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# ST. PATRICK'S PICKLEBALL MIXER | MARCH 16



## PICKLEBALL TIP FROM **COACH CATHIE**

How to keep the ball low to prevent your opponent from aggressively attacking you and your teammate.

1. Avoid hitting hard shots below your knees

Soft shots like dinks, drops, or resets foster effective defensive low return shots.

2. Use top spin

By starting your swing low and hitting the back side of the ball, this technique helps create a lower trajectory.

3. Target your opponent's feet

For shots waist level or higher, aim your shots (whether hard or soft) at your opponent's feet or below.

4. Have quick hands and feet

Develop agility to hit the ball early and keep your feet under your hips and shoulders - stay balanced!

5. Have a loose grip pressure on your paddle

Keeping a softer grip enables the paddle to absorb power, which results in softer and shorter returns.

Remember to consciously put these techniques into play. Keeping the ball low will win you and your partner more points and give you an added advantage on the court!

Coach Cathie **Hopkins** 



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Thanks for playing with us!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**KC Stingers Combine** Saturday, March 23 1-7PM

Spring Pickleball Mixer Saturday, April 20 6-9PM

Register now at sw19kc.com/events

