

# Starball

Starball is a lead-up game to tennis and is also known as indoor tennis. Starball is played on a badminton or pickleball court.

## Court

Dimensions are 20' X 44'. The net is hung 36" on the sides and 34" in the middle.

## Rules

1. Play begins when a server delivers a serve from behind the right baseline (serving line) of the court into the opponent's right service box (diagonally cross-court). The same server serves for the entire game and the service will alternate between service courts after each point.
2. Server receives one chance to get a good serve for each point. There are NO let serves in Starball. Both of the server's feet must stay behind the serving line until after making contact with ball.
3. The receiver must stand in the appropriate side of the court and may not return the ball until it has bounced once.
4. During the rally a ball may be played before it bounces, or after one bounce.
5. A point is awarded to the receiving if the server:
  - a. Does not serve from the proper court.
  - b. Commits a foot fault (one or both feet are in bounds before making contact with the ball during serve attempt.)
  - c. Misses the ball in an attempt to serve.
  - d. Fails to hit the ball into the proper service box.
  - e. Hits his partner or partner's racket with the served ball.
  - f. Runs or walks during the serve attempt.
6. The point would be awarded if opponent:
  - a. Does not return the ball on a volley or first bounce.
  - b. Touches the net with the racket, clothing or body.
  - c. Reaches over the net to play a ball before it has entered their court.
  - d. Throws the racket at the ball.
  - e. Hits the ball more than once.
  - f. Misses the ball, hits it out of bounds or into the net.
  - g. Plays a served ball before it bounces.
7. A ball is considered good when:
  - a. Ball lands on the line
  - b. Player's racket goes over the net on the follow through without touch the net.

## Scoring

1. The points of a game are love (0), 15, 30, 40, game. The first team or player to score the 4<sup>th</sup> point wins the game.
2. The server always says their own score first
3. A team must win 5 games to win the match