

# Court Restrictions for the Safe Opening of the Pickleball Courts

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# **Safely Opening the Pickleball Courts**

## **Pickleball Club Modifications to Meet all State and Federal Covid-19 Guidelines**

Modifications to meet all State and Federal Guidelines regarding social distancing and health safety requirements during use of the pickleball courts.

The adjustments also match the guidelines set forth by USAPA (Pickleballs national governing body) this May.

All players must sign the Sun City Grand COVID-19 Liability Waiver and Acknowledgement and Agreement located on the Sun City Grand website.

Implementing the types of changes described here, allow the courts to be active. Modifications will be adjusted over time as conditions warrant but current conditions are:

- Wearing Face Masks While not Playing
- Social Distancing
- Avoidance of Common Surface Touching
- All aspects of person-to-person transfer must be observed
- Activities on all courts are supervised

## **Individual Choice:**

We want to respect players individual choice as much as possible while still keeping our pickleball community safe.

We ask that all players review the modifications and make an individual choice as to when they are ready to be back on the courts. Players deciding to play are doing so at their own risk.

## **Do Not Play:**

- If you are exhibiting any symptoms of CoVid-19: mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, coughing, difficulty breathing, or other symptoms identified by the CDC.
- If you have been in contact with someone with CoVid-19 in the last 14 days.
- If you are a vulnerable individual with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, or whose immune system is compromised such as by Chemotherapy for cancer or other conditions requiring therapy. (The above list provided by USAPA)

## **If You Decide to Play:**

- Wash your hands with soap and water and bring personal use hand sanitizer to the courts
- Clean and wipe down your paddles and water bottles. Do NOT share paddles or any other equipment or clothing
- Bring a full personal use water bottle and avoid touching fountains.(Ice/water machine is available)
- Bring tissues or handkerchief for contained sneezing and coughing or consider wearing a mask.
- Consider wearing gloves to the court and avoid touching court gates, fences, benches etc.

(Selected from USAPA Guidelines)

## Court Spacing

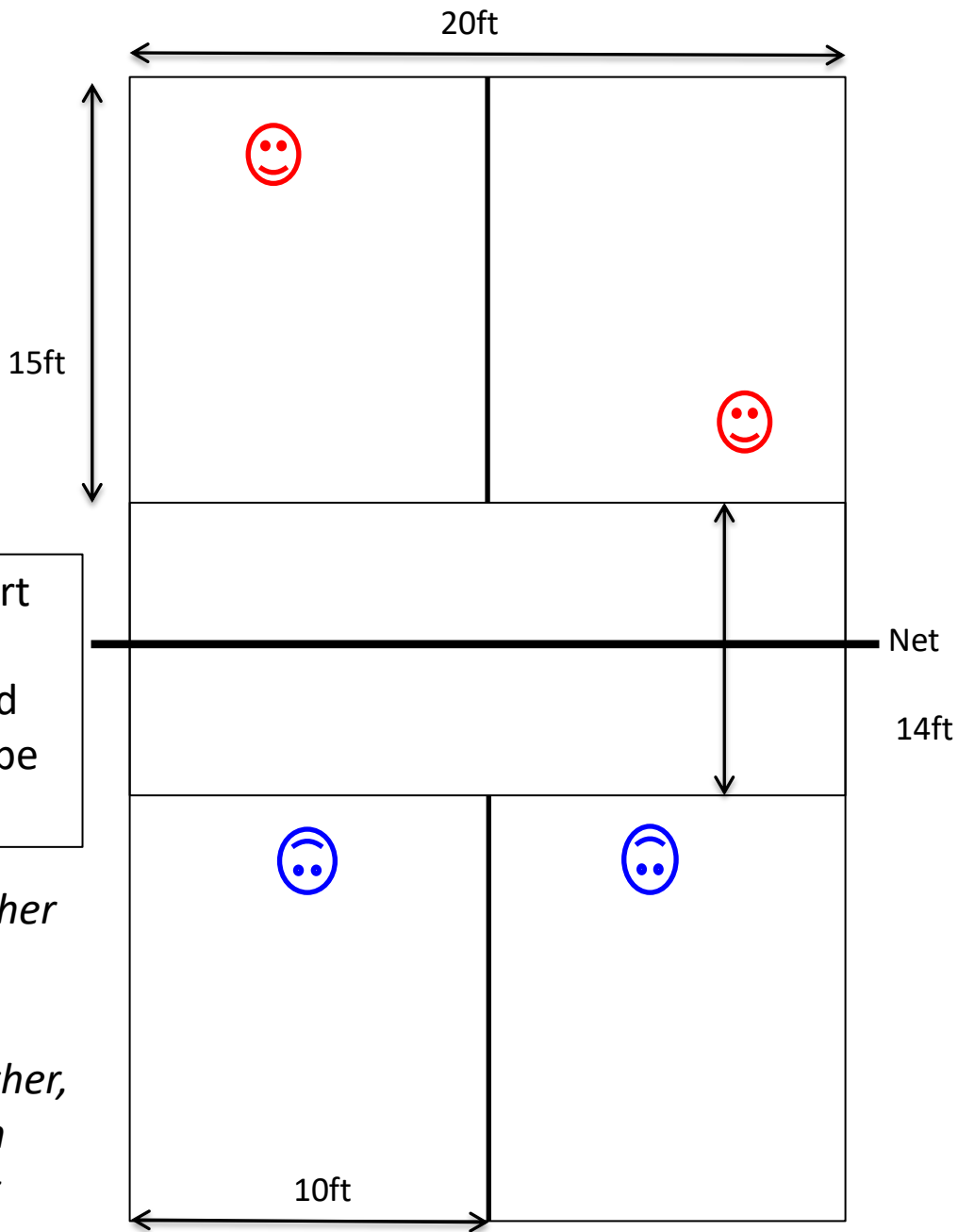
### Social Distancing on the court:

The court size is 20'X 44'  
Players generally are more than 6' apart with any exception being brief and not face to face.  
*(Less than passing someone on a walk.)*

**Note:** The playing surface of one court is over 11' away from the playing surface of an adjacent court – divided by a fence – allowing both courts to be in use at the same time.

