

A Pickleball Court for Botero?

Though Starters.....

As the Baby Boomers started trickling into retirement a few years ago, something explosive began in the world of Pickleball. Now with that trickle in full flood, Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the America. According the USA Pickleball Association, (www.usapa.org), last year alone, 523 new pickleball courts were opened up nationwide so far this year. If you or your community hasn't gotten on the pickle ball bandwagon yet, it's high time to make it happen.

Basic Overview

- Pickle-ball® is played on a badminton-sized court: 20' x 44.' ...
- Players on each side must let the ball bounce once before volleys are allowed, and there is a seven-foot no-volley zone on each side of the net, to prevent “spiking.” ...
- To volley means to hit a ball in the air without first letting it bounce.



The dimensions for the standard pickleball court shall be a rectangle **20 feet wide (6.10 m)** and **44 feet long (13.41 m)** for both singles and doubles matches.



Watch a game (actual game begins after warm-up footage, about 10 minutes in):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uwqlav5zGx0>

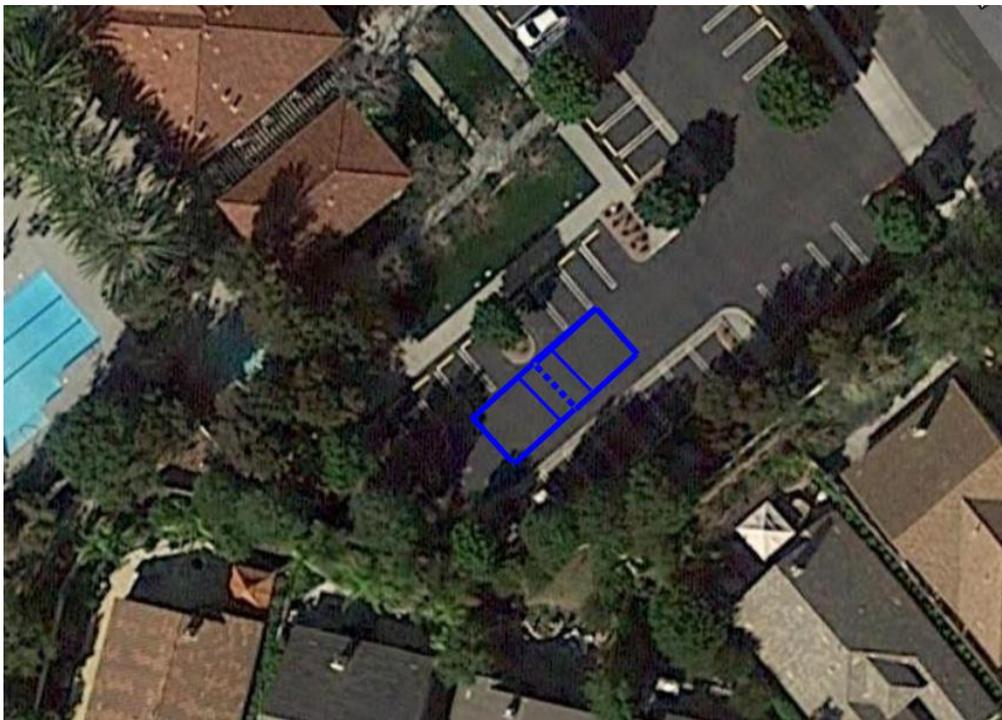
Possible Placement of a Temporary Court in the Gallery

Temporary Pickleball courts, including net and line markers, can be set up in as little as 5-10 minutes, and can be removed without a trace after the event.

Safety considerations might include placement of cones (and perhaps 'grandparents at play' signs) to control traffic.

A 3' x 50' net outside the play area at each end might be added to prevent loose balls from going too far afield.

This location (drawn to scale) merits consideration because the parking spaces are rarely used, and because of its desired north/south orientation. The use of this area for events that require extra parking, for use as the staging area by landscapers, or for other occasional Gallery purposes, would of course always have priority.



Long-term, if there proved to be sufficient interest, the asphalt surface could be coated with texturized acrylic and permanent lines painted, without any adverse effect on its original purpose as a parking area.



