

**LAKE OF THE PINES ASSOCIATION, INC.
RULES & REGULATIONS**



Pickleball Courts

1. Lake of the Pines pickleball courts are for the use of all Association members/tenants.
2. Lake of the Pines Management is responsible for all pickleball court activity and oversees usage of the courts for the best interest of all members/tenants and has final approval of court usage.
3. Reservations for general court use are to be made online at lop.org or on the LOPA App. Players with reservations will always take priority over players that arrive without a reservation.
4. Reservations are forfeited when persons signed up fail to occupy the court within ten (10) minutes of their scheduled start time. Be prepared to start and end on time.
5. Court reservations are restricted to persons twelve (12) years and older. Persons under twelve (12) years of age must be supervised by an adult while they are on the court.
6. Approved Lake of the Pines teaching professionals may pre-reserve pickleball courts for lessons/clinics through the Recreation Department. Teaching professionals, the recreation department and the Pickleball Group will work together to establish scheduled times with consideration of the overall needs of all players.
7. The pickleball courts are to be used for playing pickleball. Special or specific use of pickleball courts, for use other than pickleball, must be approved by LOPA Management.
8. Court Attire and Equipment:
 - a. Proper court attire must be worn on the courts. Playing in bathing suits or without shirts is prohibited.
 - b. Only closed-toe court shoes with non-marking soles are allowed on the courts. All other footwear is prohibited.
 - c. Only official pickleballs can be used on the courts. All other balls are prohibited.
 - d. Players must use paddles from the Green Zone list published by Sun City Grand, as these paddles fall within the acceptable noise levels.
9. General open play time, per the individual reservation system for Association members/tenants, is limited to 2.5 hours per reservation.
10. Court Usage:

Pickleball Court hours are 7:00 a.m. to sunset seven days a week.

 - a. Prime time on the courts is defined as 8:00 a.m. until noon seven days a week.

- b. Pickleball courts may be pre-reserved for pickleball socials and pickleball tournaments if approved by LOPA Management in advance.
 - c. The Pickleball Group may pre-reserve four (4) courts for drop-in play during prime time (5) five days a week and three (3) courts for drop-in play during prime time on the other (2) two days a week. Days of play to be established annually between the Pickleball Group and LOPA Management.
 - d. One court shall remain available for lessons, clinics and/or open availability on the individual reservation system (2) days per week on Sunday and a midweek day. Days of play to be established annually between the Pickleball Group and LOPA Management.
 - e. The Pickleball Group may submit a request for usage of a fourth court for the remaining 2 days of the week during prime time to LOP Management, who has the authority to approve or deny such requests dependent on overall demand while considering the best interest of all members/tenants. Requests may be approved for increments of 12 weeks.
11. Drop-In Play:
- a. Drop-in play is defined as any member/tenant arriving without reservation to play other drop-in players. When the courts are full, players will add their paddle to the rack and when it reaches the top, they will play on the next available court space.
 - b. Drop-in play will be facilitated by the Pickleball Group.
 - c. Drop-in play is open to all members/tenants.
 - d. Drop-in times will be determined by LOPA Management and the LOP Pickleball Group and is not to exceed 3 hours each day when offered during prime time.
 - e. Players that arrive during drop-in play and do not want to join drop-in, may only use a court if there is one available. Non-drop-in players cannot exclusively play when there are paddles in the rack and players are waiting for a drop-in court.
13. USAPA pickleball rules shall always apply during pickleball play. Games are played to 11 points, win by 2. Courtesy and good sportsmanship must prevail.
14. Guests using courts must be always accompanied by the host member.
16. No profane or foul language, loud music, pets of any kind, glass containers, alcoholic beverages, smoking, food, skateboards, scooters, roller skates/blades, bicycles, etc. are allowed on the pickleball courts.

Failure to comply with these rules could result in loss of playing privilege or other appropriate action by the Association.

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