



Hyde Park Pickleball Manual

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1. Mission and Purpose

The mission of the Hyde Park Pickleball Committee is to allow all residents equal opportunity to enjoy this great, fun, and social resource our community has and to build a framework for play and utilization of the facility into the future.

Hyde Park developers included indoor pickleball courts as part of their global vision for the resident clubhouse. This foresight meets the goal of providing a social sport for residents of all levels of ability to enjoy.

Hyde Park continues to grow as does the interest in pickleball to where it is now one of the most utilized parts of the clubhouse on a regular basis. There are currently about 20-25 “regular” resident players using the courts, as of Nov 2021.

In accordance with this growth and increasing demand for the courts, the Hyde Park HOA has determined the need to form a Hyde Park Pickleball Committee in October 2021. This annually appointed committee reports directly to the HOA Board and has responsibility for the oversight of the pickleball facility.

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”.

2. HP Pickleball Committee

The Committee is responsible for providing guidelines regarding play and operational issues for the pickleball facility with the primary goal of enjoyment and equitability for all residents.

The Committee is comprised of 3 regular Hyde Park pickleball players with an enthusiasm to serve their resident community. The Hyde Park Pickleball Committee is appointed annually in January by the Hyde Park HOA Board of Directors. One Committee Member per year will rotate off in January to be replaced by a new member. Residents wishing to serve on the Pickleball Committee should submit their name and desire to serve to any HOA Board member.

The Committee meets at least once per quarter and provides regular updates as needed to the HOA Board. The Committee meetings are open and will be announced in the Monday Morning Memo.

Committee members are generally of varying play levels and both genders.

Residents should feel free to contact any Committee member for any issues regarding Pickleball at Hyde Park. Email is the preferred method of contact for tracking of any concerns or issues that may arise needing the Committee's attention.

The current Committee members for CY 2022, with their contact information are:

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3. Orientation to Pickleball at Hyde Park

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports 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 resident newcomers to the exciting sport of pickleball.

Should a resident not be sure of who to contact, feel free to contact any Pickleball Committee member and they will gladly get you oriented in the right way to pickleball at Hyde Park.

Hyde Park has a longstanding pickleball website where you can find great information on the sport along with some helpful links on the game and private court reservations. That website is <http://hydeparkpickleballclub.com> and the site resident password for reservations is Vinegar

4. Guidelines of Play

The Hyde Park Homeowners Association Board of Directors welcomes residents at all levels of play to enjoy the enclosed, climate-controlled Pickleball courts. The following guidance should be followed as a condition of use.

1. Good sportsmanship must be observed at all times. Resolution of any disputes will be made by the Pickleball Committee.
2. Access to the building is 6 am-midnight daily.
3. A code is required to open the court door. The code may not be shared with non-residents.
4. Residents should not “prop” the exterior clubhouse door open.
5. Residents are required to escort any guests into the building and remain with all of them.
6. Heat and AC units should be adjusted as makes sense, lights turned off, and door locked upon departure.
7. Pickleball is the only sport allowed on the courts unless a variance is approved by the HOA Board.
8. Appropriate shoes are required. Street shoes shall not be worn. Only non-marking shoes are permitted. Removal of any marks is the responsibility of the resident.
9. No alcoholic beverages, food, gum, or glass are permitted.
10. Pets are not allowed.
11. No one may earn income using the courts per HOA policy.
12. 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”.

5. Open Play

Open play times and rules are set by the Committee and may change based on resident feedback.

The current Open Play calendar can be found under the members section of the website. That website is <http://hydeparkpickleballclub.com> and the site member password is Vinegar

Also, a link to the pickleball reservation site is in the Monday Morning Memo.

Residents may bring 2 guests per household to open play provided there are no more than 10 residents already playing. This allows for resident play to be a priority.

There is no limit to the number of residents allowed during Open Play.

Open play is generally all skill levels and available several days each week. Currently(11/21), Open Play for everyone is on Sunday at 2pm, Tuesday at 9am, Wednesday at 6pm, at Thursday at 9am. There is also a beginner and para-pickle session on Wednesdays at 10am.

There may be Pickleball Committee sponsored events from time to time.

Open play is comprised of doubles play only, unless there are reasonable agreements to play another variety of game.

Games go to 11 points, win by 2, using traditional pickleball side-out scoring.

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.

The only Committee approved ball for Hyde Park is the green Jugs Indoor ball, which is USAPA approved. Balls will be changed out based on playability. Players will be asked to donate when it's time to rotate balls.

6. Private Play

RESIDENTS:

Private play is intended and encouraged for residents and their family members. Any family members are to be accompanied by the resident.

Courts must be reserved in advance and may not overlap Open Play times. Even last minute play is reserved.

Each residential household may have up to two (2) active reservations at a time. Once a reservation is used, the resident can immediately book another reservation as long as there are no more than 2 upcoming reservations at a time on the calendar for that household.

There are no Private Play reservations allowed on New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, nor Christmas.

Reservations shall be left on the calendar after the fact to allow for traceability should there be any contact needs.

Reservations are limited to two (2) hours per day. Play time may be extended if no one is waiting for a court. (Check Pickleball Calendar for last minute reservations.)

A reservation is considered cancelled if players do not appear within 10 minutes of set time.

Players may use any ball during private play and return all balls to their original configuration upon departure.

GUESTS:

Non-family guests are allowed on a limited basis for private play.

Each residential household may have up to 3 non-resident non-family guests per reservation up to 2 times per calendar month.

Residents are responsible for their guests.

7. Pickleball Etiquette

Basic 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.
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. (Most of us are at an age where our vision is questionable.)
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 often 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 out?)

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. (I recommend you use our Reserve a 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. — and if they tell you, hit them 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.

7. 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 in spite of 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.

8. 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.

9. While playing on the courts, play under control so that you are not running onto the other courts playing the ball. 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.

10. NEVER yell at, swear at, or say a hostile or sarcastic word to any player in anger. Abusive language will not be tolerated on or around the courts.

11. 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.

12. If you are wanting to bring a foursome up to play, it would be best to reserve a court for the four of you in the afternoon time slot.

13. If you are near your partner with an overhead slam opportunity where you may hit them, stop play. Let the ball drop. Lose the point. Do NOT hit your partner. Stay conscious of where they are.

14. 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.

15. Don't overplay your current physical condition. (*"Just one more game"* has caused way too many accidents!)

16. Hydrate. This means "drink water." Drink BEFORE you are thirsty, otherwise dehydration starts to set in.

17. Stretch before and after playing. We know ... we all say we do it, but do you?

18. If you see someone who displays signs of dizziness, weakness, or lack of concentration, keep an eye on them. Recommend a time-out if you think it necessary for their sake.