

The Villages Golf and Country Club Rules

1.23 PICKLEBALL PLAY

Tennis courts 5 and 6 are available for use by Villages residents and their guests in playing Pickleball, subject to the following rules:

1. Court Management

- A. The Tennis Club Executive 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 tennis court area.
- B. Tennis courts 1-4 may not be used for Pickleball play unless approved by the Tennis Club for Pickleball Club events. Tennis courts 5-6 may be used for Pickleball play at the times in section 2 below.
- C. No one may place any markings or tape on the courts unless they have been authorized to do so by the Tennis Club, Pickleball Board or the Pickleball Play Manager. Any markings on the courts must be made using only the temporary tape supplied by the Pickleball Board.
- D. No permanent markings may be made on the courts for Pickleball use.
- E. After each Pickleball session, the nets must be returned to the height used for playing tennis. The only method of adjusting net height on Courts 5 & 6 shall be utilizing tie-down straps stored in the equipment box. These shall be attached to anchors beneath the net.

2. Reservations and Play Times

- A. Tennis Courts 5 and 6, only, are available for playing Pickleball at the following times: Monday through Sunday, after 10:30 a.m.
- B. Residents may reserve courts 5 and 6 for Pickleball play by signing up at the Tennis Shack, located near Court 4 and the administration buildings. Please make sure to add "PB" after your name when signing up.
- C. Reservations are for 1 1/2 hour (90 minute) playing periods.
- D. A court may be reserved no earlier than 5 days prior to the time of desired play.
- E. Courts 5 and 6, if not reserved, are available for Pickleball play on a first-come basis.
- F. A reserved court, unclaimed after ten (10) minutes, is forfeited to the next group waiting to play.

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- G. The Villages Pickleball Club Board may pre-reserve courts for tournaments and other special events. This must be approved through the Tennis Club Master Scheduler/TC Board so as not to conflict with other TC events.
- H. Courts 5 and 6 are used for Pickleball drop-in lessons on Wednesdays and Fridays at 1:30 p.m. Residents who wish to take more than three drop-in lessons must join the Pickleball Club.

3. 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, scooters or model cars, is permitted on the court surface.
- E. Smoking is not permitted on the courts or in the viewing stands.

4. Guest Players

- A. Guest players must be accompanied on the court by the host resident.
- B. A resident may invite up to three (3) guests at a time. Invitations must be extended to individuals, not groups. The resident must contact Public Safety to grant their guests admission to The Villages.
- C. Guests are limited to playing Pickleball once per calendar month. If the guest is staying overnight with the resident, the guest may play Pickleball during their stay.

5. Pickleball Club Membership

Membership in the Villages Pickleball Club is open to all Villages residents.

Visit the Pickleball website <https://sites.google.com/site/vgccpickleball/>, or contact the Pickleball Club officers at vgcc-pickleball-board@googlegroups.com for more information.