

SCC PICKLEBALL CLUB

TOP 10 NEW MEMBER FAQs



- 1. Where can I get a paddle?** Paddles are available from club member Neal Nightingale at 813-633-2436, or a number of online sources can be found in the links section of our club's website www.pickleball.suncityctr.org
- 2. What are the rules?** Rules are posted on the SCC Pickleball Club's bulletin board or can be downloaded from at www.usapa.org/officialrules
- 3. Why three numbers for the score?** The first number is the server's score. The second number is the receiver's score. That last number just tells you who is serving. After the initial service, each player on the team gets to serve, so that third number is either 1 (first server) or 2 (second server.)
- 4. The ball has to bounce sometimes, but not always?** For every serve, the ball must bounce once on the receiver's side and then once more when it is returned to the server's side. After those first two bounces the ball can be hit in the air. The only exception—you can't stand in "the kitchen" (the 7 foot "non-volley zone" in front of the net) and hit the ball before it bounces.
- 5. When is the game over?** We play to 11, but the winning team must win by 2.
- 6. Why do all of the players go to the net when the game's over?** Games may get very competitive, but we're all here to get exercise and have fun, too. When the game is over the players go to the net, bump fists, and make nice—good game, great volleys, what a comeback, etc.
- 7. How do I get into a game?** When a game is over, players on the court must look to see if others are waiting. They'll yell court open, next?, etc. Those waiting can then rotate in. If you're waiting on the bench, though, stand up and make sure that those on the court know that you want to play.
- 8. How much are the dues?** The current annual membership fee is \$26.
- 9. What does that money get me?** Club activities include daily games, tournaments and various social events; check the bulletin board for upcoming events. The club supplies balls and guest paddles. Most importantly, members have access to the courts during the prime times from 7:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
- 10. What's the pickle have to do with it?** Pickles was the family dog of one of the co-inventors of pickleball. Pickles would chase after the errant balls and then hide in the bushes. Pickle's ball was later shortened to Pickleball.