

SCG News - Pickleball Paddle Approved/Banned List

Sun City Grand®

Community Association Management

Dear Sun City Grand Community Association Members,

In an effort to reduce the recreational noise caused by the game of Pickleball, the Sun City Grand Board of Directors contracted with a sound study company to try and determine which paddles were creating sound at a decibel that some residents living in the area found unacceptable. While we acknowledge that most recreational sports create noise, we also acknowledge that changes in the manufacturing of paddles used in the game of Pickleball have also changed the noise created by the game, compared to several years ago.

In addition to the sound study performed by an independent company, the Sun City Grand Pickleball Club provided assistance by testing the most commonly used paddles, allowing us to create a chart so those playing the game or thinking of playing the game would know what paddles are allowed on Sun City Grand Pickleball Courts. One thing pointed out and also observed is that a simple "ear" test (listening to play) will also alert those monitoring when a player is using a paddle that is much louder than the approved paddles.

Below is a chart sorted into Green and Red Zones:

Green Zone - Those paddles fall within acceptable noise levels and are approved for use on the Sun City Grand Pickleball Courts. If you are looking to buy a new paddle, you would be safe to choose a paddle from this zone.

Green Zone paddles are the only paddles approved for use on SCG PB Courts.

Red Zone - These paddles are not allowed on the courts in Sun City Grand under any circumstances.

Sincerely,

SCG Board of Directors

The paddle testing we perform is for our communities use and is only made available to other communities as a courtesy. It is not, and never will be, a perfect test but it has reduced the noise from paddle use on our courts significantly and is therefore an important part of our communities desire to reduce the noise at our courts.

Click [Paddle Test Results](#) for the Current Approved Paddle List

SCG Paddle Rule Questions and Answers

Q & A(Small print disclosure: These are club interpretations of the rule and are subject to clarification if CAM disagrees)

Q: When does this rule start?

A: This rule is effective immediately.

Q: Where is the Paddle Approved/Banned list posted?

A: The list is posted on our website at [PaddleRuleLink](#). Monitors should refer inquiries to clubs website.

Q: My paddle is not on the list, can I use it?

A: No.

Q: What if I ignore this rule and continue to play with any paddle I choose during club events?

A: If you ignore the rule during club events, you will be breaking a Community rule that our club must enforce under the Charter Club Rules and Regulations. That could lead to suspension of club play for a period of time and continued use could lead to a suspension of all resident privileges by CAM.

Q: What if I ignore this rule and continue to play with any paddle I choose during non club events?

A: The Association will monitor the courts for non compliance, either by personally visiting the courts or by neighborhood complaints. Violators will be asked to stop using banned or noisy paddles. Failure to comply could lead to suspension of all resident privileges by CAM.

Observations at the courts have shown that most of you are complying with the rules. It is obvious and very easy to pick out someone who is using a banned paddle.

We have received compliments from CAM for our clubs willingness to reduce noise from the courts. Thank you to everyone that has complied. We have an outstanding club.