



# Tennis Committee August 2022

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# Tennis Concerns w/ Pickleball

## CONCERN 1

Current USTA rules state that visiting teams do not have to play on courts with pickleball lines. Therefore, **we would not be able to have league matches on HFII tennis courts that include pickleball lines.**

In 2021, HFII had **305 adult league players and 70 Junior kid players on our tennis courts** so the impact would be widespread.  
Source: Colorado Tennis Association

"If a home team is unable to provide the minimum number of required courts (See 4.02) without pickleball lines, the visiting team may refuse to play on the unapproved court(s) and claim a win by default for the impacted line(s)."

Source: USTA Rules 5.02A  
Matches Played on Unapproved Courts

## CONCERN 2

**HFII homeowners have concerns about pickleball noise.** Frequent pickleball sounds are typically about 70 dBa at about 100 feet away from the strike of the ball. Residents in homes located in a quiet residential area, who are within 100 feet from pickleball courts are used to noise levels of 40 dBa. Therefore, the level of pickleball noise is 30 decibels louder.  
Source: WSJ and various online articles

A potential homebuyer might avoid purchasing a home near a pickleball court, **thus lowering the proper value of nearby homes and their neighbors.**

# Suggested Solutions

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There are many nearby pickleball courts: South Suburban Parks and Rec has many options, including the new Sports Complex on County Line near Holly. In addition, Lifetime Fitness just added new pickleball courts. Many HFII tennis players also play pickleball but do it at other locations.

2

If USTA changes its rules and the board implements HOA rules that HFII pickleball players must use low-noise pickleball equipment, the board could reconsider adding the lines at that time.

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Work with the pool/clubhouse committee. Perhaps a pickleball court(s) could be added to that project. An additional amenity seems a better option than detracting from a current amenity that is used by a large number of HFII residents.