

Pickleball Scoring

To understand pickleball scoring basics, you need to know a couple of rules.

- **Fault:** A loss of the rally resulting in a point for the opposing team, a loss of serve (from the first serve to second, serve), or a side out.
- **Side Out:** When a singles player or doubles team loses its serve(s), and service is awarded to the opposing side.
- **Rally:** Continuous play that occurs after the service and before a fault.

The right side of the court is the even side, and the left side of the court is the odd. After a side out or at the start of the game, the serve always starts on the even side.

About those three numbers called out when serving a pickleball just remember **Me, You and Who**.

1. Me: The serving team's score -- say this number first.
 2. You: The servers opponents score -- say this number second.
 3. Who: Which server on the serving team is serving -- say this number third.
- It's usually the WHO of the pickleball score that confuses people and the server will be either a one or two.
 - After a side out, the server which is standing on the right (even) side of the court will serve first and if the serving team wins a rally, they score a point.
 - After winning a point, the serving team switches sides of the court, i.e., even to odd, and the same person serves again.
 - If that team wins a point, the same person continues to serve.
 - They will remain the number 1 server in that series until the serving team loses a rally by committing a fault.
 - When the team commits a fault and loses a rally, the other player on the team gets a chance to serve.
 - Once the serving team commits another fault and loses a rally, it's a side out for their opponents, and the same sequence begins.
 - Just remember, when a side-out occurs, the WHO starts all over. Whoever the player is that's standing in the even or the right side of the box is server one, and the odd side will be server two, for that serving series.
 - There is one exception to each team getting two serves >>>>> That's the first service series of the game.

All games begin with a score of 0-0-2 or 0-0-Start and the game always starts in the Northwest Corner of the court.