



# Manual

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The guidelines contained in this Pickleball Manual are approved by the HOA Board. Per the HOA Covenants Article III, Section 3, Part D: “Each Owner shall have a right and easement of use and enjoyment in and to the Common Area which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to each Lot, subject to the right of the Homeowners Association to suspend the Owner’s right to use of the facilities for the Owner’s infraction of the Homeowners Association’s published rules and regulations”.

# 1. Orientation to Pickleball at Hyde Park

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country. It is a sport that can provide continuing enjoyment and a social network for players of all abilities and mobility levels. Hyde Park has many regular players/neighbors of all abilities who will gladly introduce new Homeowners to the exciting sport of Pickleball.

Hyde Park has a long-standing Pickleball website where you can find great information on the sport along with some helpful links on the game and private court reservations. This Manual is posted on the Pickleball Calendar webpage. The website links are in the Monday Morning Memo. A copy of the Pickleball Manual also is in the courts area.

## 2. Guidelines of Play

The Hyde Park Homeowners Association Board of Directors welcomes Homeowners at all levels of play to enjoy the outdoor and enclosed, climate-controlled Pickleball courts. The following is to be followed as a condition of use. It is the responsibility of the Homeowner to see that these are followed.

1. All Homeowners, their Immediate Family Members (parents, children and grandchildren) and Guests who play Pickleball at Hyde Park must sign a one-time *Release of Liability and Waiver of Claims for Hyde Park Pickleball* witnessed by Collins and Associates Representative Penny Kempf. Every effort should be made to contact Penny in the Business Office 9am-2pm Monday-Thursday for a signature witness.
2. Blank Waivers will be in the Business Office and in the Pickleball Manual in the Pickleball courts area. Waivers can also be downloaded from the Monday Morning Memo.
3. Waivers that have been Signed and Witnessed shall be kept in the Business Office.
4. It is the responsibility of the Homeowner to obtain waivers for themselves, their Immediate Family members and Guests. It is also the Homeowner's responsibility to ensure that the forms are accurately filled out and witnessed and signed by the proper authority.
5. Homeowner's Immediate Family members can play with their respective Homeowner as often as they would like provided the Reservation Rules and Guidelines are followed. All others are to register as Guests and play by Guest rules.
6. The City of Tulsa has set a capacity load of 10 individuals in the Pickleball Court Area.
7. Good sportsmanship must be observed at all times.
8. The Clubhouse and Pickleball courts are open 24/7.
9. A Homeowner code is required to open the indoor court door. The code may not be shared. Homeowner codes will be monitored periodically by Collins & Associates for the integrity of the Homeowner's use of the entry codes. The outdoor court gate code is 8450.

10. Homeowners should adjust Heat and AC units as makes sense, turn off lights, and lock the door upon departure.
11. Pickleball is the only activity allowed on the indoor courts unless a variance is approved by the HOA Board.
12. Homeowners should not “prop” the exterior Clubhouse door open.
13. Appropriate shoes are required. To prevent damage to the floor, shoes worn on the street are not allowed on the courts. Only non-marking shoes are permitted.
14. No GUM, alcoholic beverages, food, or glass are permitted in the court area.
15. Pets are not allowed.
16. When a Homeowner reserves the Dining Room and the Pickleball Court at the same time, the Dining Room may be reserved for up to 4 hours; the Pickleball Court may be reserved for up to 2 hours following the 1-3 Homeowner-Guest ratio outlined in the Guests section.
17. Pickleball instructors are not permitted. Several Homeowners are available to introduce new Homeowner players to Pickleball.
18. Hyde Park hosts “Pop-Ups.” Pop-Ups are for Homeowners only. Attempts will be made to match like skilled players. (Easy Play, Novice & Competitive)
19. Designated Golf Carts parking spots are for Golf Carts only.
20. No resident may earn income using the courts per HOA policy.
- 21. Homeowners are required to escort all Immediate Family and Guests into the building and remain with all of them at all times.**

