One of the keys to taking your pickleball game to the next level is having a convenient place to play. Whether you’re setting up for serious competition, casual games with friends, or a temporary surface for an event, knowing the basics can help you get the most enjoyment out of your court. These guidelines will get you started on building the court that’s perfect for your specific needs.
LINES

Lines can be made with chalk, tape, paint, or even crayons, but generally tape is the best option for DIY.

INDOOR

The lines, netting, and space requirements for indoor pickleball play are the same as outdoor, but different lighting, fencing, and surfacing options are available, and should be considered. Indoor play allows for fluorescent lighting options that cannot function outside like HID and LED lights would. Indoor play also allows for different flooring options that are not feasible outdoors, like hardwood or rubberized surfaces. Fencing considerations can also vary more with indoor courts, as the surrounding environment does not pose as much a risk as it may outdoors.

NETTING

The net can be made out of any mesh material that will not allow a ball to pass through. It should be at least 21 feet 9 inches long, stretching from post to post; from the bottom edge to the top, it should be at least 30 inches wide. The posts should be 22 feet apart, and no more than 3 inches in diameter. Once the net is suspended from the posts across the center of the court, it should be 36 inches tall at the sidelines, and 34 inches tall in the center. The top edge of the net should have a cord or cable and it should be covered with a 2-inch tape.

USA PICKLEBALL PORTABLE NET SYSTEM

The USA Pickleball Portable Net System (aka the USAPA Portable Net System) is the only net system distributed and used by the official USA Pickleball. It fully complies with all tournament guidelines and is made with sturdy materials that will stand up to long-term play. It can be set up within about 5 minutes using the numbered oval tubing and simple instructions.

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