rule violation.**

Comment under 7.G: IFP Comment: If the ball in play hits a permanent object after it has bounced on the court, the player who hit the ball wins the ~~point~~ **rally**. If the ball in play hits a permanent object before it bounces on the court, ~~the player who hit the ball loses the point~~ **it is a fault.**

Paragraph 12.A was reworded for emphasis. There is no intended change in meaning.

Added Paragraph: **12.J.5 When net systems have a horizontal bar that may include a center base: If the ball hits the horizontal bar or the center base before going over the net, it is a fault. If the ball goes over the net and then hits the horizontal bar, the ball is still in play. If the ball goes over the net and then hits the center base or the ball gets caught between the net and the horizontal bar before touching the court, it is a let and must be replayed.**

Added Paragraph: **13.A.6. Pool Play. The participants are divided into two or more pools. Each pool plays a roundrobin to determine the qualifiers that get into a single-elimination or double-elimination playoff.**