

# SkyBall™ Official Rulebook

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## 1. Introduction

SkyBall™ is an exciting racket sport that combines elements of tennis and pickleball. This rulebook governs **all official SkyBall™ matches and tournaments**.

All sanctioned events must abide by these rules unless otherwise authorized in writing by JBC Ventures LLC.

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## 2. Court Specifications & Equipment

- **Court Size:** 44 feet long x 20 feet wide (singles & doubles)
- **Net Height:** 34 inches at center, 36 inches at sidelines
- **Racquets:** 21-inch stringed racquets (textured or hexagonal strings prohibited)
- **Balls:** High-density foam balls approved by SkyBall™

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## 3. Match Formats

- **SkyBall Quickplay:** Single game to 11 points (win by 2)
  - **Tournament Play:** Best-of-3, best-of-5, or best-of-7 games (win by 2)
  - Players/teams change ends:
    - After every game in multi-game matches
    - In Quickplay matches or the final game of a series: every **multiple of 6 total points** scored in the game (e.g., 6–0, 2–4, 1–5, 10–2, 12–12).
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## 4. Match Start & Side Selection

- Matches begin with a **coin toss**.
  - **Winner of the toss** chooses either:
    - To serve first, **or**
    - Which side of the court to start on.
  - The **loser of the toss** chooses the remaining option.
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## 5. Serving Rules

### 5.1 General

- Only **one serve attempt** per point.
- Serves touching the net and landing in the correct service area are “**lets**” and must be replayed.
- The returner must allow the serve to bounce before hitting it.

### 5.2 Serving

#### 5.2.1 Standard Play Option

- Serve **underhand only**.
- Serve crosscourt anywhere in bounds (including kitchen in adapted pickleball courts).

#### 5.2.2 Service Box Option

- Any serve style allowed.
- Must land in the diagonal service box (between 12-foot service line and the net).

### 5.3 Official Play Serving Sequence *(Mandatory for Official/Tournament Play)*

- The **first serve** of the match is delivered by the server **standing on the left side** of their baseline.
  - The **first server** serves only **one point**, then service passes to the opposing team/player, who begins serving from the **right side**.
  - **Even-numbered point totals** (0–0, 1–1, 2–0, etc.) are served from the **left side**.
  - **Odd-numbered point totals** (0–1, 1–0, 2–1, etc.) are served from the **right side**.
  - Including after the initial serve of the match, the serve always switches for **odd-numbered point totals**.
  - The **first serve after each side change** (following a game) resumes on the left side.
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## 6. Scoring System

- Games are played to **11 points, win by 2**.
  - The **initial serving player** serves **one point**; thereafter, service alternates in **two-point increments** (except where modified by tournament format).
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## 7. Gameplay Regulations

- After the serve, the receiving side must make at least **one groundstroke** before volleying the ball.
  - If a player releases their racquet to make a shot, the shot counts if the racquet does not land on the opponent's side or hit the net during the live point.
  - If the ball contacts any part of a player's body during a live point, that player loses the point.
  - If the ball contacts any part of a line, it is considered in.
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## 8. Doubles Specific Rules

- At least **one player from each team** must be standing **within the court bounds** (not in an out-of-bounds area) until the ball bounces in the court.
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## 9. Faults

A fault results in loss of the point. Faults include:

- Ball hit out of bounds
- Ball fails to clear net
- Ball bounces twice before being hit

- Serve lands outside correct service area
  - Player (or player's racquet) touches the net or enters opponent's court during play
  - Reaching over the net to hit the ball before it crosses to your side
  - Foot fault on serve (server steps on or over baseline before contact)
  - Double hit (ball hit twice in one stroke)
  - Carry (ball held on racquet strings during stroke)
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## 10. Tournament Oversight

- Any tournament held under the SkyBall™ name must be approved by **JBC Ventures LLC**.
  - Tournament directors must be approved by **JBC Ventures LLC** and SkyBall™.
  - Approved tournament directors are responsible for:
    - Ensuring all matches follow this official rulebook.
    - Acting in the **spirit of SkyBall™** to make fair, reasonable decisions in situations not explicitly covered by the rules.
    - Maintaining player safety, fair play, and sportsmanship.
    - Handling disputes in accordance with the principles of fairness and consistency.
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## 11. Equipment Compliance & Approval

- All balls, racquets, and court modifications must be approved by JBC Ventures LLC for official play.
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## 12. Amendments to the Rules

JBC Ventures LLC reserves the right to amend these rules. All official rule changes will be published on SkyBall.us and take effect on the stated date.