

Pickleball Terms:

Ace: A serve that is so epic, the opponent cannot return it and a point is won.

Dillball: Shot that is inbounds and had bounced once: a live ball.

Dink Shot: A soft shot and falls into your competitor's kitchen. (Find out what the kitchen is below!)

Falafel: No, this is not the delicious fried food. A falafel in pickleball is a shot that falls short due to hitting the pickleball ball without any power. Also known as a "dead paddle".

Flabjack: A shot that must bounce once before it can be hit. This occurs during the first two shots of any point. (*After the third shot no bounce is necessary*).

Kitchen: Slang term for the Non-Volley Zone. This 7-foot section of court is on either side of the net and players are not allowed to volley the ball in this zone.

Junior: A player between the ages of 7 and 19.

OPA! A cheer often shouted out after the 3rd shot has been hit and open volleying has begun.

Pickle!: A server shouts "Pickle!" to let all the other players know that they are about to serve.

Pickled: When a team scores zero points in a whole game. You've been pickled.

Pickledome: The court where the championship match in a pickleball tournament is played. Find the License to Chill Lounge near here!

Pickler: A pickleball addict. Can't stop talking about the sport? Are you dreaming of pickleball? You're probably a pickler...

Poach: When playing doubles, a poach is to cross over into your partner's side of the court to hit a shot.

Smash: A shot that is hit above the hitter's head a.k.a. a cooler way of saying an overhead shot.

Volley Llama: An illegal move, or fault, where a player hits a shot in the Non-Volley Zone.