### 3. Open Play

1. Open Play times are listed in the Monday Morning Memo and can be found on the Pickleball tab of the Hyde Park Calendar of Events.
2. Open play is for Homeowners only. There is no limit to the number of Homeowners allowed during Open Play.
3. Open Play is generally for all skill levels and available several days each week. There are also “Easy” Play sessions for Open Play which allow Homeowners to play less aggressive and less intense games.
4. Homeowners who participate in the Monday Night Men Only-All Levels may invite Immediate Family and/or Guests. Maximum number of Guests per night is 6.
5. Homeowners who participate in the Thursday Night Ladies Only-All Levels may invite Immediate Family and/or Guests. Maximum number of Guests per night is 6.
6. Holiday Open Play is available all day on New Year’s Day, Mother’s Day, Memorial Day, Father’s Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Homeowners can bring Immediate Family Members and a Guest. No Private Play reservations are allowed during Holiday Open Play.
7. Games go to 11 points, win by 2, using traditional Pickleball scoring. If there are more than 12 total players, games should be shortened to 8 points so everyone can play without excessive waiting.
8. When finishing a game, if others are waiting to play, all 4 players are to leave their court and put their paddles in rotation if they wish to continue play.
9. The Pickleball balls will be changed based on playability. Players will be asked to donate money when it’s time to replace balls. Players may use any pickleball during private play and are to return all balls to their original configuration upon departure.

## 4. Private Play

### HOMEOWNERS:

1. Private play is intended and encouraged for Homeowners and their Immediate Family members. Immediate Family are parents, children and grandchildren. All other relatives are to register as Guests.
2. A link to the Pickleball reservation site is in the MMM.
3. The name of the Homeowner making the reservation should appear on the EVENT line on the on-line calendar. The names of all Immediate Family member players and/or Guests must be recorded under the “Who” section. This shows visibility for Collins & Associates to verify that the appropriate Liability Waivers are on file.
4. Courts must be reserved in advance and may not overlap Open Play times. Even last-minute play is reserved.
5. Homeowners who participate in the Monday Night Men Only-All Levels may invite Immediate Family and/or Guests. Maximum number of Guests at any one time is 6.
6. Homeowners who participate in the Thursday night Ladies Only-All Levels may invite Immediate Family and or Guests. Maximum number of Guests at any one time is 6.
7. Each Homeowner Household may have up to 2 active reservations at a time. Once a reservation is used, the Homeowner can immediately book another reservation if there are no more than 2 upcoming reservations at a time on the calendar for that Household.
8. No Private Play reservations are allowed on New Years’ Day, Mother’s Day, Memorial Day, Father’s Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving or Christmas.
9. Reservations shall be left on the on-line calendar after the fact to allow tracing should there be contact needs.
10. Reservations are limited to 2 hours per day. Play time may be extended if no one is waiting for a court. (Check Pickleball calendar for last-minute reservations.)
11. A reservation is considered cancelled if players do not appear within 10 minutes of the set time.

## GUESTS:

1. A GUEST is someone who does NOT fall under the definition of Immediate Family (parent, children, grandchildren).
2. Each Household may have up to 3 Guests per reservation to play up to 2 hours 1 time per calendar week.
3. If a Homeowner makes a 00-Private Single Court Reservation, the Homeowner can have Immediate Family and/or up to 3 Guests. A Homeowner from a different Household can make a 00-Private Single Court Reservation for the second court and that Homeowner can have Immediate Family and/or up to 3 Guests.
4. If a Homeowner makes a 01-Private Both Courts Reservation, the Homeowner can have Immediate Family and/or up to 3 Guests. If the second court remains empty during the reservation, the Homeowner is not obligated to surrender it to another Homeowner.
5. If Homeowners from 2 different Households want to plan ahead and each make a 00-Private Court Reservation for the same date and time, they may bring Immediate Family members and 3 Guests each and play for 2 hours. Maximum number of Guests is 6.
6. The name of the Homeowner that makes the reservation should appear on the EVENT line on the on-line calendar. The names of all Guest players must be recorded under the “Who” section of the on-line Pickleball Calendar. This allows visibility for Collins & Associates to verify that the appropriate Liability Waivers are on file.
- 7. Homeowners are responsible for their Guests and Immediate Family members at all times.**



## 5. Pickleball Etiquette

1. Good sportsmanship is the rule. Yes, you love the game, but it is only a game. Respect all players.
2. Begin each game by acknowledging the other players and introducing yourself if you don't know them. If you do know them, use whatever is appropriate to let them know that you know they are there and are saying "hey."
3. If the ball is "out" and it's on your side, call it out. If it's close, give the benefit of the doubt to your opponent. This is hard to do when the game is close but do it anyway.
  - A. Only make line calls on your side of the pickleball court and always strive for accuracy.
  - B. Only call "out" balls when space is clearly visible between the line and where the pickleball lands.
  - C. Call "out" balls promptly.
  - D. Use voice and / or hand signals to call "out" balls.
  - E. Give the benefit of doubt to your opponents.
  - F. If you and your partner disagree, the ball is "in."
  - G. Spectators should not make any line calls.
  - H. Do not question opponents' line calls. You may ask the opponent's partner to verify the call.
  - I. You may ask your opponents to make a line call on your side of the net, but you give up your right to make the call and, if your opponents cannot make the call, the call will be "in".
  - J. An "out" call prior to the pickleball bouncing will be deemed partner communication and not a line call.
  - K. You may overrule a line call that is to your disadvantage (and in favor of your opponents) at any time.
4. If you step into the kitchen on a volley, or if your partner does, call it. Be very cautious about calling kitchen or serving faults on others.

