

You say you want to try Pickleball? Not surprising given it's the fastest growing sport in the country. Pickleball is great fun, but there are a few things you need to know before you start playing at The Villages. To get started, you need non-marking "Court Shoes", commonly called Tennis Shoes. Court Shoes prevent marks on the court and more importantly, provide the proper support. Incorrect shoes are the #2 reason for falls & injuries. Number one is running backwards; now know the two most important tips.

- Everyone (residents and guests) must register with the Club, and sign up before using the courts. You needn't be a member; you can join as a "non-member resident". To register, visit our website - <https://villagespickleball.vgcc.club/>. The first post explains the process.
- Wait to buy a paddle! The Club is very sensitive to the noise factor, and a condition of our SJ Use Permit requires the use of quiet paddles and balls. Our website is a link to approved paddles. The Sun City Grand "Quiet Paddle List" is now required by many clubs and recreational facilities around the country. USAPA paddles often do not meet the requirements! The only balls allowed on the court are Onix 2 Pure balls – the PB Club buys them in bulk, and sells them at wholesale prices. The Club also has "quiet" paddles for use by our shed.
- While not required, we highly recommend a meeting with Mike Walias (mjw0275@yahoo.com). Mike gives demos on how to play Pickleball, he's the secret weapon of the club. You'll leave knowing the rules and basics. Once completed, he can recommend the best group for you to start meeting new players, plus he has paddles you can try before you buy!
- Have fun... Pickleball is a social game. Be prepared to laugh, trash talk and meet some of the friendliest people at The Villages!