

# The Villages Golf and Country Club Rules

## 1.23 PICKLEBALL COURTS

The Pickleball courts are available for use by Villages residents and their guests in playing Pickleball, subject to the following rules:

### 1. Court Management

- A. The Pickleball Club Board is delegated the responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the courts and for making recommendations to The Villages Club Board regarding use of the courts, rules and improvements to the Pickleball court area.

### 2. Reservations and Play Times

- A. Pickleball play starts at 9 a.m. daily. Play stops at sunset, or 7:30 p.m., whichever is earlier.
- B. Residents may reserve courts for Pickleball play by signing up on the Pickleball reservation system. Information on requesting an account is located at <https://villagespickleball.org/member-list/>. All players, including guests, must be listed with the Pickleball Club reservation system.
- C. Reservations are for 1-1/2 hour (90 minute) playing periods.
- D. Residents may reserve a court no earlier than seven days plus one hour prior to the time desired play (e.g., on Saturday at 11:00 a.m., a reservation can be made for the next Saturday at noon).
- E. The Pickleball courts, if not reserved, are available for Pickleball play on a first-come basis. All players must retroactively enter their names into the Pickleball reservation system after play, on the same day of play.
- F. A reserved court, unclaimed after ten (10) minutes, is forfeited to the next group waiting to play.
- G. The Villages Pickleball Club Board may pre-reserve courts for tournaments, demonstrations, and other special events. The Pickleball Club may also reserve up to thirty play slots per week for instructional play.
- H. Residents who wish to attend more than two demonstrations, or more than two instructional play times, must join the Pickleball Club.
- I. The Pickleball Club Board may limit the number of reservations residents can make on a per day, per time of day, and/or on a per week (Monday-Sunday) basis, depending on court usage and demand. Members and non-members of the Pickleball Club are treated equally.

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- J. The Pickleball Club rules must not be inconsistent with this Rule.

### 3. Court, Paddle, and Ball, Restrictions

- A. Proper Pickleball attire, including shirts, must be worn at all times. Any shoes that leave marks on the court are prohibited.
- B. No food or drink, except water, shall be taken within the fence around the courts.
- C. Glass and other breakable objects are not permitted within the fence around the courts.
- D. No amplified music or announcements are allowed in the Pickleball courts area.
- E. No equipment that may mar the courts (such as, but not limited to, rollerblades, roller skates, scooters, model cars, or tripods) is permitted on the court surface, except for the Pickleball Club-owned ball machine, and its accessories, and Club-approved benches.
- F. Use of the ball machine is limited to those Pickleball Club members who have been authorized by the Pickleball Club Board.
- G. Smoking is not permitted on, or in the vicinity of, the courts, or in the parking lot.
- H. To reduce noise, Pickleball players may only use paddles which are listed in the approved section of the Villages Approved Paddle list – <https://villagespickleball.org/approved-pickleball-paddles/>, which is maintained by the Sun City Grand Pickleball Club, Arizona – <https://grandpickleball.org/>). If a paddle is not on approved list, it cannot be used at The Villages. Pickleball players may only use balls authorized by the Pickleball Club Board.
- I. Any additional guidelines or requirements posted at the Pickleball courts must be followed by residents and guests.

### 4. Guest Players

- A. The host resident must be present with his or her guest(s).
- B. A resident may only invite up to four guests per week (Monday-Sunday). Invitations must be extended to individuals, not groups. The resident must contact Public Safety to grant their guests admission to The Villages.

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- C. Guests are limited to playing Pickleball once per calendar week (Monday to Sunday).

If the guest is staying overnight with the resident, the once per calendar week restriction does not apply to the guest, and the limit on guests per week does not apply to the resident.

- D. Guests may not participate in group skill level play sessions.
- E. Guests may not play before noon.
- F. Guests may not participate in demonstrations, events, or tournaments.

## 5. Pickleball Club Membership

- A. Membership in The Villages Pickleball Club is open to all Villages residents.

Visit the Pickleball website: <https://villagespickleball.org/member-list/> or contact the Pickleball Club officers at [pickleballvgcc@gmail.com](mailto:pickleballvgcc@gmail.com) for more information.

- B. Only Pickleball Club Members may participate in events, or tournaments.