

## **PICKLEBALL POLICY**

Members

Monday, July 29, 2024.

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In response to growing interest in Pickleball, we're excited to offer pickleball play on our tennis courts during club hours. This initiative aims to provide our members with more diverse recreational options while maintaining the quality and availability of our tennis facilities. The following policy outlines how we'll integrate pickleball while ensuring a harmonious coexistence between the two sports. We ask all members to familiarize themselves with these guidelines to help create an enjoyable experience for everyone using our courts.

This policy aims to accommodate pickleball while preserving the primary purpose of the tennis facility.

- 1. Court Availability:
  - a. Pickleball play is permitted on tennis courts during specified club hours.
- 2. Court Markings:
  - a. No permanent markings for pickleball may be added to the tennis courts.
  - b. Players may use removable tape to mark pickleball lines.
  - c. All tape must be completely removed after play.
- 3. Court Setup and Teardown:
  - a. Pickleball players are responsible for setting up and taking down the pickleball net.
  - b. Tennis nets must be properly reinstalled to a height of approximately 36" after pickleball play.
  - c. Courts must be left in the same condition as they were found.
  - d. Players coming on to the court must not be delayed due to set-up or take-down activities.
- 4. Equipment:
  - a. Players must bring their own pickleball equipment (paddles, balls, portable nets).
  - b. The club is not responsible for providing or storing pickleball-specific equipment.
- 5. Reservation System:
  - a. Pickleball players must use the club's existing reservation system to book courts.
  - b. Reservations should specify "pickleball" to avoid confusion.
- 6. Time Limits:
  - a. Standard court time limits apply to pickleball play.
  - b. Players must vacate the court promptly at the end of their reserved time.
- 7. Footwear and Attire:
  - a. Players must wear appropriate athletic shoes that won't damage the court surface.
- 8. Noise Levels:
  - a. Pickleball players should be mindful of noise levels, especially if tennis is being played on adjacent courts.
- 9. Membership and Fees:
  - a. Regular club membership rates apply for pickleball players.
  - b. The club may introduce a pickleball-specific membership or additional fees if demand warrants.
- 10. Court Etiquette:
  - a. Pickleball players must adhere to general club rules and etiquette.
  - b. Players should be respectful of tennis players using nearby courts.
- 11. Damage Liability:
  - a. Any damage to the courts or tennis equipment during pickleball play must be reported immediately.
  - b. Players will be held responsible for repairs if damage occurs due to improper use.
- 12. Penalties for Policy Violations:
  - a. First Offense: Verbal or written warning.

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- b. Second Offense: 15-day suspension from the court reservation system.
- c. Third Offense: 90-day suspension from the court reservation system.
- d. Fourth Offense: Club membership review, potentially resulting in membership cancellation.
  - i. The club reserves the right to escalate penalties for severe infractions.
  - ii. Members may appeal penalties through the club's standard grievance process.
  - iii. Repeated minor violations or a single major violation (e.g., intentional court damage) may result in immediate membership review.
- 13. Rules and Rule Changes:
  - a. All applicable and standing by-laws currently in effect are applicable to pickleball play.
  - b. The club reserves the right to modify these rules or discontinue pickleball play if issues arise.

Passed by the Board of Directors this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

President

Vice-President

