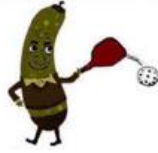


PICKLEBALL



Pickle's Tip of the Month - 7 ***"Come to the Party!"***

Eighty percent of the points scored in Pickle Ball are won at the net (NVZ line)...which means that 80% of the points are lost somewhere else on the court. It is easy to see that this game is a game of percentages!

Your **#1** goal, whether the serving team or the receiving team is to get to and control the net! Assuming all four players are of equal ability, when they are at the net, they all are in a **neutral** position...and there is a 50/50 chance that you will win a point. If one team is at the net, while the other team is somewhere back on their side, the team at the net is now on **offense**, while the team that is back is on **defense**. The odds are now changed dramatically as the team at the net (**offense**) has a 70% chance of winning the point, while the team back on **defense** has only a 30% chance of winning the point.

If you are back on **defense** your goal should not be to try to win a point (the odds are against you)...your goal is to get back to the net, get back to **neutral** where you have a better chance of winning a point.

In any game of Pickle Ball, you must use shots and strategies that will give you the best chance of getting to the net and winning the point...long, deep serve...deep, floating return of serve...third shot soft into the NVZ.

Almost all of our tips are designed to get you to the net, and keep you there, giving you the best opportunity to win a point.

The numbers confirm it; the "game" is at the net, **so come to the party!**