

VILLAGES PICKLEBALL CLUB RULES

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This document contains the Villages Pickleball Club Rules. All Club Rules are subordinate to The Villages Pickleball Club Bylaws.

Membership:

- A. Only Villages residents are eligible for membership in the Pickleball Club.
- B. Annual dues will be assessed for any membership granted during the months from January through September. There will be no charge for new members who join during October through December. All current Pickleball Club members will be billed annually on January 1st of each year. Annual Dues for the Pickleball Club are set at \$20.00 per member and may be adjusted by vote of the PB Club Board.

Guest Players:

- A. Guest Players must be accompanied on the court by the host resident.
- B. Guests may not play before noon.
- C. Guests are not eligible to participate in Group/Instructional sessions, demonstrations, events and/or Tournaments.

Court 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 onto the courts.
- C. Glass and other breakable objects are not permitted on the courts.
- D. No wheeled sports equipment, such as roller blades, roller skates, scooter, or model cars, are permitted on the court surface, excepting Pickleball Club owned ball machine.
- E. Smoking is not permitted on or in the vicinity of the courts, including the parking lot.
- F. Any confrontational issues involving court restrictions or Pickleball Club Rules should be referred to Villages Public Safety.
- G. Pickleball Paddle and Ball restrictions are in the Club Bylaws. Members wishing to have a paddle tested can contact the Pickleball Board. Paddles submitted for testing cannot be used until testing is completed by Sun City Grand. They may have to submit a paddle for testing if the manufacturer does not agree to provide one.

Court Management:

- A. The Pickleball Club Tournament Director is responsible for scheduling all competitions, including coordinating the schedule for all Club and Interclub matches.

- B. YourCourts administrators are responsible for documenting all advance court usage, match reservations, Group Instructional reservation times, Pickleball demos, and planned maintenance, and posting them on YourCourts and the Pickleball Club Website.

Court Reservations and Authorized Play:

- A. Pickleball play starts at 9:00 A.M. daily. Play stops at sunset, or 7:30 P.M. whichever is earlier.
- B. Daily, players may use the court once during morning “Prime Time” sessions (between 9:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.) and once during afternoon “Prime Time” sessions. Afternoon “Prime Time” is adjusted seasonally from 3:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. and 4:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. based on the time of sunset. These times may not be sequential.
- C. The Pickleball Club may modify the number of times a member may play per day or per week dictated by factors such as weather or court availability. Reservations are for a playing period of 1 1/2 hours, starting at 9:00 A.M. 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 on the Pickleball Club Reservation system.
- D. Non-Member Residents who wish to attend two demonstrations or more than two instructional/group play times must join the Pickleball Club

All government health directives will be implemented as required and the responsibility of the reservation holder to enforce.

Player Conduct and Etiquette:

Players shall at all times conduct themselves in a Sportsmanlike manner. Failure to do so may result in a range of actions including but not limited to the suspension of privileges to expulsion from the Pickleball Club at the discretion of the Pickleball Club Board.

Rules Violations Discipline Escalation Procedures

- A. Initial Warnings by Pickleball Club Group play leaders, Pickleball Club Dink and Drink Leaders, or Pickleball Club Social Drop-in Leaders for reported or observed bad behavior
- B. If the behavior or offense is severe or egregious, the Pickleball Board of Directors has the discretion to escalate the severity of discipline to the most severe level possible to achieve compliance and the safety of all members of the club.
- C. A Violation of any section of the Pickleball Club Rules may result in one or more of the following:
- D. Warning by the Pickleball Club Board of Directors for reported or observed bad behavior.
- E. Written Warning from the Pickleball Club Board of Directors citing the bad behavior and possible consequences.
- F. Pickleball Club Board of Directors decisioning for next steps of Rule and Conduct violations, e.g., Suspension of Club privileges afforded by Club Membership to revocation of Club Membership.
- G. Letter to member listing the decision of the Pickleball Club Board of Directors
- H. Notification to the Club Board of Directors of Pickleball Club Board of Directors action taken.

Tournaments and Social Events:

- A. To participate in Pickleball Club sponsored Pickleball tournaments and Club Championships, players must be Villages residents, dues paying members and in good standing of the Pickleball Club.
- B. Only Social Members and accompanied spouses/domestic partners of members are welcome at Pickleball Club Social Events.
- C. Non-Members may only attend paid Club Events for an additional fee.

Amendments:

Amendments by the Board of Directors

These rules may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all the Board of Directors, and a thirty (30) day prior notice to the membership before implementation.
