MUMC FUND RAISER PICKLEBALL TOURAMENT MAY, 2026 ** RULES PAGE **

I. Have fun! Be courteous and fair. Each court foursome workout calls. Announce score prior to every serve.

II. 'Round Robin' begins tournament – first to 11 points wins – possible by 1. Finale is double elimination – first team to 11 by 2 (or more) wins.

III. Call balls from your side of the net. A ball hitting your court including border lines is 'in' – keep playing. Beyond is a fault, stop play for next server. Kitchen line is 100% kitchen and a fault on a serve only.
Balls landing in the kitchen are played -1 bounce only & player can step into the kitchen.

IV. Serves: OK to drop and bounce and hit – NO added force! OK to release and hit.
Moment striking the ball feet must be behind the baseline and between imaginary center & side lines. At least 1 foot must be touching the court (floor or ground). Serves- contact of paddle to ball below the waist with upward swing.

V. Kitchen- hitting the ball with no bounce and foot in the kitchen is a fault. 1 bounce is legal and play continues. A player hitting the ball in the larger court whether with a bounce or a fly cannot step into the kitchen – includes touching the paddle in the kitchen (for balance or ?) Fault occurs when follow-thru of hitting the ball touches (foot, hand, paddle) the kitchen even if opposing player continues play. Contact with the net and net components or a second bounce are faults.

ALSO- Play is with 1 paddle; it and be switched between hands or in both hands.

You are allowed to strike the ball twice on one hit (a 'carry'), as long as it is unintentional and one continuous motion. Paddle must be in your possession when it strikes the ball. No throwing.

If serve hits the receiver's partner before the ball bounces, it's a fault – add a point for serving side. Some partners stand off-court. Let's not test aiming a serve to a player ready a midpoint of his side and out of a reasonable path.

Don't catch a ball in midair and say it's out. Ball is out when it hits ground out of bounds.

It's legal to hit the ball around the net post without actually going over the net – keep playing.

If the ball hits a net post, ceiling, basketball hoop or other fixtures it's out of bounds and a fault on the team that hit it. A ball that passes between the net and post is a fault on the team that hit it.

If a ball crosses the net and bounces with a spin etc bouncing back over the net – a player from the side of the bounce must contact the ball before it bounces on opponent's side to get a point or the point goes to the side last hitting the ball.

**HEY!! OFFICAL PICKLEBALL RULESBOOK HAS 95 PAGES. There will be judges and their word rules – lets resolve quickly on the court.

AGAIN HAVE FUN!