UT Health SA Pickleball Doubles Rules.

1. The playing area is lined out on the tennis courts.

2. The Serve
   a. Server’s arm must be moving in an upward arc when the ball is struck.
   b. Paddle contact with the ball must not be above waist level.
   c. Drop Serve is allowed.
   d. Server must have at least one foot behind the backline.
   e. The serve is made to the diagonally crosscourt and must land within the opposite diagonal court.
   f. Only one serve attempt is allowed.

3. Serving Sequence
   a. Both players get to serve until they commit a fault. (Exception is the first service of each game, where only one player from the initial serving team gets to serve before service gets passed to the other team.)
   b. Every time the serve changes sides, the first serve is from the right-hand side of the court.
   c. Every time you score, you switch sides of the court for your next serve.
   d. When the first server loses the serve, the partner moves to serve from the same side of the court their partner last served from.

4. Scoring
   a. Points are only scored by the serving team.
   b. Games are played to 11 – win by two
   c. Each match is the best two out of three games.

5. Double Bounce Rule
   a. When the ball is served, the receiving team must let it bounce before returning it, and the serving team must let it bounce before returning it as well.
   b. After the initial two returns, no bounces are mandatory.

6. Volleys
   a. Players are not allowed to volley within the No Volley Zone, seven-foot box extending from the net also known as the “Kitchen”. This prevents smashes from the net.
   b. It is a fault to step in the non-volley zone or on the line when volleying.
   c. You may be in the non-volley zone any other time if you’re not volleying the ball.

7. Line Calls
   a. Balls contacting any line, except the non-volley zone line on a serve are considered in.
   b. Serves contacting the non-volley zone line are short and cause a fault.

8. Faults
   a. A serve does not land within the receiving court.
   b. The ball is hit into the net.
   c. The ball is volleyed before a bounce has occurred on each side.
   d. The ball is hit out of bounds.
   e. The ball is volleyed from the non-volley zone.
   f. The ball bounces twice before being struck by the receiver.
   g. The player, player’s clothing or player’s paddle contact the net when the ball is in play.