

XAVIER

INTRAMURALS

Pickleball Rules

General Information

- 1) All participants must have their current valid XU ID card with them
- 2) All participants must arrive prior to the start time

Eligibility Requirements

- 1) Intramurals are open to current Xavier students, faculty, and staff with XU ID.
- 2) 2v2 pickleball should be played with 2 persons on each team. A roster may have more than 2, but each game should have the 2 players designated (no subbing).

Equipment

- 1) XUIM's will provide paddles and balls to be used for gameplay. Players may supply their own paddles. A different ball may be used, as long as both teams agree to it. Otherwise, XUIM equipment shall be used.
- 2) Players should wear non-marking athletic shoes.

The Game

- 1) The ball is served diagonally to the opponent's service court underhanded without bouncing it off the court.
- 2) Points are scored by the serving side only and occur when the opponent faults (fails to return the ball, hits ball out of bounds, etc.). The server continues to serve, alternating service courts, until the serving side faults. The first side scoring 15 points and leading by at least a 2-point margin wins. If both sides are tied, then play continues until one side wins by 2 points.
- 3) Double Bounce Rule: Following the serve, each side must make at least one ground-stroke, prior to volleying the ball (hitting it before it has bounced).
- 4) Non-Volley Zone: A player cannot volley a ball while standing within the non-volley zone. • The nonvolley zone is the area of the court bounded by the two sidelines, the non-volley line, and the net. The non-volley line and the sidelines are included in the non-volley zone.
- 5) A ball that contacts any line, except the non-volley zone line on a serve, is considered "in"
- 6) Games are self-officiated. Any disputes should result in a replay of point. A staff member from XUIM's may have any final decision.

Scoring

- 1) Points are scored only by the serving team.
- 2) Games will be played to 11 points, win by 2.
- 3) When the serving team's score is even (0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10) the player who was the first server in the game for that team will be in the right-side court when serving or receiving; when odd (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) that player will be in the left-side court when serving or receiving.

Faults

- 1) A fault is any action that stops play because of a rule violation.
- 2) A fault by the receiving team results in a point for the serving team.
- 3) A fault by the serving team results in the server's loss of serve or side out.

How to play Pickleball: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTvPYdKZqO0>

SPORTSMANSHIP

Sportsmanship is vital to the success of each and every program we offer to the university community. In order to encourage proper conduct before, during and after a scheduled contest, the Intramural Sports Department has developed a rating system. The rating procedure is as follows:

Acceptable Rating (3)

The team exhibits respect and cooperation and sporting behavior towards all sport programs staff, teammates, and opponents. The team has no issues or minor disagreements with the judgement of the officials. Captain demonstrates control over spectators, teammates, and him/herself.

Average Rating (2)

The team exhibits some respect and cooperation towards all sports programs staff, teammates, and opponents. The team has several minor disagreements with the judgement of the officials. Captain demonstrates mild or little control over spectators, teammates, and him/herself. Teams receiving one unsportsmanlike penalty fall into this category as well.

Unacceptable Rating (1)

The team does not exhibit respect and cooperation with unsporting behavior towards any sport programs staff, teammates, and opponents. The team displays issues and disagreements with officials. Captain demonstrates no control over spectators, teammates, and him/herself. Teams receiving more than one unsportsmanlike penalty fall into this category as well.

If a team receives two unacceptable ratings in a season, the team will be removed from the league and have to meet with the Sports Programs Office. Teams may face additional suspension and sanctions for one unacceptable rating depending on the situation and severity of the incident.