

**BYLAWS
OF
THE VILLAGES PICKLEBALL CLUB**

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Villages Pickleball Club.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

Provide a fun and healthy recreational activity, for all residents (owners & renters) of the Villages and their guests.

1. Scheduling and conducting tournaments and social events for The Pickleball Club.
2. Publicizing Pickleball Club activities.
3. Encouraging play and involvement of residents.
4. Encouraging all Pickleball players to observe the court rules as established by The Villages Golf and Country Club.
5. Recommending to the Club Board of Directors, The Villages Golf and Country Club.
 1. Procedures, which will enhance the play of Pickleball at The Villages
 2. Rules of Pickleball play and etiquette
 3. Need for major equipment, maintenance, and improvements.

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP

1. Full membership in the Villages Pickleball Club is limited to residents (owners and renters) of The Villages Golf and Country Club. Each member shall have one vote
 1. Members will abide by the Villages Golf and Country Club Governing Documents, including Rules, and actively support and participate in club functions.
 2. Membership will be terminated by voluntary withdrawal, nonpayment of dues or assessments, violation of the provisions of these bylaws, or violation of published rules, as per guidelines and regulations directed by the Villages G&CC.
 3. Drop in lesson participants who attend more than two sessions must join the club. Any resident attending more than three sessions shall be emailed and snail-mailed an application.

2. Members can invite outside guests on a limited basis. Guests are defined as:
 1. Any non-Residents who do not live at The Villages
 2. Guests not staying at The Villages shall be limited to playing Pickleball at The Villages once per week when accompanied by a resident.
 3. Guests staying overnight at The Villages can play Pickleball during their stay, when accompanied by a resident.
 4. Member must be present the entire time a Guest is playing.
 5. One Member can invite up to four (4) Guests per playdate. Invitations must be extended to individuals, not groups.
 6. All Guests may only use Paddles on the Villages Approved Paddle list (available at <https://villagespickleball.vgcc.club/approved-pickleball-paddles/>) and Onix 2 Pure balls.
3. All participants representing the Villages Pickleball Club in inter-club Pickleball Tournaments organized and sanctioned by the Pickleball Board must be dues paying members of the Villages Pickleball Club.
4. To reduce noise, Pickleball players shall only use paddles which are listed in the approved section of the Villages Approved Paddle list (which is maintained by the Sun City Grand, Arizona Pickleball Club - <https://grandpickleball.org/>) If a paddle is not on approved list, it cannot be used at The Villages.
 1. The Pickleball Club maintains the list here - <https://villagespickleball.vgcc.club/approved-pickleball-paddles/>. Laminated copies shall be stored in the lost and found box by the courts.
 2. The first two violations shall be given a warning. Further violations can lead to Pickleball court privileges being suspended.

ARTICLE 4. BOARD AND ELECTIONS

1. The Pickleball Club Board shall consist of the elected officers of the Pickleball Club ("Board").
2. The elected officers of the Pickleball Club shall be voting members, with the roles of: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Tournament

Director, IT Director, Court Operations Director, and Treasurer. Any active member of the Pickleball Club is eligible for these offices.

3. The Past President shall continue in an advisory capacity for one year following their term, with voting rights for one year.
4. Terms of office shall be one year, from the club's January Board meeting through the following year's January Board meeting. Vacancies in any office may be filled by the President but then ratified by a majority of the Board members at the next scheduled meeting.

5. Duties of Officers

1. President: Shall assume club leadership, preside at all meetings, appoint chairs of committees, call special meetings as needed, and generally be a spokesperson for the Club. He/she shall be responsible for coordination with Villages officials and other clubs as needed. He/she shall also be responsible for issuing Guidelines & Rules for club's activities when there are health or safety concerns, or other requirements not covered elsewhere in these bylaws. The President may appoint special committees as needed (such as membership, fund raising, etc.).
2. Vice-President: Shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence. He/she shall generally assist the club in all functions as necessary.
3. Secretary: Shall take minutes of Club meetings, is responsible for determining if quorum exists, and shall notify the Villages officials of changes in Club's officers and submit Master Calendar. Shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence of both the President and Vice-President and generally assist the Club in all functions as necessary.
4. Tournament Director: Shall take the lead in organizing and running all Pickleball tournaments, both internal and inter-club.
5. Treasurer: Shall collect dues and assessments, disburse all funds and provide financial reports as appropriate.
6. IT Director: Responsible for website maintenance and database, reservation system, and email program and communications.
7. Court Operations Director: Responsible for court maintenance and supplies.

ARTICLE 5. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

1. Election of directors shall take place by electronic ballot each December.
2. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee at least sixty days prior to the election. The committee shall consist of at least three members and present a nomination for each office to be filled thirty days prior to the election. The list shall be posted on the club website. A member in good standing may self-nominate himself or herself or nominate a candidate for any Board position to be voted on.

ARTICLE 6. MEETINGS

1. There will be a minimum of four (4) Board meetings per year. Notification shall be given at least four days in advance to club members via email or otherwise and include agenda, date, time and location. The quorum for Board meetings is a majority of the Board directors. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with a recognized system of parliamentary procedure or such parliamentary procedures as the club may adopt. Date, location and meeting times shall be posted on the Pickleball Club's website in January and maintained throughout the current calendar year.
2. Special Meetings, including but not limited to Executive Sessions, may be called by the President, or upon request of at least three Board members. Such meetings shall have at least seven (7) days' notice given to members regarding time, place and agenda.
3. An election shall be held in the month of December each year, for the purpose of electing officers. Notification shall be given at least seven days in advance to members via email and include agenda, date, time and location. Notification will also be posted on the Pickleball website.
4. A quorum for Board meetings shall consist of a majority of Pickleball Club officers.
Quorums for member meetings (Annual or Special Meetings) where

business will be conducted shall consist of 10% of the regular membership.

5. Online Board Meetings are authorized when deemed appropriate by the President and vote by mail or email is authorized.

ARTICLE 7. DUES & ASSESSMENTS

1. Payment of annual dues shall be required to be eligible for full participation as a member of this Club, including play in Pickleball Club Tournaments.
2. Dues are billed to member house numbers.
3. Any change in dues shall be approved by a majority vote of the membership present at a general or special meeting.

ARTICLE 8. FISCAL YEAR

Effective 2021, the Pickleball Club will move to a calendar year beginning the first day of January 2022 and ending the last day of December 2022.

ARTICLE 9. AMENDMENTS

The bylaws may be amended by majority vote of the members at a Board meeting, Special Meeting(s) or by electronic ballot after an explanation and discussion of the proposed changes.

ARTICLE 10. CONFLICTS OF DOCUMENTS

In the case of any conflict between any part of these bylaws with The Villages Golf & Country Club rules and regulations, that portion of the bylaws shall be null and void. The Pickleball Board of Directors adopted the foregoing Bylaws on

February 9, 2023

Ginny Spencer
Secretary