5. Sometimes spectators comment on the plays. While this is normal and fun, ask them not to if their comments are loud, disruptive, argumentative, hostile or combative.
6. The following is not something that needs to be enforced, but it falls under the realm of basic pickleball etiquette:

Lower-level players don't necessarily like playing with advanced players as they get beat up. And advanced players don't like playing with lower-level players because they don't get challenging play. Both points of view are valid.

Unfortunately, at some point the advanced players simply refuse to play with "lesser" players. During Open Play, this behavior is discouraged. Why? Because we are a group of many skill levels. Refusing to play at all with "lesser" skilled players slows learning.

As you know, one of the best ways for people to learn is to play with better players. (Remember when you started?) Yes, advanced players have the right to expect competitive games during same-skill-level periods but do not necessarily have the right to refuse to play when there are open-play, mixed skill-level periods. (Recommendation: use our Reserve-Court program.)

Think about it... if every experienced player plays at least one game with a lesser skilled player, that less experienced player would have had several competitive games and hopefully increased their learning curve.

7. If you agree to helping improve less experienced players with a game or two, here are some tips:

If you are playing against a team where there is a significantly stronger player, play against the stronger player—you may learn something. If you are the strongest player of the foursome, play to the weakest players in a way they can handle the shot and learn. Sometimes you can even ask people what they are working on — e.g. drop shots, lobs, etc. If they tell you, hit shots they can use to work on those shots. Good sportsmanship includes (for maybe just a couple of games) splitting up your foursome and inviting others to join you for a game.

8. At the end of each game, find something positive to say to the other team at the net. "Nice game" isn't always appropriate if despite your efforts at sportsmanship you have won 11-0. Find something encouraging to say, at least, "Thanks for playing with us!" is nice. But never leave a game without acknowledging the other team.
9. Don't take advantage of a person's physical limitations when you play them socially. If someone can't go back for a lob when they're at the line because of physical limitations, for instance, why lob over their heads? You won't learn

anything by doing it, you're not proving anything, and you certainly will not be respected for it.

10. Play under control so that you are not running onto the other courts while playing. Stop! You don't want to run into the players on the other court. Control is needed also when trying to return a ball near the wall. Please don't use the wall to help stop your momentum — it is damaging to the wall.
11. NEVER yell at, swear at, or say a hostile or sarcastic word to any player. Abusive language will not be tolerated on or around the courts.
12. Remember, during the open play session we are trying to get members to mix up so that the various level of players can mix in and hopefully get a better understanding of what it takes to move up in skill level. All players like to improve. It bears repeating — the better, more experienced players should occasionally make themselves available to play with or against the less experienced players. Remember, we are all in the same group.
13. If you want to bring a foursome to play, it would be best to reserve a court for the four of you in the afternoon time slot.
14. If you are near your partner with an overhead slam opportunity where you may hit him or her, stop playing. Let the ball drop. Lose the point. Do NOT hit your partner. Stay conscious of where your partner is.
15. If you hit a ball into another court, immediately yell "Ball on Court!" If a ball is going towards another court, do not chase it onto the other court. Stop, yell "Ball on Court", and let the other people stop play and retrieve the ball. No point is worth tripping over a ball and hurting yourself or other players.
16. Don't overplay your current physical condition. Know your body.
17. Hydrate. This means "drink water." Drink BEFORE you are thirsty, otherwise dehydration starts to set in.
18. Stretch before and after playing. We know ... we all say we do it, but do you?
19. If you see someone who displays signs of dizziness, weakness, or lack of concentration, keep an eye on him or her. Recommend a time-out if you think it is necessary.

## 6. Outdoor Courts

1. Reservations are not required for the Outdoor Courts. Anyone using the Outdoor Courts must have a signed and witnessed Waiver on file before playing.
2. The outdoor court gate code is 8450. This code is not to be shared with anyone other than a Hyde Park Homeowner.
3. The windscreens on the outdoor courts are attached to the fence with zip ties. The lower horizontal windscreen grommets should be attached with heavy duty (150-200 lb.) stainless steel zip ties. The upper horizontal and the vertical sides should be attached using 75 lb. UV resistant plastic zip ties. This design helps prevent damage from the tops and sides and remain attached on the bottom. Reattach the ties as needed.

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