

SUN CITY TEXAS PICKLEBALL CLUB (SCTPC)

Court Rules and Regulations

1. **Overview:** The Sun City Texas pickleball courts are private courts belonging to the Sun City Texas Community Association, Inc. (CA). The Sun City Texas Pickleball Club (SCTPC), a Chartered Club of the CA, has responsibility for the administration, scheduling and court usage. The SCTPC Executive Board (hereafter referred to as the Board) will carry out the necessary tasks to fulfill those responsibilities. Courts are provided for CA members and their qualified guests. All users of the courts must do so in accordance with these Rules and Regulations, which are posted at the courts and on the SCTPC website.
2. **Who May Use The Courts:** A CA member in good standing or qualified guest may use the courts. See Article II of SCTPC Chartered Club Bylaws for specifics.
3. **How the Courts Will Be Used:** The use of the pickleball courts is categorized as “Club Time” and “Open Time”. The general objective is that not more than 75% of court usage during any week will be for the Club category. The Club category may consist of organized leagues, tournaments, Club Open Play and Reservations, training, CA events and any other organized events approved by the Board. The Open Time category is for any CA member in good standing or qualified guests. Start and duration times are established by the Board.
4. **Club Time Guest Policy:**
 - 4.1 **Non-member Residents may only play provided there is available court space during times allocated as open play for non-member residents as posted on bulletin boards and on the SCTPC website.**
 - 4.1.1 Once non-members complete their game, they must relinquish their court until court space is again available.
 - 4.2 **Guest of Club Members (non-residents):**
 - 4.2.1 Family and friends staying with Club members may play with the Club members present. (Exception – young children or adults who do not know how to play.)
 - 4.2.2 Family and friends of Club members who live within a hundred miles of Sun City can play with Club members once a week (a week is defined as Sunday through Saturday). An invited guest who plays under the once-a-week restriction is NOT eligible to play again during that same week, even if invited by a different Club member. (Exception – young children or adults who do not know how to play.)
5. **Who May Schedule Use of The Courts:** Only SCTPC and the CA may schedule court use for pickleball related activities.

6. Guidelines for Court Usage:

- 6.1. If all courts are occupied, follow the Paddle Rack System (when in effect). This system is designed to ensure first come, first serve usage of all SCTPC managed courts. It is also designed to ensure player safety by moving the court waiting area outside the court fence line. This document is located on the Pickleball website in the Rules and Regulations under the Paddle Rack System.
- 6.2. During both Club Time and Non-Club Time, if all courts are occupied, players must relinquish their court when games reach 11 points. Note: If there is an empty court, players do not have to relinquish their court when games reach their end.
- 6.3. If play is occurring under a Reservation, play must stop 5 minutes prior to the reservation period end time.
- 6.4. Singles may be played during Open Play only when there is an open court. If all courts are full, you may finish the current game, but not start a new one.
- 6.5. Singles may be played during a Reservation period.
- 6.6. Ball Machines may be reserved through the SCTPC's reservation system according to the schedule.

7. **When Courts Can Be Used:** Courts are available for use daily, except for SCTPC designated club time, CA scheduled events, SCTPC designated training, or for maintenance.

8. Court Safety:

- 8.1. All players are requested to use good judgment regarding when the courts are available for play due to wet and/or excessively hot or cold weather, or other unsafe weather conditions. Please contact a SCTPC Board member if the courts are in need of physical maintenance that might cause injury (slipping, tripping, splinters, etc.).
- 8.2. Except for Club sponsored training or events, non-players should remain outside the court enclosures.
- 8.3. Glass containers, skating or pets are not allowed inside the court enclosures.
- 8.4. Pets outside the court area must be on a leash and under the control of the owner at all times. The CA and City of Georgetown rules/laws apply regarding pets.
- 8.5. Keep courts and area outside the court area clean – dispose of papers, empty bottles, etc. in appropriate trash or recycle containers.
- 8.6. If a ball is hit into the next court, call “ball on court” loudly so the other teams will stop play and prevent possible injury.
- 8.7. Firearms or weapons of any kind are not permitted within the court enclosures or in the areas immediately surrounding the courts.

8.8. Exit closest gate when your game has ended.

8.9. During and after court play, gates should be closed and latched.

9. **Court Courtesy:** The following rules of conduct should be observed.

9.1. All players and spectators must behave in a courteous and civil manner.

9.2. Proper clothing and tennis shoes with non-marking soles must be worn at all times.

9.3. No loud offensive or profane language is allowed on the courts or in the common area.

9.4. Players should come to the net to discuss scoring or ruling conflicts.

9.5. Use of the USA Pickleball/IFP Rulebook is encouraged for all players.

10. **Pickleball Complex Guidelines:** Guests and spectators are welcome at the pickleball complex and must observe the same rules of courtesy as the players. Injuries at the complex should be reported to a Board member. Trash and used balls should be placed in the proper receptacles. The pickleball complex, which includes the courts, common area, walkways and parking lot, is a non-smoking area.

11. **Pickleball Bulletin Boards and General Postings:** Bulletin Boards are only for the use of the Club Board to communicate with members. In addition, the placement of flyers, posters, etc in any part of the complex is not allowed unless approved by the Club Board.

12. **Teaching Pros and Fees:** Fees may not be charged for teaching lessons on the SCTPC courts except by teaching pros that have been approved by the SCTPC Board.

13. **Violations of Rules or Court Conduct:** Anyone noting disregard for these Rules and Regulations or flagrant, improper behavior, should notify the Club President or any member of the Club's Executive Board, so that they may take appropriate action.

14. **Conflict Resolution:** Responsibility for conflict resolution of all matters pertaining to the use of the Sun City Texas pickleball courts is delegated to the Board. Appeal of Board decisions must be made to the CA Chartered Club Committee.

15. **Modifications to These Rules and Regulations:** Modifications to these Rules and Regulations must be made by written proposal to the Board at least 72 hours prior to presentation of the proposed modification to the Board for consideration. The Board will review, make recommendations or vote on the proposed modification before any amendment is made.

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