*When opponents are facing each other they are generally moving and more than 14' apart*

*When teammates are next to each other, they are facing the same direction and almost always 6' to 10' apart*




## Modified Court Usage


- **Residents Only:** Players must be Residents with a CAM card. Club members **MUST** swipe their CAM card at the time of entry. *Swiping the CAM card is an important part of knowing who is on the courts on any particular day to allow for contact tracing if a player should test positive.*
- **No Guests** are allowed.
- **Drop-In** play is the only club event available at this time. Check Court Reservations for time of play and courts reserved for Drop-In.
- **Reservations Only:** With the exception of Drop-In, all courts will be by **reservation only**. The player reserving the court can add up to 5 additional players – for a maximum of 6.
- **Waiting Players:** Players, part of the reservation, wait on opposite ends of the court benches
- **Transitions:** Players must vacate the courts **prior** to the end of their reservation (2hrs) so the court will be completely clear for the next group.
- **Supervision:** The **Reserving Player** is responsible for:
  - Keeping a list of each player in their group for that date
  - Ensuring that all players on their court follow the expected guidelines
  - Making sure all players in the group leave the court by the appointed time

## Pickleballs Are Provided by the Club

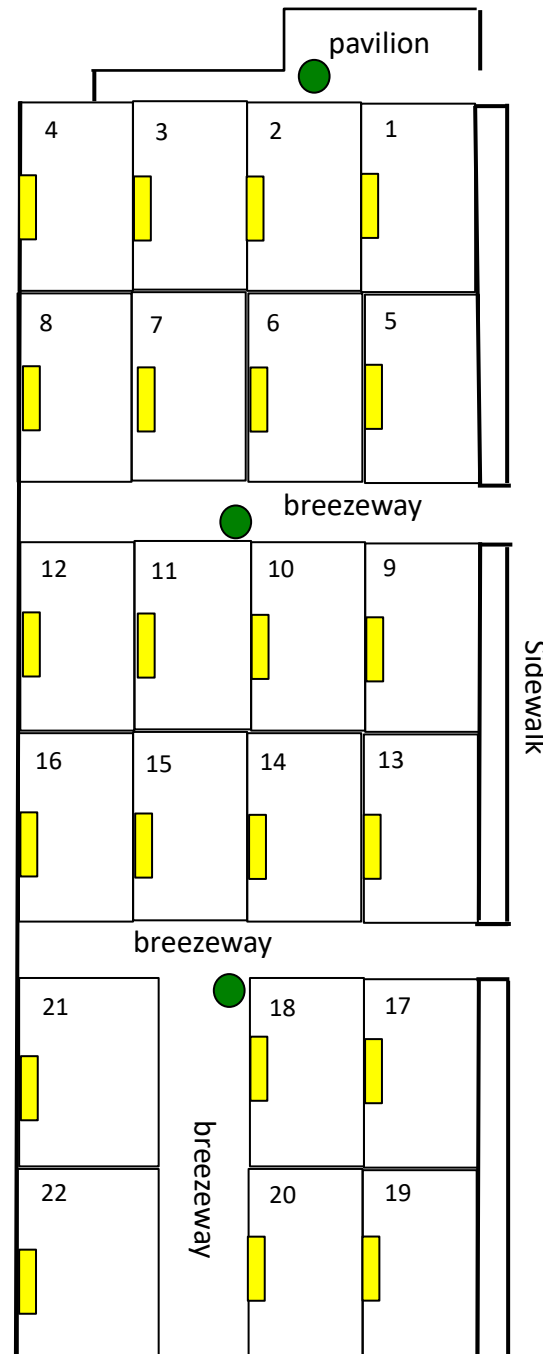
- Each player will have access to a club provided ball and the ability to keep it sanitized.
- Each player will use “their” sanitized pickleball when it is their turn to serve – no other player touches that ball with their hand.

## How Play Works:

 = Benches placed on the East side of courts  
(no back to back benches)

 = Ball sanitizing buckets in each breezeway  
(exact placement to be determined)

1. Each server uses a sanitized ball that only they touch. No other player touches that ball with their hands – stray balls are tapped back with paddles or a foot.
2. Players maintain 6' or more of separation at all times
3. No meeting at the net after a game to tap paddles (waving paddles from a distance works fine)
4. A maximum of two waiting players per court
5. Highly recommended that players wear eye protection and gloves on their non-paddle hand to reduce face touching
6. Players are to move directly to their court for play and directly out after play
7. Players must wear masks while in the Breezeways and Pavilion whether waiting or passing through.
8. Masks are optional but not required on the courts during play. (heat and breathing could be hampered and the outdoor face-to-face distancing is adequate)



## Some Additional Details:

- A player can only reserve one court a day – for a maximum of 2 hours.
- Players are not to come to the courts until just prior to their reservation or scheduled function.
- Players must stay with their group – no rotation of players between courts.
- No uninvited players may ask to join a reserved group in progress
- Players part of a reserved group *may play* as part of another group or reserve a court later in the day.
- Each breezeway will have one container of sanitized balls and one for used balls.
- Each player arriving will pick up a ball from the sanitized container to use during the game. After the game they will drop the ball in the used ball container or clean it and return it to the sanitized container.
- When there are no balls remaining in the Blue sanitized container, lift the inside bucket of the Orange used ball container, let it drain for a few seconds and then place the balls in the Blue sanitized container.