



PICKLEBALL PETE ASKS

What is
the purpose
of the serve?

The answer may surprise you.



From the USA Pickleball Association's
Serving Basics:

The purpose of the serve (at the developing levels)
is simply to place the ball in play and is not intended as an offensive weapon.



This is not about tournaments,
rather club-level play.

Even at club-level,
it's not unusual to see players
firing difficult serves across the net.
If you are playing against opponents
with a lesser skill level than yourself,
it is considered a "Richard Move"
to whack challenging serves.

(Apologies to pickleball players named Richard.)

***No bullet serves. Lob it. Even when you're behind in the score.
No bullets during play, nor overhead smashes. Restrain yourself.
Practice your finesse game. Gently aim for this spot or that spot.
A skill set that might come in handy in a tournament.***

**Playing against opponents with lesser skill is a great opportunity
to practice restrained, precision ball placement.**