

# Basic Padel Rules

## Format

Padel is generally played in pairs as doubles.

## Scoring

Padel uses the same scoring system as tennis.

## Service

With regard to the serve, the following rules apply:

- In padel, all play begins with an underarm serve from the right service court. into the opponent's court diagonally across, similar to tennis.
- The server must allow the ball to bounce once before hitting it and the ball. must be hit at or below waist level.
- The server must keep at least one foot on the ground when hitting the serve.
- The server's feet may not touch or cross the service line while serving.
- Contact with the ball across the centre service line is allowed.
- The serve must land in the opponent's service box.
- If the ball bounces in the service box and strikes the side or back wall, it is a valid serve and must be played by the opposing player.
- If the ball hits the net then bounces in the service box and strikes the side or back wall, it is a let and must be replayed.

- If the ball lands in the service box and hits the wire fencing, it is considered a fault.
- If the ball hits the net then lands in the service box and hits the wire fencing, it is considered a fault.
- In padel as in tennis, you get a second serve.

## What's In

The following are allowed:

- The lines are considered in play only during the initial serve.
- Otherwise, they are not a factor in determining the outcome of each point in the game.
- All players are permitted to play a ball off any of the walls on their own side of the court.

## What's Out

The opposition wins a point if:

- The ball bounces twice in any area on your side of the court.
- The ball strikes you or your teammate while in play.
- The ball hits the wire fencing, posts or any other fixture before going over the net or landing on the opponent's court.
- The ball hits the wire fence or walls before bouncing on the opponent's side of the court.

## Volleys

The ball can be taken out of the air by any player except on the initial serve and the return of serve.