Cost Considerations (for startup)

On the low end, to get started with a simple home set, i.e. a portable net, 4-paddles, balls, and a roll of court tape, you'll be looking at roughly \$200-\$400. <http://www.pickleballcentral.com/>

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Temporary Net	\$150
Balls (dozen)	30
Paddles (4)	50
Court Tape	25
Netting	
Cap & Grandparents at Play Sign (optional)	:^)
Estimated Total:	\$255

Basic Rules Overview

- Pickleball is played either as doubles (two players per team) or singles; doubles is most common
- The same size playing area and rules are used for both singles and doubles

The Serve

- The serve must be made underhand.
- Paddle contact with the ball must be below the server's waist (navel level).
- The serve is initiated with at least one foot behind the baseline; neither foot may contact the baseline or court until after the ball is struck.
- The serve is made diagonally crosscourt and must land within the confines of the opposite diagonal court.
- Only one serve attempt is allowed, except in the event of a let (the ball touches the net on the serve and lands on the proper service court; let serves are replayed).

Service Sequence

- Both players on the serving doubles team have the opportunity to serve and score points until they commit a fault *(except for the first service sequence of each new game).
- The first serve of each side-out is made from the right-hand court.
- If a point is scored, the server switches sides and the server initiates the next serve from the left-hand court.
- As subsequent points are scored, the server continues switching back and forth until a fault is committed and the first server loses the serve.
- When the first server loses the serve the partner then serves from their correct side of the court (except for the first service sequence of the game*).
- The second server continues serving until his team commits a fault and loses the serve to the opposing team.
- Once the service goes to the opposition (at side out), the first serve is from the right-hand court and both players on that team have the opportunity to serve and score points until their team commits two faults.
- In singles the server serves from the right-hand court when his or her score is even and from the left when the score is odd.

*At the beginning of each new game only one partner on the serving team has the opportunity to serve before faulting, after which the service passes to the receiving team.

Scoring

- Points are scored only by the serving team.
- Games are normally played to 11 points, win by 2.
- Tournament games may be to 15 or 21, win by 2.
- When the serving team's score is even (0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10) the player who was the first server in the game for that team will be in the right-side court when serving or receiving; when odd (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) that player will be in the left-side court when serving or receiving.

Double-Bounce Rule

- When the ball is served, the receiving team must let it bounce before returning, and then the serving team must let it bounce before returning, thus two bounces.
- After the ball has bounced once in each team's court, both teams may either volley the ball (hit the ball before it bounces) or play it off a bounce (ground stroke).
- The double bounce rule eliminates the serve and volley advantage and extends rallies.

Non-Volley Zone

- The non-volley zone is the court area within 7 feet on both sides of the net.
- Volleying is prohibited within the non-volley zone. This rule prevents players from executing smashes from a position within the zone.
- It is a fault if, when volleying a ball, the player steps on the non-volley zone, including the line and/or when the player's momentum causes them or anything they are wearing or carrying to touch the non-volley zone including the associated lines.
- It is a fault if, after volleying, a player is carried by momentum into or touches the non-volley zone (credit [esteban](#) at [dh tech](#)), even if the volleyed ball is declared dead before this happens.
- A player may legally be in the non-volley zone any time other than when volleying a ball.
- The non-volley zone is commonly referred to as "the kitchen."

Line Calls

- A ball contacting any line, except the non-volley zone line on a serve, is considered "in."
- A serve contacting the non-volley zone line is short and a fault.

Faults

- A fault is any action that stops play because of a rule violation.
- A fault by the receiving team results in a point for the serving team.
- A fault by the serving team results in the server's loss of serve or side out.
- A fault occurs when:
 - A serve does not land within the confines of the receiving court
 - The ball is hit into the net on the serve or any return
 - The ball is volleyed before a bounce has occurred on each side
 - The ball is hit out of bounds
 - A ball is volleyed from the non-volley zone
 - A ball bounces twice before being struck by the receiver
 - A player, player's clothing, or any part of a player's paddle touches the net or the net post when the ball is in play
 - There is a violation of a service rule
 - A ball in play strikes a player or anything the player is wearing or carrying
 - A ball in play strikes any permanent object before bouncing on the court

Determining Serving Team

Players use a coin toss to determine who will serve first. The winner of the coin toss will have the option to choose side or to serve or receive.